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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149416

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021
for
SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

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SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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

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Registered Charity number

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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.

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Date:

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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 te s	Unrestrict ed fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total 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	(2,831)	-	(2,831)	(2,916)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</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>

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:

.....
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.

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>

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**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
Net income	<u>(3,603)</u>	<u>8,727</u>