

PROJECT SEVENTEEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1152621

Details

Other names	PROJECT 17
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-06-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST MIGRANTS WITH NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS LIVING IN THE UK BY PROVISION OF FREE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO SUCH PERSONS. FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE NEEDS OF MIGRANTS WITH NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND ADVICE TO OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES.

Activities: Project 17 works to end destitution among migrant children. We work with families experiencing exceptional poverty to improve their access to local authority support. We provide advice, advocacy and support for individuals. We build capacity in other organisations and we campaign for the improved implementation of statutory support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£482,167	£423,300	-	-
2024-03-31	£520,139	£402,408	£457,695	9
2023-03-31	£350,523	£368,823	-	-
2022-03-31	£340,508	£342,413	-	-
2021-03-31	£408,851	£248,835	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GWAWR THOMAS	Chair	2013-02-22
CLARE REBECCA JENNINGS		2013-02-22
Claire Kaleab McGuinness		2024-06-15
Jessie Porter		2024-06-15
Mary Awoniyi		2023-02-04
Olaitain Abiola		2023-06-10
Stephanie Kleynhans		2023-09-16
Timothy James Bull		2021-03-27

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Accounts

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Timothy Bull, Treasurer Mary Awoniyi Elizabeth Fry Clare Jennings Gwawr Thomas, Chair Claire McGuinness Olaitan Abiola Stephanie Kleynhans Jessie Porter
Senior Management Team	Abigail Brunswick, Director
Principal Office	St Joseph's Hospice Mare Street London E8 4SA
Charity Registration Number	1152621
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- Kamena Dorling (resigned 28 September 2024)
- Timothy Bull, Treasurer
- Mary Awoniyi
- Elizabeth Fry
- Clare Jennings
- Gwawr Thomas, Chair
- Claire McGuinness (appointed 15 June 2024)
- Olaitan Abiola
- Stephanie Kleynhans
- Jessie Porter (appointed 15 June 2024)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Advertising externally and among relevant groups and bodies; reviewing CVs and cover letters; interviews with the Chair and Director; shadowing trustee meetings; voting to join the board.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Project 17 works to reduce homelessness and severe poverty among families excluded from mainstream welfare by their immigration status.

Ultimately, we want to see laws and policies that do not perpetuate poverty and inequality. Until then, our specialist focus is around working with families experiencing exceptional poverty to improve their access to support from social services under a law called section 17 Children Act 1989.

We believe that all children have the right to a home and enough to eat, regardless of their parents' immigration status. To achieve our vision, we provide advice, advocacy and support for individuals. We build capacity in other organisations and we campaign for the improved implementation of statutory support.

Project 17 works towards ensuring that local authorities comply with the duties imposed on them by Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need. Section 17 enables local councils to provide accommodation and financial support to avoid children being taken into the care of the local authority.

This duty exists even if the family has no right to work, no access to welfare benefits and social housing and no leave to remain in the UK. Project 17 exists to ensure that individuals eligible for support under Section 17 are able to access it effectively.

The formal objectives set out in our governing document are:

- The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.
- For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, case advice for professionals, and online resources.

Systemic change: ultimately, we believe that everyone should be entitled to a welfare safety net. Until then, our strategic work addresses systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation. We also resource and facilitate a group of people with personal experience of poverty caused by no recourse to public funds to build solidarity and work towards strategic change.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Advice and advocacy:

We provide frontline advice, advocacy and casework to families facing homelessness and severe poverty because they have no recourse to public funds. We also provide emergency practical support, such as grants and support in kind.

In 2024-25, we worked with 440 families, including taking on 191 new clients.

56% of our clients were undocumented when we started working together, and 15% had limited leave to remain on the family life route. We also worked with families on health and social care, student and visit visas, and with small numbers of refused asylum seekers and people with pre-settled status.

93% of our clients were women, and 79% were lone parents.

We worked with clients from 58 different countries. 42% were Nigerian and 15% were Ghanaian.

We worked with families living in 70 local authorities across England, although 69% of clients lived in London.

62% of clients had tried to access support under section 17 before they approached us, but they came to Project 17 because they had been refused (67%), or because the support they received was inadequate or was being terminated (33%). Families who had been turned away from social services experienced a wide range of problems, including inadequate housing and homelessness, not having enough money, domestic abuse, threats to safety and exploitation.

62% of families had been destitute for more than 3 months when they approached us, and 28% had been destitute for more than a year.

With our support, 63% (278 families) accessed support under section 17 Children Act 1989. 56% accessed financial support, and 43% accessed accommodation. 46% accessed both.

We continue to be concerned about the adequacy of support provided by local authorities. 31% of families receiving financial support were given less than the lawful minimum, and a further 8% received vouchers instead of cash. Only 20% of those accessing accommodation found it to be suitable, with many housed in hotels and HMOs, far away from schools and support networks.

94% of families benefitted from at least one positive outcome following our intervention. Alongside section 17 support, 59% accessed emergency financial support from our Destitution Fund, and 33% accessed larger grants. 69% used foodbank vouchers. We funded emergency hotel stays for 5%. Other outcomes included Healthy Start vouchers, nursery placements and free prescriptions.

54 clients provided feedback about the service via an anonymous online form. 80% of respondents had their first appointment within a week of contacting us. 87% said their advisers helped them to understand their options 'very well'. 77% said their situation was 'a lot better' after working with us, and 80% rated their experience as 10/10. Comments included 'Project 17 is the best organization I have ever seen' and 'I am grateful for the help I received from Project 17. I had tried everywhere to find support but was turned down, until I contacted Project 17 and received the help I needed.'

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Capacity building:

We build knowledge and expertise in other organisations, supporting them to work with families with no recourse to public funds (“NRPF”) more effectively. Our capacity building work includes training; case advice for professionals; and online factsheets, booklets and letter templates.

This year, we delivered 24 training sessions to a range of voluntary sector staff and social services teams, reaching over 400 participants. We delivered a range of sessions, including joint training with Southwark Law Centre and the Care Rights Project. Four sessions were designed and delivered in collaboration with United Impact, the solidarity and action group we support.

We responded to 399 calls on our advice line for professionals, providing advice on individual cases. This represented a decrease on the previous year, driven by a change to our triage system that now filters ‘out of scope’ calls at an earlier stage.

35 callers provided feedback, and 88% found the advice ‘very helpful’. One caller wrote: “have called on multiple occasions to seek some advice around clients and getting s17 support from the council. On each occasion I think it has been successful when I have called them, and the council have provided accommodation under s17. The advice provided is always extremely detailed and clear for anyone to understand”.

This year we updated our online resources and improved their accessibility by moving away from downloadable factsheets to resources embedded in the site. These pages were visited over 5000 times this year.

Strategic work:

Our strategic work calls for an end to NRPF and the dismantling of the hostile environment. We use our specialist expertise and data to address systemic problems with section 17 support and demonstrate the need for wider reform through influencing, complaints and litigation.

In 2024-25 we worked in collaboration with 5 other organisations to form a Migrants Rights Group, which has been awarded core participant status in the last module of the Covid Inquiry, enabling us to put forward evidence on experiences of families with NRPF during the pandemic.

We also contributed evidence on the harms of NRPF to a sector-wide report for the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ahead of the UN’s examination on the UK this year. Our previous evidence led to the UN making recommendations on NRPF for the first time in 2023.

We resource and facilitate United Impact, an action group made up of around 60 clients. They speak out against the discrimination and disadvantage they experience and participate in social change work. Last year they gave evidence to the government’s Child Poverty Taskforce, and designed and distributed 3000 copies of a leaflet they created to raise awareness of support options for people with NRPF. Around 40% of United Impact’s time is devoted to wellbeing and training, acknowledging the importance of solidarity and knowledge when building power.

Looking ahead:

Towards the end of the year, we started work on our 2026-29 strategic plan. Our most significant plan is to expand our remit to incorporate work under the Care Act 2014. The Care Act gives local authorities powers to support adults with care needs by providing care, accommodation and financial support, even if the adults have no recourse to public funds. We intend to incorporate Care Act work into all areas of our work and will fundraise for additional staff posts to make this possible.

