

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1149416

Details

Other names	SPN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08116226
Registered	2012-10-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY PEOPLE FROM THE SOMALI COMMUNITY AND TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BY: 1.PROVIDING A LOCAL NETWORK GROUP THAT ENCOURAGES AND ENABLES THEM TO PARTICIPATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY; 2.INCREASING, OR CO-ORDINATING, OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO ENGAGE WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO ENABLE THOSE PROVIDERS TO ADAPT SERVICES TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THAT COMMUNITY; AND 3.TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE BENEFICIARIES IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN SUCH WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.

Activities: Drop in sessions providing sign posting and bridging service.Emergency response: Intervention service for family in crisis.Group meeting consultation for parents, young people, including meetings to discuss particular issues and information sessions focusing on particular topics in addition to promote engagement and meeting with stakeholder.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE ROYAL BROUGH OF GREENWICH
- Bexley
- Greenwich
- Lewisham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£45,313	£45,298	-	-
2024-06-30	£43,000	£40,500	-	-
2023-06-30	£33,053	£27,271	-	-
2022-06-30	£21,851	£30,900	-	-
2021-06-30	£27,761	£31,364	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abdi Farah		2013-10-17
Abdifatah Ismail		2020-04-29
Essa Mohamed		2020-04-29

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SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2025

Trustees

Abdi Farah	Chair
Essa Mohammed	Secretary
Abdifatah Ismail	Treasurer

Independent examiner

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SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Chair Report

The Somali Parents Network (SPN) continues to play a vital role in advancing equality, inclusion, and opportunity for underserved communities across the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Over the past year, SPN has strengthened its position as a trusted community anchor, responding to increasing demand while addressing complex and interconnected social challenges affecting Somali families and the wider Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) community.

Building on the achievements of previous years, including recognition through the Civic Award 2024, the organisation has continued to evolve, aligning its work with the Third Sector Commissioning Framework (2023-2027) and placing community voice, resilience, and empowerment at the heart of its mission.

Our Vision and Strategic Priorities

SPN's work is guided by three core strategic priorities:

Policy and Influence

To actively contribute to and influence policy at local and national levels through consultations, research, reports, and briefing papers. SPN ensures that the lived experiences of the Somali community inform decision-making processes and public policy.

Voice and Representation

To amplify and represent the needs, experiences, and aspirations of Somali communities and organisations. SPN fosters a collective voice across multiple platforms, including community forums, social media, consultations, and engagement with government and mainstream institutions.



(Photo: SPN regularly took part in a local networking meeting, working together with voluntary and statutory organisations, the local authority, and health partners to share ideas and contribute to the discussion.)

Community Development and Capacity Building

To strengthen the skills, leadership, and sustainability of the Somali voluntary and community sector, enabling greater participation, resilience, and long-term impact.

Structure, Governance and Management

SPN is a charitable company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Strategic oversight is provided by a dedicated Board of Trustees responsible for governance, compliance, financial stewardship, and organisational direction.

Trustees are appointed based on relevant skills and experience and receive a comprehensive induction covering their legal duties, safeguarding responsibilities, and public benefit obligations. The Board meets regularly to review performance, manage risk, and guide the organisation's long-term sustainability.

Activities and Key Achievements

During the reporting period, SPN delivered a high-impact programme of culturally responsive advice, advocacy, and community engagement services, supported mainly by funding of £37,000 from the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Despite rising demand, SPN exceeded expectations across key performance areas:

- **89** information and advice interventions delivered
- **61** individuals supported through structured casework
- **36** referrals made to statutory and voluntary services
- **Over 90** complex cases successfully resolved
- **93%** client satisfaction rate

In addition:

- Over **100 clients** were supported through drop-in sessions and outreach
- Services reached marginalised groups, including refugees, older people, and individuals with disabilities
- Staff and volunteers received ongoing training to ensure high-quality, inclusive service delivery

SPN's bilingual (Somali-English) and culturally competent approach has been critical in addressing barriers related to housing, welfare, healthcare access, employment, and financial hardship.

Understanding Community Needs and Inequalities

Through continuous engagement, including drop-in sessions, outreach, consultations, and partnership work, SPN has identified a pattern of structural, economic, and social inequalities affecting Somali communities in Greenwich.

These challenges are interconnected and require holistic responses:

Housing Inequality

Somali families are disproportionately affected by overcrowding and limited access to affordable housing. Structural barriers to home ownership and high rental costs contribute to poor living conditions, which in turn impact health, education, and wellbeing.

