

# EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1161019

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">07613369</a>
Registered	2015-03-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY ARE:1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, PARTICULARLY BY PROMOTING THE REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GASES (INCLUDING CARBON DIOXIDE, METHANE AND ANY OTHER GASES THAT MAY BE IDENTIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME AS HAVING A GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL); 2) THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY, PARTICULARLY BY THE REDUCTION OF ENERGY BILLS, THROUGH THE ADVANCEMENT AND FACILITATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY MEASURES;3) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION; AND 4) ANY OTHER OBJECTS WHICH ARE CHARITABLE FOR THE TIME BEING UNDER ENGLISH LAW.

**Activities:** Empower Community Foundation oversees, as trustee, local community funds that receive a share of surplus revenues from renewable energy projects invested by Empower Community through, initially Empower Community Solar LLP and Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£5,135,999	£5,325,365	£-3,521,930	0
2024-03-31	£5,567,608	£4,574,363	£-3,248,304	0
2023-03-31	£3,272,140	£3,195,435	£4,241,549	0
2022-03-31	£2,687,055	£2,902,567	£-4,271,079	0
2021-03-31	£99,498	£194,090	-	-
2020-03-31	£161,305	£73,763	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALEX GRAYSON	Chair	2011-04-21
Harish Chhaganlal Kotecha		2019-05-16
Matthew Thomas Pitt		2019-05-16

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE FOUNDATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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<b>Trustees</b>	A Grayson, Chair M Pitt H Kotecha
<b>Company registered number</b>	07613369
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1161019
<b>Registered office</b>	C/O Sedulo London Office 605 Albert House 256-260 Old Street London EC1V 9DD
<b>Independent auditor</b>	MHA Colchester Business Park 910 The Crescent Colchester Essex CO4 9YQ
<b>Bankers</b>	Triodos Bank UK Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the Group and the Foundation qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

**Objectives and activities****a. Policies and objectives**

The Group aims to have a demonstrable impact on causes falling within the Empower Community Foundation's (ECF) objects. The Group and Foundation's key objective for the year was to act as a Trustee to the local community funds which are due to be received from projects where the Group and Foundation has an interest. The projects mainly comprise fully operational and validated solar PV systems which are owned and operated by a special purpose vehicle.

ECF administers and oversees the financial management and allocation of surplus revenue share from projects in favour of communities where the projects are undertaken, in consultation with a Local Community Fund Panel for the rooftop portfolio and via the relevant Community Foundation in the case of the CIC-based solar parks (see below).

ECF's objects have been designed to allow maximum flexibility for each locality to make its own decisions in relation to best application of support for that area, broadly in favour of projects which will reduce or reverse negative social and/or environmental impacts in the local community.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In planning our activities and allocating resources, the trustees have taken into account the Commission's public benefit guidance and ensured our charitable purposes are carried out for the benefit of the public or a sufficient section of it.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

The strategy for the period was to implement the objectives of the Group and Foundation and prepare for future surplus funds to be distributed.

The principle that members of the community local to that project are best placed to identify and recommend the most beneficial recipients and uses of grant funding is embodied in the structure and implementation of the grant making activities of ECF. These are currently the Local Community Fund Panel for Empower Community Solar 1 LLP (known as 'Empower Sunderland') and the use of the ActionFunder online platform for matching.

In each case, ECF Trustees review and approve the most suitable recipients of grant funding as recommended by the local entity.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

The projects have commenced in the special purpose vehicles and the Foundation's share of funds are in the process of being received and distributed.

In the case of Empower Community Solar 1, the primary focus of grant making has been the general improvement and energy efficiency of community centres in the Sunderland area. The covid situation has meant that many of these centres' building improvement plans were stalled, so grant making for these activities slowed during the period, with a number of smaller grants to wider groups such as food banks and women's refuges made instead. Unallocated funds have accrued for future grant making.

Drove Lane Solar Park CIC donated to a grant fund entitled 'Empower Salisbury' via the ActionFunder platform.

New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC donated to a grant fund entitled 'Empower Angus' via the ActionFunder platform.

**Achievements and performance**

**a. Key performance indicators**

Income distributable to charitable beneficiaries is considered to be the key performance indicator. Grants distributed to institutions for community benefit in the year totalled £32,885 (2024 - £98,728), with unallocated funds from one financial year carried over into the next.

**b. Review of activities**

Regarding the activities outlined above, the Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of beneficiaries and to award grants to new projects where appropriate and carry forward any unallocated grant funds where no suitable recipient has yet been identified.

**c. Investment policy and performance**

The Charity's investment policy is to safeguard its assets while seeking to generate appropriate returns to support its charitable purposes over the long term. In exercising their investment powers, the Trustees have regard to their duties under charity law, relevant guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and applicable tax legislation.