We also plan to review our mission and vision to be more explicitly anti-racist and be more ambitious and explicit about the change we want to see in the world. We intend to recruit a new Advice Support Officer to support the advice service. We will continue to critically reflect on how personal experience of NRPF is represented in the organisation.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Project 17's total income for the year was £482,167, a decrease compared to the prior year comparative of £520,139. Total expenditure for the year was £423,300 compared to £402,408 for the year ended 31 March 2024. Overall, this resulted in net income of £58,867 for the year, compared to net income of £117,731 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Despite a decrease relative to the prior year, Project 17's income continues to reflect the strong recognition from funders around the importance of the work carried out by Project 17. Consistent with the prior year, Project 17 continues to be reliant on unrestricted funding to support the work of our restricted funds. This is evident through the designations of unrestricted funds in the current year, where funds will be required to support our restricted funds in the current year.

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organization, being the unforeseen loss of funding or incurring unforeseen expenditure, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2025, reserves were £195,187, equivalent to less than five months of Project 17's total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year and consistent with Project 17's reserve policy.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11/10/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Gwawr Thomas
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

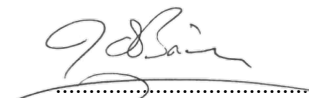
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 03/11/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	136,970	-	136,970	129,440
Charitable activities	3	<u>13,732</u>	<u>331,465</u>	<u>345,197</u>	<u>390,699</u>
Total Income		<u>150,702</u>	<u>331,465</u>	<u>482,167</u>	<u>520,139</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>(30,196)</u>	<u>(393,104)</u>	<u>(423,300)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(30,196)</u>	<u>(393,104)</u>	<u>(423,300)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>
Net movement in funds		120,506	(61,639)	58,867	117,731
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>238,388</u>	<u>219,307</u>	<u>457,695</u>	<u>339,964</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>358,894</u></u>	<u><u>157,668</u></u>	<u><u>516,562</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 11.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	129,440	-	129,440
Charitable activities	3	<u>200</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>390,699</u>
Total Income		<u>129,640</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>520,139</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>
Net income		94,618	23,113	117,731
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(382)	118,113	117,731
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>238,388</u></u>	<u><u>219,307</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,264	1,239
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>516,798</u>	<u>458,096</u>
		518,062	459,335
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(1,640)</u>
Net assets		<u>516,562</u>	<u>457,695</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	11	157,668	219,307
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>358,894</u>	<u>238,388</u>
Total funds	11	<u>516,562</u>	<u>457,695</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11/10/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Timothy Bull
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Project Seventeen meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds and resources set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	6,700	6,700	-
Donations from individuals	5,951	5,951	3,401
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	124,319	124,319	126,039
	<u>136,970</u>	<u>136,970</u>	<u>129,440</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants	-	331,465	331,465	375,766
Training income	13,707	-	13,707	14,256
Sundry income	25	-	25	677
	<u>13,732</u>	<u>331,465</u>	<u>345,197</u>	<u>390,699</u>

4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Client Grant Partners	-	4,558	4,558
Reaching Communities	-	60,380	60,380
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	66,000	66,000
Trust for London	-	21,216	21,216
Groundwork UK	-	5,644	5,644
Mercers	-	25,000	25,000
Smallwood Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Masonic Charitable Fund	-	5,000	5,000
Awards for All	-	20,000	20,000
John Ellerman	-	21,000	21,000
Legal Education Foundation	-	56,000	56,000
Baring Foundation	-	30,000	30,000
BBC Children in Need	13,334	6,667	20,001
Hillcote Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	27,000	-	27,000

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
CAF	5,000	-	5,000
Keystone Fund	38,985	-	38,985
Anonymous	35,000	-	35,000
Unity Trust	6,700	-	6,700
General donations	5,951	-	5,951
	136,970	331,465	468,435
	136,970	331,465	468,435

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Client grants	-	16,571	16,571	15,555
Clinical supervision	5,565	-	5,565	4,545
Equipment	455	2,021	2,476	978
Insurance	650	-	650	595
Interpreting costs	-	3,596	3,596	2,356
Office supplies	70	1,119	1,189	1,919
Other expenses	1,697	262	1,959	4,236
Printing	-	1,066	1,066	1,062
Rent	1,431	12,877	14,308	13,669
Wages, Tax & NI	16,822	344,388	361,210	338,360
Solidarity group expense	-	6,996	6,996	8,566
Staff expenses	-	56	56	216
Subscription	35	45	80	202
Telephone, internet & fax	179	1,610	1,789	1,944
Training	971	299	1,270	5,504
Trustee expenses	749	-	749	255
Venue hire/ events	-	-	-	150
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	126
Website and database	72	2,198	2,270	2,170
Legal & professional fees	1,500	-	1,500	-
	30,196	393,104	423,300	402,408
	30,196	393,104	423,300	402,408

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Claire McGuinness

£345 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Claire McGuinness during the year.

Trustee was reimbursed travel and childcare costs.

Mary Awoniyi

£632 (2024: £470) of expenses were reimbursed to Mary Awoniyi during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed. They are also part of a client group where they receive compensation.

Jessie Porter

£205 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Jessie Porter during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed. They are also part of a client group where they receive compensation.

Kamena Dorling

£25 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Kamena Dorling during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed.

Olaitan Abiola

£253 (2024: £375) of expenses were reimbursed to Olaitan Abiola during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed. They are also part of a client group where they receive compensation.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	310,973	296,898
Social security costs	37,416	29,514
Pension costs	12,821	11,948
	<u>361,210</u>	<u>338,360</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Monthly paid staff	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

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9 (2024 - 9) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £12,821 (2024 - £11,948).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £52,374 (2024 - £50,299).

8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	<u>1,264</u>	<u>1,239</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>516,798</u>	<u>458,096</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,640</u>

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	238,388	150,702	(30,196)	(163,707)	195,187
<i>Designated</i>					
Advice Designated	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Capacity Building Designated	-	-	-	28,707	28,707
Policy Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,707</u>	<u>163,707</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>238,388</u>	<u>150,702</u>	<u>(30,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>358,894</u>

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	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Advice	93,875	120,829	(177,462)	-	37,242
Capacity Building	45,529	49,278	(58,926)	-	35,881
Policy	48,888	151,800	(140,146)	-	60,542
Destitution Fund	12,333	1,667	(7,303)	-	6,697
Hotel Fund	7,060	1,667	(2,253)	-	6,474
Small Grants Fund	11,622	1,667	(2,457)	-	10,832
Client Grant	-	4,558	(4,558)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>219,307</u>	<u>331,466</u>	<u>(393,105)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,668</u>
Total funds	<u>457,695</u>	<u>482,168</u>	<u>(423,301)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516,562</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for families left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind.

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	238,770	129,640	(35,022)	(95,000)	238,388

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Restricted					
Client Grants	-	5,258	(5,258)	-	-
Advice	59,412	154,461	(164,998)	45,000	93,875
Capacity Building	7,444	63,444	(55,359)	30,000	45,529
Policy	16,656	148,708	(131,476)	15,000	48,888
Destitution Fund	4,340	8,417	(5,424)	5,000	12,333
Hotel Fund	5,453	3,794	(2,187)	-	7,060
Small Grants Fund	7,889	6,417	(2,684)	-	11,622
Total restricted funds	<u>101,194</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>219,307</u>
Total funds	<u><u>339,964</u></u>	<u><u>520,139</u></u>	<u><u>(402,408)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2025
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	196,687	163,707	157,668	518,062
Current liabilities	(1,500)	-	-	(1,500)
Total net assets	<u>195,187</u>	<u>163,707</u>	<u>157,668</u>	<u>516,562</u>
		Unrestricted		2024
		General £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets		240,028	219,307	459,335
Current liabilities		(1,640)	-	(1,640)
Total net assets		<u>238,388</u>	<u>219,307</u>	<u>457,695</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

14 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination	1,250	1,200
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,200</u>

PROJECT SEVENTEEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1152621

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Community Accounting Plus
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kamena Dorling Timothy Bull, Treasurer Mary Awoniyi Elizabeth Fry Clare Jennings Gwawr Thomas, Chair Claire McGuinness Olaitan Abiola Stephanie Kleynhans Jessie Valentina
Senior Management Team	Abigail Brunswick, Director
Principal Office	St Joseph's Hospice Mare Street London E8 4SA
Charity Registration Number	1152621
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kamena Dorling
	Timothy Bull, Treasurer
	Rebecca Aoude (resigned 16 September 2023)
	Mary Awoniyi
	Elizabeth Fry
	Clare Jennings
	Gwawr Thomas, Chair
	Ruvimbo Mutyambizi (resigned 10 June 2023)
	Claire McGuinness (appointed 15 June 2024)
	Olaitan Abiola (appointed 10 June 2023)
	Stephanie Kleynhans (appointed 16 September 2023)
	Jessie Valentina (appointed 15 June 2024)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

Project 17 is an organisation working to end destitution among migrant families. We work with families experiencing exceptional poverty to improve their access to local authority support.