Health Inequalities

Many community members experience poorer physical and mental health outcomes. Structural inequalities, including racism and socio-economic disadvantage, contribute to delayed diagnoses, increased health risks, and barriers to accessing appropriate care. Mental health challenges are often compounded by experiences of discrimination and social stress.

Poverty and Cost of Living Pressures

Rising living costs have intensified financial hardship, with many Somali families, particularly children, living in relative poverty. These challenges are intersectional, where race, income, gender, and other factors combine to deepen disadvantage.

Employment and Income Inequality

Barriers to stable employment, skills development, and fair wages continue to limit economic mobility within the community.

Barriers to Opportunities and Resources

Limited access to funding, networks, and institutional support restricts opportunities for entrepreneurship and community development. Language barriers further hinder engagement with services and systems.

Underrepresentation and Limited Voice

Somali communities remain underrepresented in leadership, governance, and decision-making spaces. This can result in policies and services that do not fully reflect their needs or lived experiences.

Social Cohesion and Integration Challenges

Some community members experience isolation, segregation, or limited interaction with wider society. These challenges are shaped by broader structural inequalities, including housing patterns, educational access, and economic disparities, rather than being solely community-specific issues.

Structural Racism and Discrimination

Systemic inequalities continue to affect access to opportunities, services, and fair outcomes across multiple areas of life.

Advancing Equality, Inclusion and Community Voice

SPN has actively worked to address these inequalities by:

- Facilitating community consultations and amplifying lived experiences
- Supporting participation in civic and decision-making processes
- Strengthening relationships with local councillors, Members of Parliament, and emergency services
- Promoting dialogue between communities and public institutions
- Delivering targeted support to vulnerable groups, including young people, single parents, and older residents

The organisation has also played a key role in bridging cultural and generational divides, fostering understanding between families, schools, and wider society.

Partnerships and Strategic Influence

Collaboration remains central to SPN's approach. Over the past year, SPN has:

- Engaged in local authority consultations on budget planning, anti-poverty strategies, and children's services
- Participated in strategic forums and community networks
- Worked alongside NHS partners to address health inequalities, including awareness initiatives such as cancer screening programmes
- Built strong relationships with local councillors, MPs, and emergency services to advocate for community needs

These partnerships ensure that community insights directly inform service design, policy development, and resource allocation.

Public Benefit Impact

SPN's work continues to deliver meaningful and measurable impact:

- Improved access to essential services for individuals facing cultural and language barriers
- Reduced financial hardship and crisis situations
- Increased civic participation and community representation
- Strengthened community cohesion, trust, and resilience

All activities are delivered in line with the organisation's charitable objectives, prioritising those most in need.

Challenges and Learning

While progress has been significant, SPN continues to face key challenges:

- Ongoing funding constraints limiting service expansion
- Digital exclusion affecting access to essential services
- The need for culturally tailored approaches to overcome systemic barriers

These challenges have informed organisational learning and continuous improvement.

Future Priorities (2025-2026)

Looking ahead, SPN will focus on:

- Expanding employment, training, and skills development opportunities
- Strengthening partnerships with schools, employers, and statutory agencies
- Improving access to healthcare and addressing health inequalities
- Increasing representation of Somali communities in leadership and governance
- Enhancing fundraising and sustainability strategies

Acknowledgements

SPN's achievements are made possible through the commitment and dedication of its staff, volunteers, trustees, partners, and supporters. We extend our sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute to our mission.

Conclusion

The Somali Parents Network remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering communities, amplifying voices, and addressing inequality. As the organisation looks to the future, it will continue to build on its strengths, deepening partnerships, expanding its reach, and ensuring that every member of the community has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared vision.

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Mr Abdi Farah - Chair

26/03/2026

Date:

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

I report on the accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 set out on pages seven to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (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 under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to 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 statements below.

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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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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26/03/2026

Date:

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		8,313		8,313	6,000
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Charitable activity			37,000	37,000	37,000
					-
					-
Total incoming resources		8,313	37,000	45,313	43,000
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activity			30,945	30,945	25,498
Support Cost		8,299	6,055	14,353	15,002
Governance costs					
					-
Total resources expended		8,299	37,000	45,299	40,500
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
		15	0	15	2,500
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		8,834		8,834	6,334
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		8,849	0	8,849	8,834

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**Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2025**

			2025	2024	
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	6,533		6,533	6,175
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	395		395	3,650
Cash at bank and in hand		15,228		15,228	2,623
		15,623	0	15,623	6,273
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year Including deferred income grant	7	(10,025)		(10,025)	(332)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,598	0	5,598	5,941
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		12,131	0	12,131	12,116
NET ASSETS		12,131	0	12,131	12,116
FUNDS					
	8				
Unrestricted funds				12,131	12,116
Restricted funds				0	0
TOTAL FUNDS				12,131	12,116

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Balance Sheet - continued
At 30 June 2025

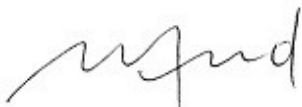
The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the Year Ended 30 June 2025.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of
its surplus or deficit 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 charitable company.

