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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149416

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025  
for  
SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

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**SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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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.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

08116226 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

1149416

### **Registered office**

131A Kingsman Street  
Woolwich



London  
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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

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

**SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

**Balance Sheet  
At 30 June 2025**

|  |       |                           | 2025                    | 2024                |
|--|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>  |       |                           |                         |                     |
| Tangible assets  | 5     | 6,533                     |                         | 6,533               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |       |                           |                         |                     |
| Debtors  | 6     | 395                       |                         | 395                 |
| Cash at bank and in hand   |       | 15,228                    |                         | 15,228              |
|  |       | 15,623                    | 0                       | 15,623              |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>   |       |                           |                         |                     |
| Amounts falling due within<br>one year<br>Including deferred income<br>grant | 7     | (10,025)                  |                         | (10,025)            |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS   |       | 5,598                     | 0                       | 5,598               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT<br/>LIABILITIES</b>                             |       | 12,131                    | 0                       | 12,131              |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>  |       | 12,131                    | 0                       | 12,131              |
| <b>FUNDS</b>   | 8     |                           |                         |                     |
| Unrestricted funds   |       |                           |                         | 12,131              |
| Restricted funds   |       |                           |                         | 0                   |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>   |       |                           |                         | 12,131              |

**SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

**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.

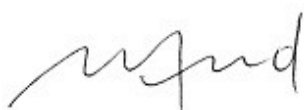
The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

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**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<br>machinery<br>etc<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>                     |                                    |
| At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025 | 12,745                             |
| Additions                       | <u>1,791</u>                       |
|                                 | 14,536                             |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>             |                                    |
| At 1 July 2024                  | 6,570                              |
| Charge for year                 | <u>1,434</u>                       |
| At 30 June 2025                 | <u>8,004</u>                       |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>           |                                    |
| 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<br>1/7/2024<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>30/6/2025<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                     |                                  |                      |
| General fund              | 4,933               | (4,918)                          | 15                   |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                     |                                  |                      |
|                           | (2,433)             | 2,433                            | -                    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>2,500</u>        | <u>2,485</u>                     | <u>15</u>            |

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

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



**SOMALI PARENTS NETWORK LTD**

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

|  | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                            |           |           |
| <b>Voluntary income</b>                              |           |           |
| Donations  | 8,313     | 6,000     |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b> |           |           |
| Grants   | 37,000    | 37,000    |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                      | 45,313    | 43,000    |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                            |           |           |
| <b>Governance costs</b>                              |           |           |
| Accountancy  | 1,500     | 1,500     |
| Legal and professional fees                          | -         | -         |
|  | 1,500     | 1,500     |
| <b>Support costs</b>                                 |           |           |
| <b>Management</b>                                    |           |           |
| 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   | 1,434     | 1,356     |
|  | 43,700    | 38,869    |
| <b>Other</b>   |           |           |
| Computer equipment                                   | 98        | 131       |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                      | 43,798    | 39,000    |
| <b>Net income</b>                                    | 15        | 2,500     |