

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
SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

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for the Year Ended 30 June2023**

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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 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 people's 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 people's 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

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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

- (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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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
				17,531
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Charitable activity		1,275	9,250	10,525
				4,320
				-
				-
Total incoming resources		23,803	9,250	33,053
				21,851
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activity		14,943	4,981	19,924
Support Cost		5,510	1,837	7,347
				122
Governance costs				-
				-
Total resources expended		20,453	6,818	27,271
				30,900
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		5,764
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	6	40		40
Cash at bank and in hand		3,762	2,433	6,195
		3,802	2,433	6,235
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,383)		(2,383)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,419	2,433	3,852
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,183	2,433	9,616
NET ASSETS		7,183	2,433	9,616
FUNDS	8			
Unrestricted funds				9,616
Restricted funds				3,833
TOTAL FUNDS				9,616

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.

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
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TOTAL FUNDS	<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
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>33,053</u>	<u>(27,270)</u>	<u>5,783</u>

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**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)