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 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr A Farah -Chair

26/03/2026
Date:

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,434</u>	<u>1,356</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year 2022 nor for the Year Ended 30 June 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year 2022 nor for the Year Ended 30 June 2025.

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2025****4. STAFF COSTS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,945	25,498
Social security costs	<u>2,660</u>	<u>1,430</u>
	<u>33,605</u>	<u>26,928</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2025	2024
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery etc £
COST	
At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025	12,745
Additions	<u>1,791</u>
	14,536
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 July 2024	6,570
Charge for year	<u>1,434</u>
At 30 June 2025	<u>8,004</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2025	<u>6,532</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>6,175</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>395</u>	<u>3,650</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	10,025	332

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/7/2024 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/6/2025 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,933	(4,918)	15
Restricted funds			
	(2,433)	2,433	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,485</u>	<u>15</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,313	(8,298)	15
Council of Somali Organisations	-	-	-
Restricted funds			
Royal Borough of Greenwich	37,000	(37,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,313</u>	<u>(45,298)</u>	<u>15</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	8,313	6,000
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	<u>37,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>
Total incoming resources	45,313	43,000
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,500	1,500
Legal and professional fees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,500	1,500
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	30,945	25,498
Social security	2,660	1,430
Rent, Rates and water	4,500	4,500
Insurance	582	542
Telephone	827	2,347
Printing & Postage & stationery	924	1,248
Sundries	-	-
Cleaning	168	23
Computer and software costs	144	194
Repairs and Maintenance	438	234
Health and Safety Costs	613	1,047
Staff Training and welfare	-	-
Bank Charges	465	450
Depreciation	<u>1,434</u>	<u>1,356</u>
	43,700	38,869
Other		
Computer equipment	<u>98</u>	<u>131</u>
Total resources expended	43,798	39,000
Net income	<u><u>15</u></u>	<u><u>2,500</u></u>

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Chair Report

Introduction

The Somali Parents Network (SPN) remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering equality, inclusion, and access for disadvantaged communities. Over the past year, our organization has navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and reinforced our mission of improving social cohesion and service accessibility.

A significant milestone this year was receiving the prestigious Civic Award 2024 in the Community Category of the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) on 7th March 2024 at Woolwich Town Hall. This recognition highlights our unwavering dedication to the social, economic, and physical well-being of the Greenwich Borough.

In alignment with the Third Sector Commissioning Framework 2023-2027 for Strategic Equalities, SPN continues to adapt to changing needs by reassessing its business strategies, enhancing service effectiveness, and maintaining strong partnerships with key stakeholders. We strive to provide meaningful support to Somali families while ensuring their active participation in local decision-making processes.



Key Achievements (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

1. Advancing Equality & Inclusion

- **Diversity in Leadership:** Actively participated in the G-HIVE Networking event and diversity and equality training sessions while strengthening representation in decision-making forums.
- **Staff Development:** Ensured that 100% of staff and volunteers completed training by the Benefits Training Company, creating an inclusive and knowledgeable workforce.

2. Improving Access to Services

- **Support Services:** Assisted individuals with welfare benefits, housing issues, and cost-of-living challenges through dedicated drop-in sessions and outreach programs.
- **Drop-in Sessions:** Supported 100 clients with pressing issues such as housing repairs, universal credit migration, and emergency assistance needs.
- **Outreach Programs:** Expanded services to over 50 marginalized individuals, including refugees, people with disabilities, and low-income families.

3. Addressing the Needs of the Somali Community

SPN has identified key challenges affecting the Somali community, including youth gang involvement, social isolation, and employment barriers. Our focus areas include:

- **Tackling gang-related crime** by addressing youth disengagement and improving relationships between young people and law enforcement agencies.
- **Supporting single parents, the elderly, and unemployed individuals** through targeted initiatives and advocacy.
- **Bridging language barriers** between Somali-speaking parents and their English-speaking children.
- **Enhancing cultural understanding** between schools, mosques, and parents to provide consistent messaging and support.