We believe that all children have the right to a home and enough to eat, regardless of their parents' immigration status. To achieve our vision, we provide advice, advocacy and support for individuals. We build capacity in other organisations and we campaign for the improved implementation of statutory support.

Project 17 works towards ensuring that local authorities comply with the duties imposed on them by Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need. Section 17 enables local councils to provide accommodation and financial support to avoid children being taken into the care of the local authority.

This duty exists even if the family has no right to work, no access to welfare benefits and social housing and no leave to remain in the UK. Project 17 exists to ensure that individuals eligible for support under Section 17 are able to access it effectively.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, telephone advice for professionals; and online resources.

Systemic change: ultimately, we believe that everyone should be entitled to a welfare safety net. Until then, our strategic work addresses systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation. We work with a group of people with personal experience of poverty caused by no recourse to public funds to build solidarity and work towards strategic change.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Advice and advocacy:

We provide frontline advice, advocacy and casework to families facing homelessness and severe poverty because they have no recourse to public funds. We also provide emergency practical support, such as grants and support in kind.

In 2023-24, **we worked with 426 families**, including taking on 198 new clients.

57% of our clients were undocumented when we started working together, and 17% had limited leave to remain on the family life route. We also worked with families on health and social care, student and visit visas, and with small numbers of refused asylum seekers and people with pre-settled status.

93% of our clients were women and 77% were lone parents.

We worked with clients from **59 different countries**. 42% were Nigerian and 15% were Ghanaian.

We worked with families living in **86 local authorities** across England, although 64% of clients lived in London.

62% of clients had tried to access support under section 17 ("s.17") before they approached us, but they came to Project 17 because they had been refused (73%), or because the support they received was inadequate (27%). Families who had been turned away from social services experienced a wide range of problems, including inadequate housing and homelessness, not having enough money, domestic abuse, threats to safety and exploitation.

59% of families had been destitute for more than 3 months when they approached us, and 26% had been destitute for more than a year.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

With our support, **61% (259 families)** accessed support under s.17 Children Act 1989. 56% accessed financial support, and 48% accessed accommodation.

We continue to be concerned about the adequacy of support provided by local authorities. 34% of families receiving financial support were given less than the lawful minimum, and a further 9% received vouchers instead of cash. Only 18% of those accessing accommodation found it to be suitable, with many housed in hotels and HMOs, far away from schools and support networks.

94% of families benefitted from at least one positive outcome following our intervention. Alongside s.17 support, 51% accessed emergency financial support from our Destitution Fund, and 31% accessed larger grants. 68% used foodbank vouchers, we funded emergency hotel stays for 3%. Other outcomes included Healthy Start vouchers, nursery placements and free prescriptions.

This year, we undertook a review of the advice service, evaluating our aims and priorities, and the extent to which we achieve those aims. We are now making some changes based on the review, including being clearer about our scope and boundaries, and creating a new way of taking on clients.

We asked clients to complete a survey about their experiences of working with us. 48 people replied. 90% said the adviser helped them understand their options 'very well' (10% said 'quite well'). **71% said their current situation was 'a lot better'** than before they came to Project 17. **75% rated the service as '10/10'** and a further 13% rated it as 9/10. One person said *'All I can say is God bless this organisation. I won't forget the help you showed me and my son. I'm so grateful I meet this organisation at my lowest, they came through for me, in my next life I will still choose PROJECT 17'. Another said 'Best service ever. Thank you so much for assisting me and my daughter. We are in a comfortable and peaceful place. And our situation has improved.'*

Capacity building:

We build knowledge and expertise in other organisations, supporting them to work with families with no recourse to public funds ("NRPF") more effectively. Our capacity building work includes training; case advice for professionals; and online factsheets, booklets and letter templates.

This year, we delivered **23 training sessions** to a range of voluntary sector staff and social services teams, reaching over 400 participants. We delivered a range of sessions, including joint training with Southwark Law Centre and the Care Rights Project. We also started working with United Impact, the solidarity and action group we support, to redesign our training, increasing the emphasis on broader social change and incorporating the perspectives of people with personal experience of NRPF, alongside legal expertise. We hope to begin rolling out new sessions in autumn 2024, delivering training jointly with United Impact members.

We responded to **580 calls to our advice line** for professionals, providing advice on individual cases. This was a 28% increase from last year.

31 callers provided feedback, and all of them found the advice 'very helpful'. One caller wrote: *"[the adviser] gave amazing help and support, she gave brilliant advice and supported me to fight for the rights of a mother and child who were wrongly being encouraged to leave the UK or be separated. Your project supported with hotel costs until we could get legal advice and convince social care that they had a duty to support them both. The mother and child were eventually provided with temporary but secure housing and the mother was incredibly grateful for our help and support. I am sure that without your charity they would have either been separated or funded to leave the UK without assurance that they were going to be safe. Thank you once again for your incredible support, you are amazing advocates for vulnerable people who do not have a strong voice."*

We have **32 free resources** on our website, ranging from guides for individuals, letter templates for frontline workers, and a toolkit for social workers. These are updated regularly to respond to changes in case law, policy and best practice.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Strategic work:

Our social change work builds on the knowledge, data and experience of our frontline and capacity building services. This year, we have focused largely on supporting United Impact, the solidarity and action group we resource and facilitate. United Impact has over 60 members, all of whom have previously used Project 17's advice service. Members have spoken at conferences and events; attended meetings with Parliamentarians and Home Office representatives; exhibited their photography at the Migrant Connections Festival and in Parliament. They also provided evidence to the Women and Equalities Committee and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on NRPF, for which Project 17 held the secretariat.

Project 17 has engaged with local authorities to try to improve the implementation of s.17 support. This included successful advocacy with various local authorities about their rates of financial support. We are pursuing complaints against two councils based on their failure to assess and support families under s.17. We are worried about the increasing financial pressures on local authorities, and the threat of bankruptcy leading to increased 'gatekeeping' and unlawful refusals of support.

Looking ahead:

We are starting work with an external consultant, who will support us to think about our work through the lens of anti-racism and anti-oppression. Over the next year, we will be considering our positionality; our work; and our ambitions, feeding into future planning.

We will also begin work on our next 3-year strategy, which will take us from 2025-28. This will likely include revisiting our mission, with a view to talking more explicitly about the changes we want to see; critically reflecting on our work with people with 'lived experience' of NRPF and pushing towards more meaningful change and representation; and working more collaboratively with others in the sector and beyond.

Financial review

Project 17's total income for the year was £520,139, an increase compared to the prior year comparative of £350,523. Total expenditure for the year was £402,408 compared to £368,823 for the year ended 31 March 2023. Overall, this resulted in net income of £117,731 for the year, compared to a net expense of £18,300 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Project 17's strong income for the year reflects continued recognition from funders around the importance of the work carried out by the charity. Although income relating to Project 17's restricted funds was healthy during the year, higher levels of unrestricted funding was obtained, given the uncertainty around further restricted funding in the near-term, and the likelihood that Project 17's restricted funds will continue to be supported by reserves.

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organization, being the unforeseen loss of funding or incurring unforeseen expenditure, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2024, reserves were £238,388, slightly greater than six months of Project 17's total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year. While this amount exceeds the reserves policy, it is recognised that reserves will continue to be required to supplement Project 17's restricted funds over the coming year.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

- Advertising online (our website, public forums, social media) and approaching people directly.
- Potential trustees submit a CV and covering letter that are reviewed by all trustees.
- The Chair and Director hold an informal interview.
- Potential trustees sit in on part of a Board meeting.
- New trustees are voted onto the Board.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on^{28/09/24} and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Gwawr Thomas
Trustee

Project Seventeen

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.