Investments are considered in the context of the Charity's overall financial position and planned future activities. The Trustees aim to balance the need for income and capital growth against the requirement to preserve capital and manage risk appropriately.

The Trustees review investment opportunities on a case-by-case basis, having regard to the expected return, the level and nature of risk, liquidity, and the timescale over which funds may be required. Appropriate professional advice is sought where the Trustees consider this necessary.

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**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's financial position, cash flow forecasts and planned activities in assessing whether the going concern basis remains appropriate. In doing so, they have considered expected income and expenditure, the availability of liquid resources and relevant risks and uncertainties. While some uncertainty exists in certain areas of activity, the Trustees continue to monitor the Charity's financial performance and reserves position and are satisfied that adequate resources are available to enable the Charity to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**b. Reserves policy**

The Group and Foundation is not currently exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require to be ameliorated by emergency expenditure.

The Group aims to maintain a level of reserves in future sufficient to enable its project and donor activities to be undertaken year on year once funding is received. At the year end, there was a deficit in unrestricted funds of £3,521,930 (2024 as restated - £3,332,564).

While the Group is in deficit, the earnings before depreciation and provisions against investments and loans for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025 was £1,404,768 (2024 as restated - £1,780,477). The deficit is a result of the capital outlay required to initially purchase the solar harvesting equipment which is being depreciated and investments in CPT, EHP and ActionFunder. Once these items are fully depreciated/repaid, the Group is expected to recover the deficit. This position is kept under careful review.

**c. Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The Trustees are responsible for managing that Charity's financial risks and seek to safeguard its assets and maintain adequate liquidity through prudent financial management and regular review of financial performance.

Investment and lending decisions are subject to appropriate scrutiny with consideration given to risk, return and the Charity's broader financial position.

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**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Empower Community Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust Deed.

The objects of the Foundation ('the objects') are:

- i. the advancement of environmental protection and conservation of the natural environment, particularly by promoting the reduction of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane and any other gases that may be identified from time to time as having a global warming potential);
- ii. the prevention and relief of poverty, particularly by the reduction of energy bills, through the advancement and facilitation of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures;
- iii. the advancement of education, particularly in relation to energy, climate change and environmental protection and conservation; and
- iv. any other objects which are charitable for the time being under English law.

The objects underpin the detection process for beneficiaries of the community funds distributed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Group and the Foundation is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board administers the Group. A Chief Executive will be appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the Foundation when and if required.

ECF is a designated member of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP and where profits allow, receives the 40% of surplus revenue from it on an annual basis for grant making in the Sunderland community.

ECF is also a designated member of Empower Community Management LLP.

ECF is the beneficial owner of Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC and receives income by donation for distribution to the communities local to each community, as well as potential for future investment in new projects.

ECF is 100% shareholder in CPT and a member of EHP.

ECF is a 14% shareholder in ActionFunder and has a non-executive board role.

ECF has connected directors with both Universal Developments Ltd and UED Pinden 1 Ltd.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Trustees are recruited following recommendations from existing Trustees and after consideration of the existing Board's requirements.

The Trustees are appointed under the Trust Deed, with a minimum of three Trustees. The Trustees undertake appropriate training and induction under their terms of reference, with an experienced Trustee as a mentor.

There are currently no Trustees to induct and training for Trustees is maintained through Charity Commission updates.

**e. Pay policy for key management personnel**

The Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the Group and Foundation and are in charge of controlling, running and operating the Group and Foundation on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and received no remuneration for the year and no Trustee expenses were incurred.

**f. Related party relationships**

None of our Trustees received remuneration or other benefits from their work with the Group and Foundation.

The Foundation is expecting to receive funding in the future from the related entities to accumulate for future reinvestment and distribution as charitable grants.

**g. Financial risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Foundation are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Foundation, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**h. Principal activities**

The principal activity during the year was that of the advancement of environmental protection and conservation, improvement of community spaces, reduction of energy costs and advancement of education.

**Plans for future periods**

The Group and Foundation plans to increase and develop its level of operations as its related entities evolve.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

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Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Alex Grayson*

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**A Grayson**  
Chair  
Date: May 7, 2026

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Foundation and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Foundation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

*Alex Grayson*

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**A Grayson**  
Chair  
Date: May 7, 2026

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Empower Community Foundation (the 'Foundation') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Foundation Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Material uncertainty related to going concern**

We draw attention to note 2.3 in the financial statements, which indicates that events and conditions exist that give rise to a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the parent charitable company has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the entity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management about any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the control systems in place and testing the effectiveness of the controls;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Group's Members, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Cara Miller*

**Cara Miller ACCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

MHA, Statutory Auditor  
Colchester, United Kingdom

Date: May 7, 2026

MHA are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

MHA is the trading name of MHA Audit Services LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC455542).