4. Community Engagement & Partnerships

- **Collaborations:** Partnered with five grassroots organizations, including Grip and METRO GAD, to co-design community-driven services.
- **Community Forums:** Participated in key discussions, including the Homeless Forum and Greenwich Advisors Forum, to represent the Somali community in policy decisions.
- **Building Trust:** Hosted meetings to foster better relationships between young people and law enforcement agencies.

5. Advocacy & Policy Influence

- **Healthcare Initiatives:** Worked with the NHS through Healthier Greenwich Partnership meetings to address health disparities, including efforts to improve breast cancer screening rates among Somali women.
- **Local Authority Engagement:** Participated in RBG budget consultations and vaccination awareness sessions for elderly Somali community members.

Challenges & Lessons Learned

While SPN has made commendable progress, challenges remain:

- **Funding Constraints:** Limited financial resources have affected program expansion.

- Digital Exclusion: Many service users struggle with online access, requiring more digital literacy training.
- Cultural Stigma: Tailored engagement strategies are essential to overcoming cultural sensitivities in healthcare and social support services.

Future Goals (2024-2025)

1. to provide training and resources for low-income families. We have worked with the Jobcentre to offer additional support and resources
2. Strengthen partnerships with schools and employers to create greater opportunities for marginalized youth.
3. Advocate for national policy changes to improve affordable housing and equitable healthcare access.
4. Enhance fundraising efforts to increase financial independence and ensure sustainable service delivery.

Partnerships & Acknowledgments

At the core of SPN's work is the principle of **partnership**, and we collaborate with numerous organizations, including:

- Greenwich Carers Project
- Somali Care Project
- Greenwich Islamic Centre
- Oasis Care and Training Agency
- Neighbourhood Police
- Her Centre & Women Aid
- Brookhill Children Centre
- Metro-Gavs

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, donors, staff, and community partners. Your unwavering support drives our mission forward, ensuring that no one in our community is left behind.

Conclusion

The Somali Parents Network remains dedicated to building an inclusive society and empowering Somali families through advocacy, direct support, and strategic partnerships. The coming year presents opportunities to expand our impact, strengthen our service delivery, and enhance community engagement. Together, we will continue working towards a more cohesive, integrated, and empowered community.

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 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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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10/03/2025

Date:

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

			2024	2023
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
				Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income		6,000		22,528
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Charitable activity			37,000	-
				-
Total incoming resources		6,000	37,000	33,053
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity			25,498	19,924
Support Cost		1,068	13,934	7,347
Governance costs				
				-
Total resources expended		1,068	39,432	27,271
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES				
		4,932	(2,432)	5,782
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		9,616		3,834
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		14,548	(2,432)	9,616

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2024

				2024	2023
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	6,175		6,175	5,764
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	3,650		3,650	40
Cash at bank and in hand		2,623		2,623	6,195
		6,273	0	6,273	6,235
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(332)		(332)	(2,383)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,941	0	5,941	3,852
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		12,116	0	12,116	9,616
NET ASSETS		12,116	0	12,116	9,616
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8			12,116	7,183
Restricted funds				0	2,433
TOTAL FUNDS				12,116	9,616

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Balance Sheet - continued
At 30 June 2024

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the Year Ended 30 June 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of
its surplus or deficit 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 charitable company.

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 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr A Farah -Chair

10/03/2025
Date:

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,265</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year 2022 nor for the Year Ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year 2022 nor for the Year Ended 30 June 2024.

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2024

4. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	25,498	19,924
Social security costs	<u>1,430</u>	<u>817</u>
	<u>26,928</u>	<u>20,741</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2024	2023
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery etc £
COST	
At 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024	10,979
Additions	<u>1,766</u>
	12745
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 July 2023	5,215
Charge for year	<u>1,355</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>6,570</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2024	<u>6,175</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,764</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>3,650</u>	<u>40</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	332	2,383

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2024

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/7/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/6/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,350	(850)	2,500
Restricted funds			
	2,433	(2,433)	-
	<u>5,783</u>	<u>3,283</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,000	(1,068)	4,932
Council of Somali Organisations	-	-	-
Restricted funds			
Royal Borough of Greenwich	37,000	(39,432)	(2,433)
	<u>43,000</u>	<u>(40,500)</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	6,000	22,528
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	37,000	10,525
Total incoming resources	43,000	33,053
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,500	1,500
Legal and professional fees	-	-
	1,500	1,500
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	25,498	19,924
Social security	1,430	817
Rent, Rates and water	4,500	
Insurance	542	444
Telephone	2,347	1,943
Printing & Postage & stationery	1,248	248
Sundries	-	-
Cleaning	23	-
Computer and software costs	194	134
Repairs and Maintenance	234	-
Health and Safety Costs	1,047	239
Staff Training and welfare	-	-
Bank Charges	450	625
Depreciation	1,356	1,265
	38,869	25,639
Other		
Computer equipment	131	131
Total resources expended	39,000	25,770