.....
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 18/10/2024.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	129,440	-	129,440	118,018
Charitable activities	3	200	390,499	390,699	232,505
Total Income		<u>129,640</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>520,139</u>	<u>350,523</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(35,022)	(367,386)	(402,408)	(368,823)
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		94,618	23,113	117,731	(18,300)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		(382)	118,113	117,731	(18,300)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>	<u>358,264</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>238,388</u></u>	<u><u>219,307</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>	<u><u>339,964</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	118,018	-	118,018
Charitable activities	3	<u>2</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>232,505</u>
Total Income		<u>118,020</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>350,523</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(27,516)</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(27,516)</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Net movement in funds		90,504	(108,804)	(18,300)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>148,266</u>	<u>209,998</u>	<u>358,264</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>238,770</u></u>	<u><u>101,194</u></u>	<u><u>339,964</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,239	1,210
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>458,096</u>	<u>340,140</u>
		459,335	341,350
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,640)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>
Net assets		<u>457,695</u>	<u>339,964</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	219,307	101,194
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>238,388</u>	<u>238,770</u>
Total funds	12	<u>457,695</u>	<u>339,964</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..28/09/24... and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Timothy Bull
Trustee

Project Seventeen

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Project Seventeen meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	-	-	9,899
Donations from individuals	3,401	3,401	11,369
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	126,039	126,039	96,750
	<u>129,440</u>	<u>129,440</u>	<u>118,018</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants	-	375,766	375,766	217,912
Training income	-	14,256	14,256	13,995
Sundry income	200	477	677	598
	<u>200</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>390,699</u>	<u>232,505</u>

4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
AB Charitable Trust	27,500	-	27,500
Justice Together Initiative	-	10,214	10,214
Children In Need	14,539	5,287	19,826
Client grant partners	-	5,258	5,258
Coventry University	-	7,559	7,559
Donations	3,401	-	3,401
The Legal Education Foundation	-	56,000	56,000
Mercers	-	29,000	29,000
Ground Work London	-	50,801	50,801
Masonic Charitable Fund	-	5,000	5,000
John Ellerman Foundation	-	20,000	20,000
LHA London	-	13,333	13,333
London Community Fund	2,000	8,000	10,000
The Hillcote Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Reaching Communities	-	29,812	29,812

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trust for London	-	34,002	34,002
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000	-	25,000
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	47,000	-	47,000
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	66,000	66,000
Anonymous	5,000	25,500	30,500
The Blue Moon Trust	-	10,000	10,000
	129,440	375,766	505,206

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Venue hire	-	150	150	8
Client grants	-	15,555	15,555	15,225
Clinical supervision	3,831	714	4,545	1,233
Equipment	164	814	978	1,467
Freelance costs	-	-	-	2,371
Interpreting costs	-	2,356	2,356	1,769
Insurance	595	-	595	283
Legal & professional fees	1,444	-	1,444	1,386
Office supplies	584	1,335	1,919	2,128
Other expenses	2,328	464	2,792	338
Printing	-	1,062	1,062	1,062
Solidarity group expenses	-	8,566	8,566	10,844
Rent	1,367	12,302	13,669	13,764
Salaries NIC & pensions	19,089	319,271	338,360	308,017
Staff expenses	8	208	216	3,218
Subscriptions	35	167	202	197
Telephone & internet	202	1,742	1,944	1,501
Trustee expenses	255	-	255	368
Training	5,120	384	5,504	586
Volunteer expenses	-	126	126	320
Recruitment costs	-	-	-	100
Website & database	-	2,170	2,170	2,638
	35,022	367,386	402,408	368,823

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	296,898	267,890
Social security costs	29,514	27,256
Pension costs	<u>11,948</u>	<u>12,871</u>
	<u>338,360</u>	<u>308,017</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Monthly paid staff	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

9 (2023 - 11) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £11,948 (2023 - £12,871).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £43,658 (2023 - £41,332).

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,210</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>458,096</u>	<u>340,140</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	1,640	1,386

11 Commitments

Capital commitments

The charity has a short term lease for the premises under which either party may give 60 days notice. The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	238,770	129,640	(35,022)	(95,000)	238,388
Restricted funds					
Client grants	-	5,258	(5,258)	-	-
Advice	59,412	154,461	(164,998)	45,000	93,875
Capacity building	7,444	63,444	(55,359)	30,000	45,529
Policy	16,656	148,708	(131,476)	15,000	48,888
Destitution fund	4,340	8,417	(5,424)	5,000	12,333
Hotel fund	5,453	3,794	(2,187)	-	7,060
Small grants fund	7,889	6,417	(2,684)	-	11,622
Total restricted funds	101,194	390,499	(367,386)	95,000	219,307
Total funds	339,964	520,139	(402,408)	-	457,695

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for families left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind.

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	148,266	118,020	(27,516)	238,770
Restricted				
Client grants	-	5,999	(5,999)	-
Advice	63,013	160,189	(163,790)	59,412
Capacity building	27,464	26,495	(46,515)	7,444
Policy	99,708	32,724	(115,776)	16,656
Destitution fund	6,230	3,250	(5,140)	4,340
Hotel fund	6,323	596	(1,466)	5,453
Small grants fund	7,260	3,250	(2,621)	7,889
Total restricted funds	209,998	232,503	(341,307)	101,194
Total funds	358,264	350,523	(368,823)	339,964

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2024
	General £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	240,028	219,307	459,335
Current liabilities	(1,640)	-	(1,640)
Total net assets	<u>238,388</u>	<u>219,307</u>	<u>457,695</u>
	Unrestricted		2023
	General £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	240,156	101,194	341,350
Current liabilities	(1,386)	-	(1,386)
Total net assets	<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

15 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination	1,200	1,155
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,155</u>

PROJECT SEVENTEEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1152621

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kamena Dorling, Chair Timothy Bull, Treasurer Rebecca Aoude Mary Awoniyi Elizabeth Fry Clare Jennings Gwawr Thomas
Senior Management Team	Abigail Brunswick, Director
Principal Office	St Joseph's Hospice Mare Street London E8 4SA
Charity Registration Number	1152621
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kamena Dorling, Chair
	Timothy Bull, Treasurer
	Rebecca Aoude
	Mary Awoniyi (appointed 4 February 2023)
	Elizabeth Fry
	Clare Jennings
	Gwawr Thomas
	Ruvimbo Mutyambizi (resigned 10 June 2023)
	Carol Lubale-Buluba (resigned 30 June 2022)
	Assiatu Jalloh (resigned 30 June 2022)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, telephone advice for professionals; and online resources.

Systemic change: addressing systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

We worked with 433 families, including 199 new clients.

24% had limited leave to remain with no recourse to public funds and 55% were undocumented.

93% of our clients were women, and 73% were lone parents.

We worked with clients from 64 different countries. 41% were Nigerian and 14% were Ghanaian.

72% of our clients lived in London, with larger numbers in Southeast and East London.

54% of clients had tried to access support under s.17 before they approached us, and 69% of those had been refused. Families who had been turned away from social services experienced a wide range of problems, including inadequate housing and homelessness, not having enough money, domestic abuse, threats to safety and exploitation.

Project 17 supported 200 families (46%) to access accommodation, and 217 (50%) families to access financial support under s.17.

66% of clients accessed foodbank vouchers, 22% received a grant from Project 17 and 14% received an external grant. 4% accessed our Hotel Fund.

We asked for feedback from 30 clients. 83% rated the service as 10/10 and 100% said they better understood their options after speaking to us. One client said "it is very different now. I was mentally and emotionally drained. I was pregnant. I got support in all possible ways beyond my expectations."

Capacity building:

We delivered 23 training sessions to 536 participants.

- 100% rated the training excellent or good (67% excellent, 33% good)
- 90% say their knowledge has improved since training (the other 10% rated their knowledge as on same level after training)
- 100% say it was useful for their role

Feedback included:

"Really approachable trainers who thoughtfully and comprehensively answered everything we asked."