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 As restated £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Other trading activities	4	4,863,614	4,863,614	5,423,662
Investments	5	138,407	138,407	12,940
Other income	6	133,978	133,978	46,746
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,135,999</b>	<b>5,135,999</b>	<b>5,483,348</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds		4,225,345	4,225,345	3,964,287
Charitable activities	7	1,100,020	1,100,020	610,076
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>5,325,365</b>	<b>5,325,365</b>	<b>4,574,363</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(189,366)</b>	<b>(189,366)</b>	<b>908,985</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		(3,332,564)	(3,332,564)	(4,241,549)
Net movement in funds		(189,366)	(189,366)	908,985
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>(3,521,930)</b>	<b>(3,521,930)</b>	<b>(3,332,564)</b>

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 19 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 As restated £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	10,911,476	11,782,217
Investments	14	100,100	300,100
		<u>11,011,576</u>	<u>12,082,317</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	15	972,155	1,097,535
Cash at bank and in hand		3,754,701	3,453,310
		<u>4,726,856</u>	<u>4,550,845</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(2,606,884)	(2,559,343)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,119,972</u>	<u>1,991,502</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>13,131,548</u>	<u>14,073,819</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(16,313,478)	(17,406,383)
Provisions for liabilities		(340,000)	-
<b>Total net liabilities</b>		<u>(3,521,930)</u>	<u>(3,332,564)</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	20	-	-
Unrestricted funds	20	(3,521,930)	(3,332,564)
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>(3,521,930)</u>	<u>(3,332,564)</u>

The Foundation was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Alex Grayson*

**A Grayson**  
Chair  
Date: May 7, 2026

The notes on pages 19 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 <i>As restated</i> £	2024 <i>As restated</i> £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	14		100,200		350,200
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	3,790,139		4,008,837	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	15	727,199		1,419,632	
Cash at bank and in hand		379,551		374,425	
		<u>4,896,889</u>		<u>5,802,894</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(507,167)		(589,848)	
<b>Net current assets</b>					
			4,389,722		5,213,046
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(3,788,590)		(4,009,736)
Provisions for liabilities			(340,000)		-
<b>Total net assets</b>					
			<u>361,332</u>		<u>1,553,510</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>					
Restricted funds			-		-
Unrestricted funds			361,332		1,553,510
<b>Total funds</b>					
			<u>361,332</u>		<u>1,553,510</u>

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The Foundation's net movement in funds for the year was £(852,178) (2024 - £1,219,563).

The Foundation was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>As restated</i>
		<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net cash used in operating activities	<b>1,124,603</b>	<i>1,832,065</i>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Interest received	<b>171,736</b>	<i>(20,389)</i>
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	<b>5,904</b>	<i>11,179</i>
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<b>(8,547)</b>	<i>(35,070)</i>
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>169,093</b>	<i>(44,280)</i>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Interest paid	<b>(992,305)</b>	<i>(1,079,547)</i>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(992,305)</b>	<i>(1,079,547)</i>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>301,391</b>	<i>708,238</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<b>3,453,310</b>	<i>2,745,072</i>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,754,701</b>	<i>3,453,310</i>

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**1. General information**

Empower Community Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The Charity Registration Number of the Foundation is 1161019 and the Company Registration Number of the Foundation is 07613369. The address of the registered office and principal place of operation is detailed on page 1. The nature of the Foundation's operations and principal activity are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Empower Community Foundation 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.

The presentational and functional currency of the Group and Foundation is pound sterling and the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest pound sterling.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Foundation and its subsidiary undertakings. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Foundation has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

**2.2 Related entities**

Empower Community Foundation is a related entity to two Community Interest Companies (CICs), four companies and three Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) formed to advance charitable solar powered activities. Empower Community Foundation does have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of the two CICs, one company and one LLP and therefore is required to prepare consolidated financial statements including these three entities. Further details regarding these entities can be found in Note 14.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Going concern**

The Group has net current assets of £2,119,972 (2024 as restated - £1,991,502) and total net liabilities of £3,521,930 (2024 as restated - £3,332,564) at the balance sheet date.

In assessing the going concern position, the Trustees have considered the Group's financial position, forecast trading performance, available cash resources, and existing external debt obligations. The assessment includes a review of budgets and cash flow forecasts covering at least the twelve month period from the date of approval of the financial statements, together with consideration of post balance sheet events.