Net income

2,500

5,783

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1149416

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08116226 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149416

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023
for
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SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June2023

Trustees

Abdi Farah	Chair
Essa Mohammed	Secretary
Abdifatah Ismail	Treasurer

Independent examiner

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 June 2023**

Chair Report

It's been another deeply challenging year for the a lot of people who come to us for help, for our service, and for our volunteers and staff. Coming so soon after the pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis we've been battling is the culmination of 15 years of global economic and geopolitical upheaval and austerity. We help people in local communities across Greenwich and surrounding boroughs to find solutions to problems—whether that's a volunteer adviser supporting someone with problems, or a helping community to engage with services—and we see the whole person. We're now helping ten times more people through our drop-in sessions, with face-to-face appointment.

We have secured new funding streams from Royal Borough of Greenwich for the next three years. This will help us to Innovate to keep meeting peoples' changing needs, we will increase our online content so people can get advice from us 24 hours a day, expanded our one-to-one advice channels to include webchat and email. Our tireless advocacy since then has included working with external agencies in partnership to help get grants for our service users to help them pay energy bills, access government support. Supporting our services to adapt and respond more effectively than ever to peoples' changing needs and local voluntary sector are working hand in hand to strengthen our quality advice provision. Our mix of frontline experience and local community engagement enabling us to effect change and shape a society where people face far fewer problems.

I'm encouraged to see how we continue to develop the relationships and ways of working between local voluntary organisation and the Council. We are one service dedicated to supporting the most vulnerable people in society and our combined success is measured by how we help people find a way forward together. We're also working as a whole service to focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion both for client outcomes and the experiences of our volunteers and staff.

I would like to thank everyone across the service and our many partners for their support, advice, and help—particularly our incredible volunteers, who strengthen our service by giving so generously with their time. We're grateful to them for sharing their insights into how volunteering with us can help grow confidence and life skills, giving people an opportunity to flourish. It can restore a sense of purpose when difficulties in life have left them feeling lost. And it gives a real sense of achievement seeing the difference they can make, as individuals and as part of our organisation. We couldn't deliver our services without our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who gives their time and experience to supporting our purpose, in helping so many people move forward.

Thank you.

**Abdi Farah
Chair**

Objectives, Activities & Public Benefit

Somali Parents Network's core aims are:

- I) Provide a voice to its beneficiaries, particularly those with poorer outcomes to shape local services and policy planning processes.
- II) Provide activities that effectively promote and coordinate engagement with stakeholder groups on the needs and aspirations of the beneficiaries.
- III) To develop the capacity and skills of the beneficiaries in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The Somali Parents Network provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice and information to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the period.

Vision

Our vision is to improve access to services to reduce social exclusion among the Somali community who are experiencing poorer outcomes.

Mission

The Somali Parents Network aims to improve the quality of life of The Somali community who experiencing extremely disadvantaged situations in our local community by:

- Tackling inequality and promoting social inclusion for the benefit of Somali communities in Greenwich
- Promoting the interests of local Somali community by ensuring their views and needs are represented in social policy areas e.g. access to services, civic engagement and people who encounter poorer quality of life outcomes.
- Providing a bridging service to enable Somali children and parents to access family support services and other relevant services.
- To strengthen its capacity to ensure the growth and sustainability of the organisation's objectives.
- Engage wider participation from within the Somali community.

Values

Somali Parents Network Service believes that every member of society is entitled to access the same information and services, and to be aware of their basic rights as an equal citizen.

We provide: -

1. **Provide** a safe, relaxed and accessible environment for people to openly discuss their situation.
2. **Empower** people to seek solutions, through practical advice, guidance & exploring options
3. Provide empathetic **listening**
4. Are **non-judgemental**
5. **Respect** the whole person and are individual client centred
6. Are **solution** focused
7. **Persist** in seeing people through their crises
8. **Signpost** people to other agencies as appropriate
9. **Recognise** that clients may want us to limit what we do for them
10. **Respond** accordingly to constructive criticism & suggestions

Achievements and performance of the Charity

Despite losing more than 100% of our funding at the end of March 2020 during the lock down. We continued to provide help and support for clients via Zoom Generalist Advice service. We have also delivered facetime advice services in the service user's homes.