"Informative and very useful. Excellent trainers, useful information for us to take back to work practices and challenge decisions. Case studies and discussions were excellent."

This year we reviewed and updated our resources and launched a new website.

We responded to 452 queries on our advice line, up from 331 last year. We collected feedback from 32 callers. 100% said they found the advice helpful. Feedback included: "I received some incredible advice on the best way to proceed with applying to the Local Authority for section 17 of the Children Act 1989 for emergency support and subsistence payments for a mother and her 2 small children. I was also given a template letter to make a requests, and further advice on things to look out for and be aware of when making the request. The advice was superb."

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Strategic work:

We have continued to work with United Impact, a group of clients affected by NRPF interested in building solidarity and creating strategic change. The group worked on a range of issues, including a photography project documenting their experiences; responding to a DWP consultation; and participating in parliamentary events. Evaluation of the project show that people felt they had more opportunities to talk to people in power, and felt more supported and able to share their thoughts and feelings around having NRPF.

At the local authority level, we have engaged with Croydon, Newham, Southwark and Birmingham. We have worked with Southwark and Newham to increase the rates of subsistence support provided to families receiving s.17. In Birmingham, we have been focusing on good practice, provide training for their teams and working with local organisations to reduce gatekeeping and ensure those in need of support can access it. Croydon has been less receptive to our attempts to engage, and we have recently submitted a long letter of complaint outlining various issues with the implementation of support. This is yet to be resolved, and will likely go to the Local Government Ombudsman for adjudication.

On a national level, we hold the co-secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on No Recourse to Public Funds. We held three events last year, giving parliamentarians the opportunity to hear from people directly affected by NRPF, as well as working with experts to provide briefings and evidence. We also worked with larger organisation and networks, reviewing, supporting and providing evidence for parliamentary briefings and consultations.

We have also supported change through litigation, including a joint project with Southwark Law Centre and Garden Court Chambers looking at the implementation of s.22 Children and Families Act, trying to improve the support children with special educational needs and disabilities receive during the s.17 assessment process. We have been building up an evidence base through FOI requests, reviews of case data and working with a focus group, with the intention of engaging in litigation to ensure councils fulfil their duties to refer and assess under s.22.

Financial review

Project 17's income streams remained robust with total income for the year of £350,523, a slight increase compared to the prior year comparative of £340,508. However this was achieved against a backdrop of rising costs resulting from exceptional levels of inflation. Total expenditure for the year was £368,823 compared to £342,413 for the year ended 31 March 2022. Overall, this resulted in a net expense of £18,300 for the year, compared to a net expense of £1,905 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

We are conscious of the impact that the prevailing levels of inflation and associated cost of living crisis is having on all of our stakeholders. Looking ahead we will continue to manage our finances carefully, balancing the rising costs impacting our clients and staff alongside the challenges the economic environment poses to our funders.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organization, being the unforeseen loss of funding or incurring unforeseen expenditure, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2023, reserves were £238,770, equivalent to over six months of Project 17's total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year. While this amount exceeds the reserves policy, in light of the level of funding still to be secured for the coming financial year, it is expected that reserves will be required to supplement Project 17's restricted funds.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

- Advertising online (our website, public forums, social media) and approaching people directly.
- Potential trustees submit a CV and covering letter that are reviewed by all trustees.
- The Chair and Director hold an informal interview.
- Potential trustees sit in on part of a Board meeting.
- New trustees are voted onto the Board.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

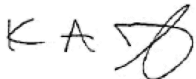
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 16.09.2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Kamena Dorling
Trustee

Project Seventeen

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.



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John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 26.10.2023
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	118,018	-	118,018	63,431
Charitable activities	3	<u>2</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>232,505</u>	<u>277,077</u>
Total Income		<u>118,020</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>350,523</u>	<u>340,508</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>(27,516)</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>	<u>(342,413)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(27,516)</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>	<u>(342,413)</u>
Net movement in funds		90,504	(108,804)	(18,300)	(1,905)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>148,266</u>	<u>209,998</u>	<u>358,264</u>	<u>360,169</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>238,770</u></u>	<u><u>101,194</u></u>	<u><u>339,964</u></u>	<u><u>358,264</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	63,431	-	63,431
Charitable activities	3	<u>232</u>	<u>276,845</u>	<u>277,077</u>
Total Income		<u>63,663</u>	<u>276,845</u>	<u>340,508</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(35,634)</u>	<u>(306,779)</u>	<u>(342,413)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,634)</u>	<u>(306,779)</u>	<u>(342,413)</u>
Net movement in funds		28,029	(29,934)	(1,905)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>120,237</u>	<u>239,932</u>	<u>360,169</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>148,266</u></u>	<u><u>209,998</u></u>	<u><u>358,264</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Project Seventeen

(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,210	5,305
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>340,140</u>	<u>369,086</u>
		341,350	374,391
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,386)</u>	<u>(16,127)</u>
Net assets		<u>339,964</u>	<u>358,264</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	101,194	209,998
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>238,770</u>	<u>148,266</u>
Total funds	12	<u>339,964</u>	<u>358,264</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16.09.2023. and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Timothy Bull
Trustee

Project Seventeen

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Project Seventeen meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	9,899	9,899	-
Donations from individuals	11,369	11,369	3,431
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	96,750	96,750	60,000
	118,018	118,018	63,431

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants	-	217,912	217,912	275,245
Training income	-	13,995	13,995	-
Sundry income	2	596	598	1,832
	2	232,503	232,505	277,077

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Cenkos Securities	9,899	-	9,899
LHA London	-	20,000	20,000
AB Charitable Trust	27,500	-	27,500
Client Grant Partners	-	5,999	5,999
Lloyds Bank Foundation	27,250	-	27,250
Mercers	-	25,000	25,000
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	32,000	-	32,000
Justice Together Initiative	-	27,218	27,218
London Catalyst	-	1,500	1,500
Matrix	-	3,000	3,000
Hillcote Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Other Individual donors	11,369	-	11,369
Reaching Communities	-	57,956	57,956
Strategic Legal Fund	-	7,224	7,224
Taurus Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Trust for London	-	30,015	30,015
The Blue Moon Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Anonymous	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>118,018</u>	<u>217,912</u>	<u>335,930</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
APPG Events	-	8	8	90
Client grants	-	15,225	15,225	14,965
Clinical supervision	-	1,233	1,233	1,848
Equipment	253	1,214	1,467	1,578
Freelance costs	-	2,371	2,371	6,917
Interpreting costs	-	1,769	1,769	269
Insurance	283	-	283	521
Legal & professional fees	1,386	-	1,386	1,320
Office supplies	408	1,720	2,128	1,427
Other expenses	268	70	338	1,097
Printing	-	1,062	1,062	942
Solidarity group expenses	-	10,844	10,844	3,983
Rent	1,462	12,302	13,764	13,669
Salaries NIC & pensions	22,249	285,768	308,017	286,264
Staff expenses	285	2,933	3,218	2,285
Subscriptions	35	162	197	233
Telephone & internet	150	1,351	1,501	1,490
Trustee expenses	368	-	368	53
Training	240	346	586	1,167
Volunteer expenses	-	320	320	19
Website & database	29	2,609	2,638	2,276
Recruitment costs	100	-	100	-
	<u>27,516</u>	<u>341,307</u>	<u>368,823</u>	<u>342,413</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	267,890	261,428
Social security costs	27,256	15,223
Pension costs	12,871	9,613
	<u>308,017</u>	<u>286,264</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Monthly paid staff	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

11 (2022 - 11) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £41,332 (2022 - £38,288).

