

Birmingham Muslim Burial Council

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

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**Birmingham Muslim Burial Council**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Charity</b>	Birmingham Muslim Burial Council
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1153182
<b>Principal address</b>	803 Walsall Road Great Barr Birmingham B421EP

**Trustees**

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

Dr Fouad Siddiqui  
Dr Mohammed Waheed  
Zainul Abedien Kazi  
Masood Hussain  
Salim Chikhliwala  
Habib Rehman  
Aftab Chughtai MBE  
Yaseen Chikhliwala  
Gulam Teladia



<b>Independent examiners</b>	Sigma Chartered Accountants 862-864 Washwood Heath Road Washwood Heath Birmingham B8 2NG
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

..... 29 October 2021  
Yaseen Chikhliwala

**Birmingham Muslim Burial Council**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 examiners statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable 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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Jawaid Yakoob FCA (8462707)

Sigma Chartered Accountants  
862-864 Washwood Heath Road  
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29 October 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2019 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	53,844	1,098
Other trading activities	3	1,400	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>55,244</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	4/5	(29,448)	(410)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(29,448)</b>	<b>(410)</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>25,796</b>	<b>688</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		9,297	8,609
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>35,093</b>	<b>9,297</b>

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Statement of Financial Position  
As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	4,104	-
		<b>4,104</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		46,966	9,297
		<b>46,966</b>	<b>9,297</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(360)	-
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>46,606</b>	<b>9,297</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>50,710</b>	<b>9,297</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	(15,617)	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>35,093</b>	<b>9,297</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds	12	35,093	9,297
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>35,093</b>	<b>9,297</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Yaseen Chikhliwala  
Trustee  
29 October 2021

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Birmingham Muslim Burial Council 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 note(s).

**Going concern**

**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Donations received	53,844	1,098
	<b>53,844</b>	<b>1,098</b>

**3. Income earned from other activities**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Trading Income	1,400	-
	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>

**4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Burial Service	28,113	-
Support costs	1,335	410
	<b>29,448</b>	<b>410</b>

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**5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>		
Burial Service	29,448	410

**6. Analysis of support costs**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Governance costs	1,335	410

**7. Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	456	-
Accountancy fees	360	110

**8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities**

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.



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**9. Tangible fixed assets**

Cost or valuation	Plant and Machinery £
Additions	4,560
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,560</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
Charge for year	456
At 31 December 2020	<u>456</u>
<b>Net book values</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>4,104</u></u>

**10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	360	-
	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>

**11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	15,617	-
	<u>15,617</u>	<u>-</u>

**12. Movement in funds**

**Unrestricted Funds**

	Balance at 01/01/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/12/2020 £
<i>General</i>				
General	9,297	55,244	(29,448)	35,093
	<u>9,297</u>	<u>55,244</u>	<u>(29,448)</u>	<u>35,093</u>

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**Unrestricted Funds - Previous year**

	Balance at 01/01/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2019
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	8,609	1,098	(410)	9,297
	<b>8,609</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>(410)</b>	<b>9,297</b>

**Purpose of unrestricted Funds**

General

These funds are received by Birmingham Muslim Burial Council with no particular preference expressed by donors.

**13. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General	4,104	46,606	(15,617)	35,093
	<b>4,104</b>	<b>46,606</b>	<b>(15,617)</b>	<b>35,093</b>

**Previous year**

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General	-	9,297	-	9,297
	<b>-</b>	<b>9,297</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,297</b>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENT</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	53,844	1,098
	<b>53,844</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Income from Trading Income	1,400	-
	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>55,244</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(28,113)	-
	<b>(28,113)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Governance costs	(1,335)	(410)
	<b>(1,335)</b>	<b>(410)</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>(29,448)</b>	<b>(410)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>25,796</b>	<b>688</b>

# **Trustee Report**

## **Particulars**

Charity Name: Birmingham Muslim Burial Council

Working Name: BMBC

Charity number: 1153182

## **Principal Address:**

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## **Board of Trustees**

Aftab Chughtai MBE

Gulam Teladia

Dr Fouad Siddiqui

Dr Mohammed Waheed

Yaseen Chikhliwala

Zainul Abedien Kazi

Masood Hussain

Salim Chikhliwala

Habib Rehman

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Association's objects (the "objects") are:-

- i. Advancement of Islamic faith by meeting the religious needs of the Muslim community in Birmingham in relation to the procedures and practices relating to the burial of the deceased.
- ii. To advance the education of general public in relation to Islamic burial procedures of the deceased.

### **Organisational Structure**

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet together as a body regularly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to the running and the activities provided by BMBC. To assist in the smooth running of the charity, the trustees have set up sub-committees that help them oversee certain aspects of the charity's work. In 2020, a Covid-19 sub-committee was set up to project manage the dynamic impact of the pandemic, the chair of trustees chaired this sub committee and key decisions were taken back to the full board of trustees, with recommendations.

### **Activities and achievements**

BMBC aims to act as a Single Point of Contact, providing guidance and material for a dignified burial in current and future policy design, in accordance with the Islamic beliefs. Over the last 11 years we have been working closely with all stakeholders involved in the bereavement process – to improve the process, this includes local authorities, hospital trusts and funeral directors.

This year has been difficult and unprecedented in many ways, in particular the impact of COVID-19 brought a risk to the Muslim community of not having access to perform essential burial rites for their loved family and friends who passed away during the pandemic.

BMBC held and lead a regional conference, working closely with National Burial Council, to ensure the essential funeral rites could be conducted in a safe and controlled way. BMBC set up two operational sites in Birmingham, which has allowed performing essential funeral rites of the loved ones free of charge. In addition, BMBC has also trained over 200 volunteers and certified their participation on the free training course, to help support funeral directors and their community across the whole of the Midlands region.