Signposting and Bridging Service

The SPN signposting and bridging service is offered 1:1 support by phone. Between July 2022 and June2023, the service delivered over 190 signposting and bridging sessions to approximately 75-80 people across the borough. Clients needed extra help and support because they were faced with an unfamiliar system and could not navigate their way through it or they may have a physical or mental health condition which is affecting their interaction with services. There were 35 telephone sessions and 120 face-to-face sessions via zoom for the year, and the evaluation found key differences in the people accessing the service by each channel.

The face-to-face zoom sessions was reached by the greatest proportion of people

most vulnerable to the consequences of poor language and poor health conditions, who were more economically disadvantaged. By contrast, the phone reached a greater proportion of those people least vulnerable to the consequences of poor language and cultural barriers, who were less economically disadvantaged.

Strategic Representation

Through community engagement, our unique and extensive knowledge of issues that affect our clients enable us to collate individual stories and voice these at a local level. This enables us to solve their problems at strategic level. Key examples of our achievements in 2022/2023 include:

- Responding 5 surveys and consultations events
- Attending 10 zoom local forums to feed strategic community needs and issues
- Organising Somali groups to have a common voice and meet councillors to present their needs

In addition to strategic representation, we empower our clients and community to engage with society and make difference to issues that matter - examples include;

- Working with partners to set up after school childcare to improve single parents' confidence to undertake training and employment. 15 women gained employment.
- Working with local children centres to access provision of children centre i.e. ESOL and parenting programmes for parents to improve their parenting and language skills.

- Assisting families effected by welfare reform to maximise their income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08116226 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149416

Registered office

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Mr Abdi Farah - Chair

11/03/2024

Date:

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

I report on the accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 set out on pages seven to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (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 under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to 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 statements below.

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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

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11/03/2024

Date:

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

			2023	2022
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income		22,528		22,528
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Charitable activity		1,275	9,250	10,525
				-
Total incoming resources		23,803	9,250	33,053
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity		14,943	4,981	19,924
Support Cost		5,510	1,837	7,347
Governance costs				
				-
Total resources expended		20,453	6,818	27,271
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		3,351	2,432	5,783
				(9,049)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		3,833		3,833
				12,882
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		7,184	2,432	9,616
				3,833

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2023

			2023	2022
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	5	5,764		5,234
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	6	40		74
Cash at bank and in hand		3,762	2,433	412
		3,802	2,433	486
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,383)		(1,887)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,419	2,433	(1,401)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,183	2,433	3,833
NET ASSETS		7,183	2,433	3,833
FUNDS	8			
Unrestricted funds				9,616
Restricted funds				3,833
TOTAL FUNDS				9,616

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Balance Sheet - continued

At 30 June2023

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the Year Ended 30 June2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the Year Ended 30 June2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of
its surplus or deficit 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 charitable company.

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 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr A Farah -Chair

11/03/2024
Date:

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,265</u>	<u>1,308</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year 2022 nor for the Year Ended 30 June2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year 2022 nor for the Year Ended 30 June2023.

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2022

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	19,924	19,344
Social security costs	<u>817</u>	<u>444</u>
	<u>20,741</u>	<u>19,788</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery etc £
COST	
At 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023	<u>10,979</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 July 2022	3,948
Charge for year	<u>1,267</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,215</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,764</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>5,234</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>40</u>	<u>74</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	2,383	1,887

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/7/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/6/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,833	(483)	3,350
Restricted funds			
	-	2,433	2,433
	<u>3,833</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>5,783</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,528	(19,178)	3,350
Council of Somali Organisations	1,275	(1,275)	0
Restricted funds			
Royal Borough of Greenwich	9,250	(6,817)	2,433
	<u>33,053</u>	<u>(27,270)</u>	<u>5,783</u>

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	22,528	17,531
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	10,525	4,320
Total incoming resources	33,053	21,851
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,500	900
Legal and professional fees	-	-
	1,500	900
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	19,924	19,344
Social security	817	444
Rent, Rates and water		6,000
Insurance	444	419
Telephone	1,943	1,537
Printing & Postage & stationery	248	362
Sundries	-	-
Cleaning	-	-
Computer and software costs	134	101
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-
Health and Safety Costs	239	362
Staff Training and welfare	-	-
Bank Charges	625	-
Depreciation	1,265	1,309
	25,639	29,878
Other		
Computer equipment	131	122
Total resources expended	25,770	30,000
Net income	5,783	(9,049)

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1149416

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08116226 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149416

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

Trustees

Abdi Farah	Chair
Essa Mohammed	Secretary
Abdifatah Ismail	Treasurer

Independent examiner

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

Chair Report

2020 has certainly been a year that has challenged and tested us all. The global coronavirus pandemic has tested the way that we continue to pursue our Mission during a health crisis that particularly impacts the people that we serve.