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	1,210	927
Other debtors	-	4,378
	<u>1,210</u>	<u>5,305</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	<u>340,140</u>	<u>369,086</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>1,386</u>	<u>16,127</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

11 Commitments

Capital commitments

The charity has a short term lease for the premises under which either party may give 60 days notice. The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	148,266	118,020	(27,516)	238,770
Restricted funds				
Client grants	-	5,999	(5,999)	-
Advice	63,013	160,189	(163,790)	59,412
Capacity building	27,464	26,495	(46,515)	7,444
Policy	99,708	32,724	(115,776)	16,656
Destitution fund	6,230	3,250	(5,140)	4,340
Hotel fund	6,323	596	(1,466)	5,453
Small grants fund	7,260	3,250	(2,621)	7,889
Total restricted funds	<u>209,998</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>101,194</u>
Total funds	<u>358,264</u>	<u>350,523</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>	<u>339,964</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for clients left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	120,237	63,663	(35,634)	148,266
Restricted				
Client grants	-	1,484	(1,484)	-
Advice	106,350	116,356	(159,693)	63,013
Capacity building	21,924	49,054	(43,514)	27,464
Policy	94,316	94,000	(88,608)	99,708
Destitution fund	4,577	7,975	(6,322)	6,230
Hotel fund	8,575	-	(2,252)	6,323
Small grants fund	4,190	7,976	(4,906)	7,260
Total restricted funds	<u>239,932</u>	<u>276,845</u>	<u>(306,779)</u>	<u>209,998</u>
Total funds	<u><u>360,169</u></u>	<u><u>340,508</u></u>	<u><u>(342,413)</u></u>	<u><u>358,264</u></u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2023
	General £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	240,156	101,194	341,350
Current liabilities	(1,386)	-	(1,386)
Total net assets	<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>
	Unrestricted funds		Total funds at
	General £	Restricted funds £	31 March 2022 £
Current assets	149,586	224,805	374,391
Current liabilities	(1,320)	(14,807)	(16,127)
Total net assets	<u>148,266</u>	<u>209,998</u>	<u>358,264</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

15 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination	1,155	1,100
	<u>1,155</u>	<u>1,100</u>

PROJECT SEVENTEEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1152621

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kamena Dorling, Chair Timothy Bull, Treasurer Rebecca Aoude Elizabeth Fry Clare Jennings Ruvimbo Mutyambizi Gwawr Thomas
Senior Management Team	Abigail Brunswick, Director
Principal Office	St Joseph's Hospice Mare Street London E8 4SA
Charity Registration Number	1152621
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kamena Dorling, Chair
	Timothy Bull, Treasurer
	Rebecca Aoude
	Elizabeth Fry
	Clare Jennings
	Ruvimbo Mutyambizi (appointed 22 May 2021)
	Gwawr Thomas
	Assiatu Jalloh (resigned 30 June 2022)
	Caroline Lubale-Balube (resigned 30 June 2022)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, telephone advice for professionals; and online resources.

Systemic change: addressing systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

Advice and advocacy:

We worked with 396 families, including 205 new clients.

31% had limited leave to remain with no recourse to public funds and 53% were undocumented.

92% of our clients were women, and 71% were lone parents.

We worked with clients from 60 different countries. 44% were Nigerian and 14% were Ghanaian.

66% of our clients lived in London, with larger numbers in Southeast and East London.

53% of clients had tried to access support under s.17 before they approached us, and 73% of those had been refused. Families who had been turned away from social services experienced a wide range of problems, including inadequate housing and homelessness, not having enough money, domestic abuse, threats to safety and exploitation.

Project 17 supported 61% of families to request support from local authorities under s.17. Of these, 85% accessed subsistence support and 83% accessed accommodation.

We issued 247 food bank vouchers. 43% received a payment from our destitution fund and 30% received a grant. 4% accessed our Hotel Fund.

We asked for feedback from 30 clients. 97% said Project helped improve their situation, and 100% better understood their options after working with us. One client said: "I would say they made a huge difference in my life. I was homeless with my 4 year old. Project 17 was a lifeline for us. Above all they told me about my rights, where everyone else told me that I have no rights."

Capacity building:

We delivered 24 training sessions to 489 participants.

- 100% rated the training excellent or good (80% excellent, 20% good)
- 90% say their knowledge has improved since training (the other 10% rated their knowledge as on same level after training)
- 94% say it was useful or extremely useful to their role
- 95% said they were more confident in supporting families with NRPF (either through knowing support options, making s17 referrals or challenging refusals)

Feedback included:

"The training was one of the best training I have ever attended. Excellent."

"A fantastic, engaging session and a very knowledgeable trainer"

"Can confidently say it's the best zoom training I've ever had. It's made me feel a lot more confident about doing these cases in future. Thanks so much!"

This year we reviewed and updated all our online resources. We also developed a number of new factsheets.

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We responded to 331 queries on our advice line. We collected feedback from 34 callers. 94% said they found the advice helpful. Feedback included: "You gave me confidence to act on behalf of families who need support." "Knowledgeable and thorough answers." "Talked me through step by step and with different outcomes". "Working with people with NRPF where a lot of doors get closed, Project 17 was a ray of light!"

Strategic work:

We supported strategic litigation that extended healthy start vouchers to most families with NRPF and provided witness evidence to support a judicial review that successfully extended the European Settlement scheme to parents of British children.

We provided evidence to consultations on the future of social care, the DWP's review into NRPF, and the extension of early nursery places. which has led to some positive recommendations, some of which have already been adopted (e.g. the permanent extension of free school meals to all children in NRPF households).

We worked with a group former clients interested building solidarity and creating social change. There are now 60 group members. They meet weekly and have identified their own policy priorities and work plan, which we support and facilitate.

Financial review

While income decreased compared to the prior year, Project 17's finances remained resilient and continued to support the charity's growth despite the challenges presented by the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic environment. Total income for the year was £340,508 compared to £408,851 in the year ended 31 March 2021, whilst total expenditure for the year was £342,413 compared to £248,835. Overall, this resulted in a net expense of £1,905 for the year, compared to net income of £160,016 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Looking ahead, we will continue to closely monitor our financial position in light of the prevailing inflationary environment. We are conscious of the potential impact this may have on the wider funding pool, particularly in the context of recent years when additional disbursements may have been made due to the COVID-19 pandemic such that the scope for additional funding may be limited.

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organization, being the unforeseen loss of funding or incurring unforeseen expenditure, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2022, reserves were £148,266, equivalent to over four months of Project 17's total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

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Trustees' Report

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

- Advertising online (our website, public forums, social media) and approaching people directly.
- Potential trustees submit a CV and covering letter that are reviewed by all trustees.
- The Chair and Director hold an informal interview.
- Potential trustees sit in on part of a Board meeting.
- New trustees are voted onto the Board.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on^{26/11/2022}..... and signed on its behalf by:

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.....
Kamena Dorling
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

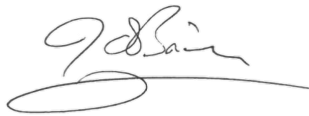
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.



.....
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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41 Talbot Street
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Date:.....05/12/2022.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	63,431	-	63,431	92,637
Charitable activities	3	232	276,845	277,077	316,214
Total Income		<u>63,663</u>	<u>276,845</u>	<u>340,508</u>	<u>408,851</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(35,634)	(306,779)	(342,413)	(248,835)
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,634)</u>	<u>(306,779)</u>	<u>(342,413)</u>	<u>(248,835)</u>
Net movement in funds		28,029	(29,934)	(1,905)	160,016
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>120,237</u>	<u>239,932</u>	<u>360,169</u>	<u>200,153</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>148,266</u>	<u>209,998</u>	<u>358,264</u>	<u>360,169</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 13.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	92,637	-	92,637
Charitable activities	3	<u>1,272</u>	<u>314,942</u>	<u>316,214</u>
Total Income		<u>93,909</u>	<u>314,942</u>	<u>408,851</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(34,773)</u>	<u>(214,062)</u>	<u>(248,835)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(34,773)</u>	<u>(214,062)</u>	<u>(248,835)</u>
Net movement in funds		59,136	100,880	160,016
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>61,101</u>	<u>139,052</u>	<u>200,153</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>120,237</u></u>	<u><u>239,932</u></u>	<u><u>360,169</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	5,305	2,257
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>369,086</u>	<u>359,112</u>
		374,391	361,369
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(16,127)</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>
Net assets		<u>358,264</u>	<u>360,169</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	13	209,998	239,932
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>148,266</u>	<u>120,237</u>
Total funds	13	<u>358,264</u>	<u>360,169</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..26/11/2022... and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Timothy Bull
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Project Seventeen meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	-	-	23,411
Donations from individuals	3,431	3,431	14,226
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	60,000	60,000	55,000
	63,431	63,431	92,637
	63,431	63,431	92,637