The Group's trading subsidiaries, Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC, generated profits during the financial year and are expected to continue to generate income under their existing arrangements. However, the Group is also required to service significant levels of external debt, and the subsidiary Consensus Power Trading does not yet generate revenue and is dependent on financial support from the wider Group.

Based on the forecasts prepared, there is a risk that the Group may not generate sufficient cash flows to meet its obligations as they fall due. These conditions indicate the existence of a potential material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

Nevertheless, the Trustees believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Group were unable to continue as a going concern.

**2.4 Income**

All income is recognised once the Group has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Other income from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	- 20 - 25 years
Computer equipment	- 15 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

**2.8 Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

Investments in associates are stated at the amount of the Group's share of net assets. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes the Group's share of the associated companies' net income or expenditure using the equity accounting basis.

**2.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.11 Liabilities**

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Foundation anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are recognised when an event has taken place that gives rise to a legal or constructive obligation, a transfer of economic benefits is probable and a reliable estimate can be made.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation, taking into account the related risks and uncertainties.

Increases in provisions are generally charged as an expense to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities.

**2.12 Financial instruments**

The majority of the Group's financial assets and liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Notes 16 and 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments in associates are measured at fair value using the equity method as detailed in Policy 2.8.

**2.13 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**2.14 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Impairment of investments in subsidiaries, associates and other undertakings, and recoverability of related party balances

The Company holds significant investments in subsidiaries, associates and other undertakings, together with amounts receivable from related parties. At each reporting date, management assesses whether there are indicators of impairment in respect of these investments and balances and, where such indicators exist, performs an impairment review.

The assessment of recoverable amount requires the use of judgement and estimation, particularly in determining the future cash flows expected to be generated by the underlying entities and the timing of their realisation. Key assumptions applied in these assessments include forecast profitability, cash flow projections and growth rates. These assumptions are inherently uncertain and are influenced by market conditions and the performance of the underlying businesses.

Where the recoverable amount is determined to be lower than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account. During the year, impairments have been recognised in respect of certain investments and/or related party balances where the expected recoverable amount was assessed to be below carrying value.

Given the level of judgement involved and the sensitivity of the valuations to key assumptions, this area is considered a key source of estimation uncertainty. Changes in the assumptions used could result in material adjustments to the carrying value of investments and amounts due from related parties in future periods.

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**4. Income from trading subsidiaries**

**Income from non charitable trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Income from renewable energy generation	4,863,614	<b>4,863,614</b>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Income from renewable energy generation	5,423,662	5,423,662

**5. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Interest receivable	138,407	<b>138,407</b>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Interest receivable	12,940	12,940

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**6. Other incoming resources**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Recharges	135,575	<b>135,575</b>
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	(1,597)	<b>(1,597)</b>
	<u>133,978</u>	<u><b>133,978</b></u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 As restated £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 As restated £</i>
Recharges	39,256	39,256
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	7,490	7,490
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>46,746</u>	<u>46,746</u>

**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by fund**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities	1,100,020	<b>1,100,020</b>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 As restated £</i>	<i>Total 2024 As restated £</i>
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities	610,076	610,076

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**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type**

	<b>Grant funding of activities 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities	32,885	1,067,135	<b>1,100,020</b>

	<i>Grant funding of activities 2024 As restated £</i>	<i>Support costs 2024 As restated £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 As restated £</i>
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities	98,728	511,348	610,076

**Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 As restated £</i>
Audit and accountancy fees	<b>21,030</b>	19,795
Bank charges	<b>108</b>	29
Legal and professional fees	<b>2,352</b>	90,228
Loan interest payable	<b>271,298</b>	333,669
Distributions paid	-	44,127
Other donations	<b>50,000</b>	23,500
Provisions against investments and loans	<b>722,347</b>	-
	<b>1,067,135</b>	511,348

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**9. Analysis of grants**

	<b>Grants to institutions 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	32,885	<b>32,885</b>
	<i>Grants to institutions 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	98,728	98,728

No grants made to any one institution in either the year ended 31 March 2025 or the year ended 31 March 2024, which were deemed to be material to the Group for the purposes of these financial statements.

**10. Auditor's remuneration**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Fees payable to the Group's auditor for the audit of the Group's annual accounts	<b>16,250</b>	11,500
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of:		
Audit of the company's subsidiaries	<b>45,250</b>	41,500
All non-audit services not included above	<b>38,450</b>	30,550

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**11. Staff costs**

No persons are employed by the Foundation during the year, including trustees.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Group incurred no staff costs during the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024 - £NIL).