However, 2020 has also been a year that has demonstrated our resilience. Across the organisation, SPN staff and volunteers have stepped up and remained completely committed to delivering high quality advice to service users.

To every staff member and volunteer, I thank you. I'm proud to say that the challenges of 2020 - of Brexit and the pandemic - have not hampered our ability to deliver outstanding advice to the community. Instead, these challenges have prompted us to be creative and to intelligently balance and manage new risks in new ways. For example, the advice workers have been pivotal to ensuring that service users continue to safely maintain links and communication with their families and friends. The families and friends were face timing the service users with the help of SPN workers as they cannot visit due to Covid 19 lock down.

Over the past year, Somali Parents Network's committed and dedicated staffs have achieved great success in meeting its aims. The reports included here demonstrate how their highly professional work provides significant benefit to an extremely vulnerable group, both directly, by personal contact and support, and indirectly, by representing them at a strategic level and building awareness and expertise.

We remain with a strong Board and management team and high quality volunteers proved itself as value led organisation rather than funding led organisation.

We continued to work differently with clients who were able to help themselves once we had given them the tools. This meant that our limited face-to-face appointments could be targeted towards the more vulnerable in our community.

We thank our funders who make Somali Parents Network's work possible and demonstrate their commitment to a very isolated and vulnerable group in society - primarily the Oasis Care and Training Agency. In the current economic climate, it is more than ever vital that we demonstrate that Somali Parents Network's activities provide measurable added value. I am confident that this report will help us achieve further progress through another successful year.

As ever we are indebted to our staff and volunteers for their continued hard work and good humour often in difficult circumstances - many offered us additional hours throughout this difficult year to ensure that as many clients as possible received the help they needed.

A big thank you to you all.

Abdi Farah
Chair

Objectives, Activities & Public Benefit

Somali Parents Network's core aims are:

- I) Provide a voice to its beneficiaries, particularly those with poorer outcomes to shape local services and policy planning processes.
- II) Provide activities that effectively promote and coordinate engagement with stakeholder groups on the needs and aspirations of the beneficiaries.
- III) To develop the capacity and skills of the beneficiaries in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The Somali Parents Network provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice and information to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the period.

Vision

Our vision is to improve access to services to reduce social exclusion among the Somali community who are experiencing poorer outcomes.

Mission

The Somali Parents Network aims to improve the quality of life of The Somali community who experiencing extremely disadvantaged situations in our local community by:

- Tackling inequality and promoting social inclusion for the benefit of Somali communities in Greenwich
- Promoting the interests of local Somali community by ensuring their views and needs are represented in social policy areas e.g. access to services, civic engagement and people who encounter poorer quality of life outcomes.
- Providing a bridging service to enable Somali children and parents to access family support services and other relevant services.
- To strengthen its capacity to ensure the growth and sustainability of the organisation's objectives.
- Engage wider participation from within the Somali community.

Values

Somali Parents Network Service believes that every member of society is entitled to access the same information and services, and to be aware of their basic rights as an equal citizen.

We provide: -

1. **Provide** a safe, relaxed and accessible environment for people to openly discuss their situation.
2. **Empower** people to seek solutions, through practical advice, guidance & exploring options
3. Provide empathetic **listening**
4. Are **non-judgemental**
5. **Respect** the whole person and are individual client centred
6. Are **solution** focused
7. **Persist** in seeing people through their crises
8. **Signpost** people to other agencies as appropriate
9. **Recognise** that clients may want us to limit what we do for them
10. **Respond** accordingly to constructive criticism & suggestions

Achievements and performance of the Charity

Despite losing more than 100% of our funding at the end of March 2021 during the lock down. We continued to provide help and support for clients via Zoom Generalist Advice service. We have also delivered facetime advice services in the service user's homes.