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants	-	275,245	275,245	314,942
Training income	-	-	-	1,200
Sundry income	232	1,600	1,832	72
	232	1,600	1,832	72
	232	1,600	1,832	72

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4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	60,000	60,000
Trust for London	-	30,055	30,055
Oak Foundation	-	47,454	47,454
London Community Response Fund	-	42,835	42,835
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	30,000	30,000
LHA London	-	16,667	16,667
AB Charitable Trust	25,000	-	25,000
Two Magpies	15,000	-	15,000
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	10,000	-	10,000
Deciem	-	5,950	5,950
Hillcote Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Coventry University	-	4,000	4,000
Mercers	-	25,000	25,000
Social Venture Partners London	-	1,800	1,800
Other Grants & Donations	8,431	11,484	19,915
	<u>63,431</u>	<u>275,245</u>	<u>338,676</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
APPG Events	-	90	90	80
Client grants	-	14,965	14,965	10,031
Clinical supervision	-	1,848	1,848	1,100
Equipment	29	1,549	1,578	5,590
Freelance & recruitment costs	375	6,542	6,917	1,621
Insurance	521	-	521	511
Interpreting costs	-	269	269	30
Legal & professional fees	1,320	-	1,320	1,455
Office supplies	245	1,182	1,427	1,523
Other expenses	795	302	1,097	100
Printing	-	942	942	701
Rent	1,367	12,302	13,669	11,601
Salaries NIC & pensions	30,054	256,210	286,264	206,824
Solidarity group expenses	-	3,983	3,983	-
Staff expenses	398	1,887	2,285	752
Subscriptions	83	150	233	265
Telephone & internet	131	1,359	1,490	1,649
Training	263	904	1,167	960
Trustee expenses	53	-	53	44
Volunteer expenses	-	19	19	608
Website & database	-	2,276	2,276	3,390
	<u>35,634</u>	<u>306,779</u>	<u>342,413</u>	<u>248,835</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	261,428	189,540
Social security costs	15,223	13,014
Pension costs	9,613	4,270
	<u>286,264</u>	<u>206,824</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Monthly paid staff	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

11 (2021 - 8) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £38,288 (2021 - £37,081).

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	927	927
Other debtors	4,378	1,330
	<u>5,305</u>	<u>2,257</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank	<u>369,086</u>	<u>359,112</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	16,127	1,200

12 Commitments

Capital commitments

The charity has a short term lease for the premises under which either party may give 60 days notice. The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £Nil (2021 - £Nil).

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	120,237	63,663	(35,634)	148,266
Restricted funds				
Client grants	-	1,484	(1,484)	-
Advice	106,350	116,356	(159,693)	63,013
Capacity building	21,924	49,054	(43,514)	27,464
Policy	94,316	94,000	(88,608)	99,708
Destitution fund	4,577	7,975	(6,322)	6,230
Hotel fund	8,575	-	(2,252)	6,323
Small grants fund	4,190	7,976	(4,906)	7,260
Total restricted funds	239,932	276,845	(306,779)	209,998
Total funds	360,169	340,508	(342,413)	358,264

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for clients left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds; and

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation.

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	61,100	93,910	(34,773)	-	120,237
Restricted					
Client grants	13,009	2,069	(1,536)	(13,542)	-
Advice	88,735	154,571	(136,956)	-	106,350
Capacity building	10,617	45,442	(34,135)	-	21,924
Policy	26,691	100,565	(32,940)	-	94,316
Destitution fund	-	5,140	(4,732)	4,169	4,577
Hotel fund	-	61	(859)	9,373	8,575
Small grants fund	-	7,094	(2,904)	-	4,190
Total restricted funds	139,052	314,942	(214,062)	-	239,932
Total funds	200,152	408,852	(248,835)	-	360,169

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Current assets	149,586	224,805	374,391
Current liabilities	<u>(1,320)</u>	<u>(14,807)</u>	<u>(16,127)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>148,266</u></u>	<u><u>209,998</u></u>	<u><u>358,264</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2021 £
Current assets	121,437	239,932	361,369
Current liabilities	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>120,237</u></u>	<u><u>239,932</u></u>	<u><u>360,169</u></u>

15 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination	1,100	1,000
	<u><u>1,100</u></u>	<u><u>1,000</u></u>

PROJECT SEVENTEEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1152621

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Clare Jennings

Gwawr Thomas

Carol Lubale-Buluba

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees

Kamena Dorling, Chair (appointed 22 August 2020)

Timothy Bull, Treasurer (appointed 27 March 2021)

Clare Jennings

Gwawr Thomas

Carol Lubale-Buluba (appointed 27 March 2021)

Elizabeth Fry (appointed 27 March 2021)

Rebecca Aoude (appointed 25 April 2020)

Assiatu Jalloh (appointed 22 May 2021)

Ruvimbo Mutyambizi (appointed 22 May 2021)

Rupinder Parhar (resigned 11 July 2020)

Oluwatosin Kuforiji (resigned 11 July 2020)

Sue Causton (resigned 11 July 2020)

Claire Kaleab McGuinness (resigned 21 November 2020)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, telephone advice for professionals; and online resources.

Systemic change: addressing systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

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Trustees' Report

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Advice and advocacy

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on our frontline work. At the start of first lockdown, we began taking on clients remotely, rather than working face-to-face. This presented some logistical difficulties, made it harder to build trusting relationships, and resulted in casework taking longer. However, we found that we were able to take on clients from anywhere in England, and in some ways, it made the service more accessible as clients did not have to travel or find childcare to attend appointments.

The frontline service worked with 260 families, including taking on 159 new clients. 87% were women and 65% were lone parents. 97% were Black or from other minoritised ethnic groups.

54% of clients were undocumented when they approached us, and 30% had limited leave on human rights grounds with no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

Our clients were based in 45 local authorities across England, including 23 councils outside London.

57% of clients had already asked a local authority for support before they approached us. Of those, 72% had been completely refused support. Those refused support reported not having enough money for basic essentials; living in inadequate housing or facing street homelessness; experiencing threats to safety and domestic abuse.

When Project 17 referred families for support they still experienced problems, including delays in accessing support and assessments, being told to rely on friends and family or being told that no support was available. Some also experienced aggression from local authority staff, and had their credibility attacked.

80% of families received some kind of support following our intervention. 43% received help from Project 17's own Destitution Fund, foodbank vouchers, grants, and/or destitution support in kind. 10% were granted leave to remain and 25% were granted recourse to public funds while we were working with them. 43% accessed subsistence under section 17, and 42% accessed accommodation. Other positive outcomes included access to free school meals, nursery and health access, National Referral Mechanism support and asylum support.

70% of clients reported difficulties relating to COVID-19. The most common issues were reduced support from friends and family (37%); loss of employment (25%), and difficulty accessing enough food (16%). 49% said they would face significant barriers if they needed to self-isolate. The most common barrier was lack of adequate space. Many parents reported that children were not able to keep up with schoolwork, largely because of a lack of a computer, internet access, or space.

Capacity building

Prior to the first COVID-19 lockdown, all our training was delivered face to face. We paused training from March to June 2020, and then moved our sessions online. We delivered 12 online sessions over the course of the year, to around 400 participants. 99% of participants rated the training 'excellent' or 'good', and 88% rated their knowledge after the training as 'excellent' or 'good'.

The volume of calls to our telephone advice line for professionals increased by 47% on last year to 456 calls. 21% of calls involved additional support, including checking referrals, sending letter templates or other resources. 80% of callers said the advice line was 'very helpful', and a further 14% said it was 'a bit helpful'.

We began an overhaul of our online resources, which is continuing into next year and will include a revamp of our website and more accessible materials for individuals and advisers.

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Trustees' Report

Strategic change

Our strategic work pivoted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, recognising the disproportionate impact the pandemic and accompanying restrictions have had on people excluded from mainstream welfare.