**12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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**13. Tangible fixed assets**

**Group**

	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	19,485,244	35,070	19,520,314
Additions	-	8,547	8,547
Disposals	(1,735)	(8,895)	(10,630)
At 31 March 2025	<u>19,483,509</u>	<u>34,722</u>	<u>19,518,231</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	7,732,630	5,467	7,738,097
Charge for the year	865,941	5,846	871,787
On disposals	(781)	(2,348)	(3,129)
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,597,790</u>	<u>8,965</u>	<u>8,606,755</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>10,885,719</u></u>	<u><u>25,757</u></u>	<u><u>10,911,476</u></u>
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<u><u>11,752,614</u></u>	<u><u>29,603</u></u>	<u><u>11,782,217</u></u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Investments in associates £</b>	<b>Unlisted investments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	100	300,000	300,100
Additions	-	200,000	200,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>100</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,100</u>
<b>Provision</b>			
Charge for the year	-	400,000	400,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>100</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,100</u>
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<u>100</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,100</u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>	<b>Unlisted investments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	50,200	300,000	350,200
Additions	-	200,000	200,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>50,200</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>550,200</u>
<b>Provision</b>			
Charge for the year	50,000	400,000	450,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>50,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>200</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,200</u>
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<u>50,200</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>350,200</u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

**Principal subsidiaries and associates**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Company number</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Included in consolidation</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	09296615	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	SC508660	C/O Henderson Loggie, The Vision Building, 20 Greenmarket, Dundee, Scotland, DD1 4QB	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	OC387463	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	N/A	40%	Yes
Consensus Power Trading PLC	14554406	1 Bartholomew Lane, London, EC2N 2AX	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The financial results of the subsidiaries for the year were:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Income</b> £	<b>Expenditure</b> £	<b>Profit/(loss)</b> <b>for the year</b> £	<b>Net assets/</b> <b>(liabilities)</b> £
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	1,833,109	(1,645,481)	187,628	(749,057)
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	1,702,946	(1,594,609)	108,337	(754,486)
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	1,416,906	(1,408,697)	8,209	-
Consensus Power Trading PLC	3,012	(1,081,510)	(1,078,498)	(1,761,378)

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The following were associates of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Fair value of investment at 31 March 2025 £</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>
Britford Solar Connections Limited	<b>50</b>	Cubico Sustainable Investments, 70 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BE	Ordinary	<b>50%</b>
Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited	<b>50</b>	KPMG LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 2EG	Ordinary	<b>50%</b>

Empower Community Foundation is deemed to control the financial and operational policies of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP due to its role as a member of the LLP.

Both Britford Solar Connections Limited and Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited were dormant during the year ended 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024.

The shares in Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC are held by Empower Community Foundation Limited. The shares in Britford Solar Connections Limited are held by Drove Lane Solar Park CIC. The shares in Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited are held by New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

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**15. Debtors**

			<b>Foundation 2025 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2024 £</i>
<b>Due after more than one year</b>				
Amounts owed by group undertakings			<b>3,790,139</b>	<i>4,008,837</i>
			<b>972,155</b>	<i>1,097,535</i>
	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 As restated £</i>	<b>Foundation 2025 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2024 As restated £</i>
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	<b>48,507</b>	175,669	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	<b>449,312</b>	<i>942,461</i>
Amounts owed by participating interests	<b>37,237</b>	6,710	<b>50,528</b>	<i>6,710</i>
Other debtors	<b>269,760</b>	414,832	<b>227,359</b>	<i>400,461</i>
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>616,651</b>	500,324	-	<i>70,000</i>
	<b>972,155</b>	<i>1,097,535</i>	<b>727,199</b>	<i>1,419,632</i>

The amounts owed by group undertakings includes a balance of £1,642,876 (2024 - £479,851) owed by Consensus Power Trading plc, an entity incorporated on 22 December 2022. The recoverability of the debtor is dependent on the Company's ability to generate future profits from the platform being developed. Whilst the Directors are confident of the future success of the platform, the entity and the platform are in its infancy and the future profitability is inherently uncertain and as such the balance has been provided against in full. The platform's capabilities have been developed significantly over the last year and the Directors confirm these are being well received in the market. The Directors' believe they have strong interest from a number of parties, including some well-known names, and that their interest will generate significant income from 2026 going forward.

Other debtors due from related entities exist at a value of £623,080 (2024 - £400,461) and the future profitability of some of these entities is inherently uncertain. As such part of the balance totalling £395,721 (2024 £nil) has been provided against.