Signposting and Bridging Service

The SPN signposting and bridging service is offered 1:1 support by phone. Between July 2020 and June 2021, the service delivered over 190 signposting and bridging sessions to approximately 70-80 people across the borough. Clients needed extra help and support because they were faced with an unfamiliar system and could not navigate their way through it or they may have a physical or mental health condition which is affecting their interaction with services. There were 30 telephone sessions and 160 face-to-face sessions via zoom for the year, and the evaluation found key differences in the people accessing the service by each channel.

The face-to-face zoom sessions was reached by the greatest proportion of people

most vulnerable to the consequences of poor language and poor health conditions, who were more economically disadvantaged. By contrast, the phone reached a greater proportion of those people least vulnerable to the consequences of poor language and cultural barriers, who were less economically disadvantaged.

Strategic Representation

Through community engagement, our unique and extensive knowledge of issues that affect our clients enable us to collate individual stories and voice these at a local level. This enables us to solve their problems at strategic level. Key examples of our achievements in 2020/2021 include:

- Responding 4 surveys and consultations events
- Attending 12 zoom local forums to feed strategic community needs and issues
- Organising Somali groups to have a common voice and meet councillors to present their needs

In addition to strategic representation, we empower our clients and community to engage with society and make difference to issues that matter - examples include;

- Working with partners to set up after school childcare to improve single parents' confidence to undertake training and employment. 15 women gained employment.
- Working with local children centres to access provision of children centre i.e. ESOL and parenting programmes for parents to improve their parenting and language skills.

- Assisting families effected by welfare reform to maximise their income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08116226 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149416

Registered office

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Mr Abdi Farah - Chair

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

I report on the accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2021 set out on pages seven to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (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 under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to 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 statements below.

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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

Alabo Accountants
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Date:

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Not es	Unrestrict ed fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		27,761	-	27,761	32,583
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Charitable activity		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		27,761	-	27,761	32,583
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activity		30,709	-	30,709	23,163
Support Cost		655	-	655	693
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		31,364	-	31,364	23,856
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(3,603)	-	(3,603)	8,727
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		16,485	-	16,485	7,758
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>12,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,882</u>	<u>16,485</u>

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Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2021

	No	Unrestrict	Restricted	2021	2020
	te	ed fund	fund	Total	Total
	s	£	£	funds	funds
				£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	5,516	-	5,516	3,160
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	256	-	256	1,160
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>9,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,941</u>	<u>15,081</u>
		10,197	-	10,197	16,241
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(2,831)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,831)</u>	<u>(2,916)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,366</u>	<u>13,325</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,882</u>	<u>16,485</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>12,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,882</u>	<u>16,485</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				12,882	16,485
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>12,882</u>	<u>16,485</u>

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Balance Sheet - continued
At 30 June 2021

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the Year Ended 30 June 2021.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit 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 charitable company.

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 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr A Farah -Chair

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,379</u>	<u>789</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year 2020 nor for the Year Ended 30 June 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year 2020 nor for the Year Ended 30 June 2021.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2020

4. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	19,200	18,826
Social security costs	<u>430</u>	<u>450</u>
	<u>19,630</u>	<u>19,276</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2021	2020
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery etc £
COST	
At 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021	<u>8,156</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 July 2020	1,261
Charge for year	<u>1,379</u>
At 30 June 2021	<u>2,640</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2021	<u>5,516</u>
At 30 June 2020	<u>3,160</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>256</u>	<u>1,160</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	2,831	2,916

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/7/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/6/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,485	(3,603)	12,882
Restricted funds			
	-	-	-
	<u>16,485</u>	<u>(3,603)</u>	<u>12,882</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,485</u>	<u>(3,603)</u>	<u>12,882</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,761	(31,364)	(3,603)
Restricted funds			
Royal Borough of Greenwich	-	-	-
	<u>27,761</u>	<u>(31,364)</u>	<u>(3,603)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,761</u>	<u>(31,364)</u>	<u>(3,603)</u>

SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	4,040	32,583
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	<u>23,721</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	27,761	32,583
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	600	600
Legal and professional fees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	600	600
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	19,200	18,826
Social security	430	450
Rent, Rates and water	6,000	-
Insurance	501	422
Telephone	1,253	1,329
Printing & Postage & stationery	226	516
Sundries	(1)	-
Cleaning	-	-
Computer and software costs	256	231
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-
Travelling	-	-
Staff Training and welfare	865	-
Advertising	-	-
Depreciation	<u>1,379</u>	<u>789</u>
	30,109	22,563
Other		
Computer equipment	<u>655</u>	<u>693</u>
Total resources expended	30,764	23,256
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income	<u>(3,603)</u>	<u>8,727</u>