In May 2020, Project 17 acted as intervener on the case of R(W, A Child By His Litigation Friend J) v SSHD & Anor [2020] EWHC 1299, a judicial review challenging the lawfulness of the Home Office's NRPF policy on the basis that it caused vulnerable people to become destitute. Our intervention provided evidence that the NRPF policy puts families with NRPF at risk of destitution, and that the support provided by local authorities under s.17 is not an adequate safety net to prevent destitution. We were also able to use our evidence base to highlight the increased risk to destitution caused by COVID-19 and the accompanying restrictions. The case was successful. The court accepted that the NRPF policy did not give effect to the Home Office's obligations under Article 3 ECHR: it did not prevent destitution.

Project 17 also supported strategic litigation which has successfully extended free school meals, early nursery places and pupil premiums to most (although not all) families with NRPF, supporting clients to act as claimants and providing witness evidence.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a new national focus to NRPF. More organisations are working on NRPF than in previous years, with Citizen's Advice, JCWI, The Children's Society and others bringing their platforms and connections to the issue. We have worked closely with these organisations and others, feeding in our niche expertise and experience, adding depth and specificity to the sector's messaging. This has had impact, with parliamentary questions, debates and public campaigns starting to take shape.

On a local level, Newham signed up to our Children's Charter, demonstrating a commitment to centring children's needs and views in the s.17 process. Lewisham also applied but, on reviewing our cases and speaking to other organisations in the area we did not feel that they were upholding the standards in the charter. We are now meeting with them to discuss positive changes they can make.

We have secured additional funding to support and resource a group of people affected by NRPF who are interested in creating strategic change. We are in the initial stages of recruiting members, but over time we hope the group will set its own policy priorities, feed into and eventually lead our wider strategic work.

Financial review

Notwithstanding the challenging economic environment presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Project 17's income streams remained robust in the year ended 31 March 2021. The total income for the year was £408,851 compared to £245,696 in the year ended 31 March 2020, whilst the total expenditure for the year was £248,835 compared to £193,324 for the year ended 31 March 2020. Overall, this resulted in net income of £160,016 for the year, compared to £52,372 for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The net income for the year of £160,016 resulted in an increase in restricted funds of £100,880 and unrestricted funds of £59,136 respectively. As at 31 March 2021 Project 17's total funds were £360,169 of which £239,932 were restricted and £120,237 were unrestricted.

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Trustees' Report

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organisation, primarily unforeseen loss of funding or unforeseen expenditure being incurred, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2021, reserves were £120,237, equivalent to four months of total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

- Advertising online (our website, public forums, social media) and approaching people directly.
- Potential trustees submit a CV and covering letter that are reviewed by all trustees.
- The Chair and Director hold an informal interview.
- Potential trustees sit in on part of a Board meeting.
- New trustees are voted onto the Board.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ...7.8.21... and signed on its behalf by:

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Kamena Dorling
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

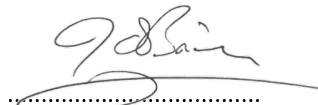
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.



John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date:.....12/08/2021.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	92,637	-	92,637	43,815
Charitable activities	3	1,272	314,942	316,214	201,881
Total Income		93,909	314,942	408,851	245,696
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(34,773)	(214,062)	(248,835)	(193,324)
Total Expenditure		(34,773)	(214,062)	(248,835)	(193,324)
Net movement in funds		59,136	100,880	160,016	52,372
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		61,101	139,052	200,153	147,781
Total funds carried forward	12	120,237	239,932	360,169	200,153

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	43,815	-	43,815
Charitable activities	3	3,400	198,481	201,881
Total Income		47,215	198,481	245,696
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(29,495)	(163,829)	(193,324)
Total Expenditure		(29,495)	(163,829)	(193,324)
Net movement in funds		17,720	34,652	52,372
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		43,381	104,400	147,781
Total funds carried forward	12	61,101	139,052	200,153

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(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,257	927
Cash at bank and in hand		359,112	199,226
		<u>361,369</u>	<u>200,153</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
	10	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u>360,169</u>	<u>200,153</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds			
		239,932	139,052
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>120,237</u>	<u>61,101</u>
Total funds	12	<u>360,169</u>	<u>200,153</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 7.8.21
and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Timothy Bull
Trustee

Project Seventeen

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Project Seventeen meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General		
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	23,411	23,411	-
Donations from individuals	14,226	14,226	3,365
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	55,000	55,000	40,450
	<u>92,637</u>	<u>92,637</u>	<u>43,815</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2021	Total 2020
	General	Restricted funds		
	£	£	£	£
Grants	-	314,942	314,942	198,481
Training income	1,200	-	1,200	3,400
Sundry income	72	-	72	-
	<u>1,272</u>	<u>314,942</u>	<u>316,214</u>	<u>201,881</u>

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4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	131,310	131,310
Oak Foundation	-	44,331	44,331
Tudor Trust	-	43,500	43,500
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	22,500	22,500
Mercers Company	-	25,000	25,000
Migration Exchange	-	10,000	10,000
LHA London	-	10,000	10,000
Trust for London	-	6,737	6,737
Blue Moon	-	5,000	5,000
Matrix	-	3,000	3,000
Social Venture Partners London	-	4,200	4,200
Network for Social Change Charitable Trust	-	7,095	7,095
Cenkos Securities plc	23,411	-	23,411
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	20,000	-	20,000
AB Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000
Anon	10,000	-	10,000
Blue Thread	5,000	-	5,000
Sundry Donations	14,226	2,269	16,495
	<u>92,637</u>	<u>314,942</u>	<u>407,579</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
APPG Events	-	80	80	-
Client grants	-	10,031	10,031	6,963
Clinical supervision	150	950	1,100	-
Equipment	1,236	4,354	5,590	-
Freelance & recruitment costs	750	871	1,621	100
Insurance	511	-	511	449
Interpreting costs	-	30	30	-
Legal & professional fees	1,200	-	1,200	-
Litigation	-	255	255	-
Office supplies	866	657	1,523	4,611
Other expenses	100	-	100	-
Printing	-	701	701	-
Rent	1,160	10,441	11,601	13,119
Salaries NIC & pensions	27,698	179,126	206,824	159,853
Staff expenses	408	344	752	615
Subscriptions	35	230	265	-
Telephone & internet	116	1,533	1,649	1,997
Training	499	461	960	1,883
Trustee expenses	44	-	44	-
Volunteer expenses	-	608	608	432
Website & database	-	3,390	3,390	3,302
	34,773	214,062	248,835	193,324

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	189,540	143,236
Social security costs	13,014	13,127
Pension costs	4,270	3,490
	206,824	159,853

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The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Monthly paid staff	8	5

8 (2020 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £4,270 (2020 - £3,490).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £41,859 (2020 - £30,550).

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	927	927
Other debtors	1,330	-
	<u>2,257</u>	<u>927</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>1,200</u>

11 Commitments

Capital commitments

The charity has a short term lease for the premises under which either party may give 60 days notice. The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

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12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	61,101	93,909	(34,773)	-	120,237
Restricted funds					
Client grants	13,009	2,068	(1,535)	(13,542)	-
Advice	88,735	154,571	(136,956)	-	106,350
Capacity building	10,617	45,442	(34,135)	-	21,924
Policy	26,691	100,565	(32,940)	-	94,316
Destitution fund	-	5,140	(4,732)	4,169	4,577
Hotel fund	-	61	(859)	9,373	8,575
Small grants fund	-	7,095	(2,905)	-	4,190
Total restricted funds	139,052	314,942	(214,062)	-	239,932
Total funds	200,153	408,851	(248,835)	-	360,169

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for families left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds; and

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation.

Transfers within the Restricted Funds have been made to reflect the separate presentation of the Destitution fund and Hotel fund, which were previously presented in aggregate within the Client grants.

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	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>				
General fund	43,381	47,215	(29,495)	61,101
Restricted funds				
Client grants	7,498	12,474	(6,963)	13,009
Advice	40,510	135,393	(87,168)	88,735
Capacity building	42,547	3,200	(35,130)	10,617
Policy	13,845	47,414	(34,568)	26,691
Total restricted funds	104,400	198,481	(163,829)	139,052
Total funds	147,781	245,696	(193,324)	200,153

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		2021
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	121,437	239,932	361,369
Current liabilities	(1,200)	-	(1,200)
Total net assets	120,237	239,932	360,169
	Unrestricted funds		2020
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	61,101	139,052	200,153

14 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination	1,000	-
	1,000	-