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**16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group</i> <i>2024</i>	<b>Foundation</b>	<i>Foundation</i> <i>2024</i>
	<b>2025</b>	<i>As restated</i>	<b>2025</b>	<i>As restated</i>
	£	£	£	£
Other loans	<b>2,107,386</b>	2,281,269	<b>507,167</b>	478,711
Trade creditors	<b>177,745</b>	51,931	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	-	111,137
Amounts owed to associates	<b>100</b>	100	-	-
Other taxation and social security	<b>28,979</b>	34,568	-	-
Other creditors	<b>24,000</b>	5,000	-	-
Accruals	<b>268,674</b>	186,475	-	-
	<b>2,606,884</b>	2,559,343	<b>507,167</b>	589,848

Other loans of £2,107,386 (*2024 as restated* - £2,281,269) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

The prior year figures have been restated to include interest accruals against the loan balance which it relates to, this has a net effect of £Nil on the total creditors balance.

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**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>	<b>Foundation 2025 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2024 £</i>
Other loans	<b>16,313,478</b>	<i>17,406,383</i>	<b>3,788,590</b>	<i>4,009,736</i>

Other loans of £16,313,478 (2024 - £17,406,383) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 As restated £</i>	<b>Foundation 2025 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2024 As restated £</i>
<b>Between one and two years</b>				
Other loans	<b>1,835,070</b>	<i>1,835,411</i>	<b>222,764</b>	<i>222,764</i>
<b>Between two and five years</b>				
Other loans	<b>5,763,274</b>	<i>5,475,851</i>	<b>556,910</b>	<i>556,910</i>
<b>Over five years</b>				
Other loans	<b>8,715,134</b>	<i>10,095,121</i>	<b>3,008,916</b>	<i>3,230,062</i>

**18. Provisions**

**Group**

	<b>Tax provision £</b>
Additions	<b>340,000</b>
	<b>340,000</b>

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**18. Provisions (continued)**

**Foundation**

	<b>Tax provision £</b>
Additions	<b>340,000</b>
	<b>340,000</b>

A provision of £340,000 has been recognised in respect of potential corporation tax arising from certain loans and investments. The amount reflects management's best estimate of the liability at the reporting date.

**19. Prior year adjustments**

The results for the year ended 31 March 2024 have been restated to correctly present non-charitable income and expenditure. As a result, income from charitable activities in the prior year of £5,423,662 and expenditure on charitable activities of £3,964,287 has been shown as income from other trading activities and expenditure on raising funds accordingly. Notes 4 to 8 to the financial statements have also been updated to reflect these changes.

The results for the year ended 31 March 2024 have also been restated to correctly remove amounts prepaid at foundation level. These were removed at consolidation level in the prior year and not at foundation level. As a result, debtors and unrestricted funds have decreased by £84,260 at foundation level with consolidated income and unrestricted funds also decreasing by the same amount.

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**20. Statement of fund**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<u>(3,332,564)</u>	<u>5,135,999</u>	<u>(5,325,365)</u>	<u>(3,521,930)</u>

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>As restated Income £</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 As restated £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<u>(4,241,549)</u>	<u>5,483,348</u>	<u>(4,574,363)</u>	<u>(3,332,564)</u>

The General fund has been created to monitor the incoming resources which have no restrictions over their usage in respect of activities undertaken by the Group.

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

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	10,911,476	<b>10,911,476</b>
Fixed asset investments	100,100	<b>100,100</b>
Current assets	4,726,856	<b>4,726,856</b>
Creditors due within one year	(2,606,884)	<b>(2,606,884)</b>
Creditors due in more than one year	(16,313,478)	<b>(16,313,478)</b>
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(340,000)	<b>(340,000)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3,521,930)</b>	<b>(3,521,930)</b>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 As restated £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 As restated £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	11,782,217	11,782,217
Fixed asset investments	300,100	300,100
Current assets	4,550,845	4,550,845
Creditors due within one year	(2,559,343)	(2,559,343)
Creditors due in more than one year	(17,406,383)	(17,406,383)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3,332,564)</b>	<b>(3,332,564)</b>

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**22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group</i>
	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>As restated</i>
		<b>£</b>
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>(189,366)</b>	<i>908,985</i>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>871,787</b>	<i>871,492</i>
Interest received	<b>(171,736)</b>	<i>20,389</i>
Loss on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>1,597</b>	<i>(7,490)</i>
Decrease/(increase) in investments in associates	<b>(200,000)</b>	<i>(250,000)</i>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	<b>92,051</b>	<i>(604,368)</i>
Decrease in creditors	<b>(672,035)</b>	<i>(186,490)</i>
Interest paid	<b>992,305</b>	<i>1,079,547</i>
Provision against investments	<b>400,000</b>	<i>-</i>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>1,124,603</b>	<i>1,832,065</i>

**23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group</i>
	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Cash in hand	<b>3,754,701</b>	<i>3,453,310</i>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,754,701</b>	<i>3,453,310</i>

