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Company registration number 07584163 (England and Wales)

**LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms C Williams	
	Mrs E Lightfoot	
	Ms J Hankinson	
	Mrs C Hill	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
	Mrs J Woods	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
	Mrs C Oxborough	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Charity number	1150466	
Company number	07584163	
Registered office	Leigh St Thomas CE Primary School Leigh Lancashire WN7 2AS	
Independent examiner	S Wilcock Incom House Waterside Trafford Park Manchester M17 1WD	

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects of the charity are :

To advance the education for the public benefit by creating and maintaining a partnership of schools in the Wigan and Warrington borough.

Strategies for achieving aims and objectives

The Charity achieves its objectives by holding seminars and conferences to promote best educational practice.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

This period the charity's expenditure exceeded income and there is a deficit for the year. The trustees are pleased with the results for the year.

The charity is pleased with its achievement in supporting school improvements and facilitating the professional development of staff.

The company's achievement for the year has been to maintain a successful track record with our schools continuing to work together to secure on-going improvement. 90% of our schools were judged good or better at their latest Ofsted inspection. Training has been accessed for all teachers and senior leaders in school to further develop their skills in the planning, implementation and assessment of the curriculum and its delivery in an attempt to secure the highest quality of education for our pupils. The company's future plans are to secure excellent teaching and leadership across the company, with a relentless drive for a first class education and improved outcomes for the pupils in all our schools. Through continued challenge and support, we will further promote school improvement and raised standards for our children, which is ultimately our fundamental purpose and moral responsibility to those families and children in our care.

Financial review

The trustees have no formal policy to maintain a level of reserves however they are conscious of their responsibilities and monitor the level of reserves to ensure the charity can meet its liabilities.

During the period, the charity made a deficit of £22,960.

At the period end, the reserves were £23,067 (2022 £46,027).

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated at Companies House on 30 March 2011 and was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 14 January 2013. It commenced its activities on 9 June 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association (as amended by special resolution). The company provides a support service to a cluster of schools.

Trustees are elected by members of the charity in General meeting. Trustees hold office until the Annual General Meeting when Trustees can offer themselves for re-election or re-appointment.

The Trustees delegate the daily running of the Charity to the Project Manager, Mrs A Davies, who acts as Charity Co-ordinator, and her support staff. The charity is considered to be under the control of the Board of Trustees as a whole.

The chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts, and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs W S Cathie	(Resigned 1 January 2024)
Ms C Williams	
Mrs E Lightfoot	
Ms C Burns	(Resigned 1 September 2023)
Ms M Daley	(Resigned 1 September 2023)
Ms J Hankinson	
Ms S Leck	(Resigned 1 September 2023)
Mrs C Hill	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Mrs J Woods	(Appointed 1 September 2023)
Mrs C Oxborough	(Appointed 1 September 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Other matters

Plans for future periods

The trustees intend to continue to be a dynamic and highly successful partnership of schools working positively together in Leigh, Lowton and Golborne to enhance the life chances and opportunities and aspirations for all our children.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Ms C Williams
Trustee

29 May 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Leigh, Lowton and Golborne Schools Partnership (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



S Wilcock

Incom House
Waterside
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Dated: 29 May 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities		61,580	54,580
Total income		61,580	54,580
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	84,540	67,701
Total expenditure		84,540	67,701
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(22,960)	(13,121)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 September 2022		46,027	59,148
Fund balances at 31 August 2023		23,067	46,027

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	-		1,547	
Cash at bank and in hand		86,617		95,398	
		<u>86,617</u>		<u>96,945</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(63,550)		(50,918)	
Net current assets			23,067		46,027
Net assets excluding pension liability			23,067		46,027
			<u>23,067</u>		<u>46,027</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds			23,067		46,027
			<u>23,067</u>		<u>46,027</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 May 2024

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Ms C Williams
Trustee

Company registration number 07584163 (England and Wales)

LEIGH, LOWTON AND GOLBORNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Leigh, Lowton and Golborne Schools Partnership is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Leigh St Thomas CE Primary School, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 2AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Direct costs		
Room hire	8,924	1,527
Insurance	263	263
Legal and professional fees	1,230	1,822
Conference expenses	6,396	6,344
Consultants and speakers	62,458	56,317
General expenses	2,769	1,028
Training	2,500	400
	<u>84,540</u>	<u>67,701</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>84,540</u>	<u>67,701</u>

4 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

5 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

5 Employees

(Continued)

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

7 Independent Examination

During the year, the charity paid £600 for an Independent Examination and £402 for other services.

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	-	1,547
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	63,550	50,918
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	46,027	61,580	(84,540)	23,067
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous period:				
	At 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2022 £
General funds	59,148	54,580	(67,701)	46,027
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
At 31 August 2023:	
Current assets/(liabilities)	23,067
	<u>23,067</u>
	<u>23,067</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
At 31 August 2022:	
Current assets/(liabilities)	46,027
	<u>46,027</u>
	<u>46,027</u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).