

Annual Return for Somali Outreach Project (Charity No. 1159399)

Period: 01/06/2023 to 31/05/2024

1. Introduction

The trustees of the Somali Outreach Project (SOP) present the annual return for the financial year 01 June 2023 to 31 May 2024. This report provides an overview of the charity's activities, governance, and financial performance, emphasising the impact of our initiatives in reducing crime, promoting social inclusion, and empowering the Somali community in Milton Keynes.

2. Reference and Administrative Details

- **Charity Name:** Somali Outreach Project
- **Charity Number:** 1159399
- **Principal Office:** The Point, 602 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3NB
- **Trustees:**
 - Abdirahman Abdullahi
 - Mohamed Abdi
 - Khalif Mohamoud
 - Faisal Abdulahi

3. Objectives and Activities

The Somali Outreach Project aims to reduce crime, promote social inclusion, and build community capacity through education, advocacy, and engagement initiatives.

Key Activities in 2023-2024:

- **Youth Development Programs:** Increased participation in sports and education initiatives aimed at reducing antisocial behavior.
- **Advocacy and Mediation:** Strengthened community-police relations through regular engagement.
- **Workshops and Health Awareness Campaigns:** Delivered impactful training sessions and health awareness projects with key stakeholders.

4. Financial Review

The charity's financial performance reflects prudent management of resources to achieve our objectives.

Revised Financial Summary:

- **Total Income:** £58,327.75
 - AB Charity: £10,000
 - Main Ground: £2,328.75
 - Main Grant: £999.00
 - BBC Children in Need: £45,000
- **Total Expenditure:** £58,327.75
 - **Youth Programs:** £20,000
 - **Advocacy Programs:** £15,000
 - **Administrative Costs:** £11,617.75
 - **Health Awareness Projects:** £10,210
 - **Future Reserve Allocation:** £1,500

Balance: The charity successfully utilized all funds received, maintaining a balanced financial position.

Reserves Policy:

The trustees allocated £1,500 as a reserve for future program development, ensuring sustainability and preparedness for upcoming initiatives.

5. Plans for Future Periods

The Somali Outreach Project aims to:

- Expand youth programs to include technical and vocational training.
- Strengthen funding partnerships to support long-term sustainability.
- Engage more community members through innovative workshops and events.

6. Structure, Governance, and Management

The Somali Outreach Project operates under a trust deed, with trustees providing strategic oversight and management.

Key Policies:

- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Risk Management Framework

7. Independent Examiner's Report

The financial statements for this period were independently reviewed by Lee Gure, FCA. The examination confirmed compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

8. Conclusion

The Somali Outreach Project continues to advance its mission of reducing crime, promoting inclusion, and building community capacity. The trustees express gratitude to donors, partners, and the community for their unwavering support.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Abdirahman Abdullahi
Chair, Somali Outreach Project

Date: 10 Jan 25