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**24. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>At 1 April 2024</b>		<b>At 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>As restated</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	3,453,310	301,391	3,754,701
Debt due within 1 year	(2,281,269)	173,883	(2,107,386)
Debt due after 1 year	(17,406,383)	1,092,905	(16,313,478)
	<u>(16,234,342)</u>	<u>1,568,179</u>	<u>(14,666,163)</u>

**25. Related entities**

In addition to the subsidiaries and associates listed in Note 14, Empower Community Foundation is related to a number of other entities, either as a designated member or relevant legal entity. These other related entities are listed below:

ECS Peterborough 1 LLP  
Empower Peterborough CIC  
Empower Community Management LLP  
ECSP1 Construction Limited

Empower Community Foundation does not have the power to govern and direct the financial or operational policies of any of the above entities under any statute or agreement, as the operational policies of the entities are determined and directed by other entities. Empower Community Foundation and the above entities do not operate as a single entity and the risks and rewards of the various entities are not those of the Foundation.

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**26. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 March 2025 the Group and the Foundation had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Not later than 1 year	<b>80,824</b>	79,248
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>323,295</b>	316,991
Later than 5 years	<b>997,915</b>	1,057,464
	<b><u>1,402,034</u></b>	<u>1,453,703</u>

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities:

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Operating lease rentals	<b>51,668</b>	76,958

**27. Members' liability**

Each member of the Foundation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Foundation in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

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**28. Related party transactions**

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption in Section 33.1A under FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned members of the Group.

During the year, Empower Community Management LLP settled invoices totalling £Nil (2024 - £Nil). At the year end, a balance of £50,238 (2024 - £6,710) is due from Empower Community Management LLP. This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

During the year, Empower Community Foundation received payments of £134,194 (2024 - gave loans of £396,288) from EarthHealth Partnership LLP, in which one director of Empower Community Foundation is a member, one of which is a non controlling member of EarthHealth Partnership LLP. At year end, an unsecured balance of £266,267 (2024 - £367,132) was owed to Empower Community Foundation with interest accruing at 20% per annum for each day outstanding, the interest and capital is due on the 5th anniversary of the first utilisation date. This balance has been provided against in full.

During the year Empower Community Foundation advanced funds of £227,360 (2024 - £Nil) to Universal Energy Developments Limited, a company with connected directors.

ActionFunder Limited is a company in which Empower Community Foundation own 14% of the share capital and has a director in common. During the year Empower Community Foundation invested a further £200,000 into the company bringing the cost of investment to £500,000 (2024: £300,000). The directors have assessed the value of the investment in ActionFunder Limited which has a balance sheet value of £662k at 30 April 2024 (latest available financial information) however there are no distributable reserves due to accumulated losses in the profit and loss reserve. The directors remain positive about the future outlook of ActionFunder Limited however have determined that it is appropriate to impair the investment to a carrying value of £100,000.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE FOUNDATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**  
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<b>Trustees</b>	A Grayson, Chair M Pitt H Kotecha
<b>Company registered number</b>	07613369
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1161019
<b>Registered office</b>	10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE
<b>Independent auditor</b>	MHA Colchester Business Park 910 The Crescent Colchester Essex CO4 9YQ
<b>Bankers</b>	Triodos Bank UK Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the Group and the Foundation qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

**Objectives and activities****a. Policies and objectives**

The Group aims to have a demonstrable impact on causes falling within the Empower Community Foundation's (ECF) objects. The Group and Foundation's key objective for the year was to act as a Trustee to the local community funds which are due to be received from projects where the Group and Foundation has an interest. The projects mainly comprise fully operational and validated solar PV systems which are owned and operated by a special purpose vehicle.

ECF administers and oversees the financial management and allocation of surplus revenue share from projects in favour of communities where the projects are undertaken, in consultation with a Local Community Fund Panel for the rooftop portfolio and via the relevant Community Foundation in the case of the CIC-based solar parks (see below).

Per the Objects of ECF, investment in ventures designed to further said Objects and an investment programme began into ConsensusPower Trading PLC (CPT) and EarthHealth Partnership (EHP), and the strategic investment in the purchase of a shareholding in ActionFunder Ltd.

ECF's objects have been designed to allow maximum flexibility for each locality to make its own decisions in relation to best application of support for that area, broadly in favour of projects which will reduce or reverse negative social and/or environmental impacts in the local community.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

The strategy for the period was to implement the objectives of the Group and Foundation and prepare for future surplus funds to be distributed.

The principle that members of the community local to that project are best placed to identify and recommend the most beneficial recipients and uses of grant funding is embodied in the structure and implementation of the grant making activities of ECF. These are currently the Local Community Fund Panel for Empower Community Solar 1 LLP (known as 'Empower Sunderland') and the use of the ActionFunder online platform for matching.

In each case, ECF Trustees review and approve the most suitable recipients of grant funding as recommended by the local entity.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

The projects have commenced in the special purpose vehicles and the Foundation's share of funds are in the process of being received and distributed.

In the case of Empower Community Solar 1, the primary focus of grant making has been the general improvement and energy efficiency of community centres in the Sunderland area. The covid situation has meant that many of these centres' building improvement plans were stalled, so grant making for these activities slowed during the period, with a number of smaller grants to wider groups such as food banks and women's refuges made instead. Unallocated funds have accrued for future grant making.

Drove Lane Solar Park CIC donated to a grant fund entitled 'Empower Salisbury' via the ActionFunder platform.

New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC donated to a grant fund entitled 'Empower Angus' via the ActionFunder platform.

**Achievements and performance**

**a. Key performance indicators**

Income distributable to charitable beneficiaries is considered to be the key performance indicator. Grants distributed to institutions for community benefit in the year totalled £98,728 (2023 - £108,144), with unallocated funds from one financial year carried over into the next.

**b. Review of activities**

Regarding the activities outlined above, the Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of beneficiaries and to award grants to new projects where appropriate and carry forward any unallocated grant funds where no suitable recipient has yet been identified.

**c. Investment policy and performance**

The Foundation is expecting to receive funds in the future to invest in future community projects and for the time being is donating 100% of community benefit funds received.

The investment policy of the Group and Foundation will be to invest any surplus funds in aligned ventures that maximise the potential to expand the reach and quantum of the objects. Further investment policies are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Further social and ethical considerations which are not outlined in the objects are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the Foundation does not mandate consideration of other matters.

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**Financial review****a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Group and Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider that the Group will generate future profits from current contracts to eventually reverse the net liability position and sufficient cashflows to meet its obligations for the next 12 months and the foreseeable future. Both Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC made profits in the financial year and this further supports the expectation of future profits. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**b. Reserves policy**

The Group and Foundation is not currently exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require to be ameliorated by emergency expenditure.

The Group aims to maintain a level of reserves in future sufficient to enable its project and donor activities to be undertaken year on year once funding is received. At the year end, there was a deficit in unrestricted funds of £3,248,304 (2023 - £4,241,549).

While the Group is in deficit, the earnings before depreciation for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024 was £1,864,737 (2023 - £895,893). The deficit in last year is a result of the capital outlay required to initially purchase the solar harvesting equipment which is being depreciated and investments in CPT, EHP and ActionFunder. Once these items are fully depreciated/repayed, the Group is expected to recover the deficit.

**c. Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the Group and Foundation and similar charities, may be subject. It is felt that the extensive due diligence that will be carried out on future grant applications mitigates against it as strongly as the Group and Foundation's resources will allow.

**Structure, governance and management****a. Constitution**

Empower Community Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust Deed.

The objects of the Foundation ('the objects') are:

- i. the advancement of environmental protection and conservation of the natural environment, particularly by promoting the reduction of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane and any other gases that may be identified from time to time as having a global warming potential);
- ii. the prevention and relief of poverty, particularly by the reduction of energy bills, through the advancement and facilitation of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures;
- iii. the advancement of education, particularly in relation to energy, climate change and environmental protection and conservation; and
- iv. any other objects which are charitable for the time being under English law.

The objects underpin the detection process for beneficiaries of the community funds distributed.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Group and the Foundation is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board administers the Group. A Chief Executive will be appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the Foundation when and if required.

ECF is a designated member of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP and receives the 40% of surplus revenue from it on an annual basis, for grant making in the Sunderland community.

ECF is the beneficial owner of Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC and receives income by donation for distribution to the communities local to each community, as well as potential for future investment in new projects.

ECF is 100% shareholder in CPT and a member of EHP.

ECF is a 10% shareholder in ActionFunder and has a non-executive board role.

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Trustees are recruited following recommendations from existing Trustees and after consideration of the existing Board's requirements.

The Trustees are appointed under the Trust Deed, with a minimum of three Trustees. The Trustees undertake appropriate training and induction under their terms of reference, with an experienced Trustee as a mentor.

There are currently no Trustees to induct and training for Trustees is maintained through Charity Commission updates.

**e. Pay policy for key management personnel**

The Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the Group and Foundation and are in charge of controlling, running and operating the Group and Foundation on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and received no remuneration for the year and no Trustee expenses were incurred.

**f. Related party relationships**

None of our Trustees received remuneration or other benefits from their work with the Group and Foundation.

The Foundation is expecting to receive funding in the future from the related entities to accumulate for future reinvestment and distribution as charitable grants.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**g. Financial risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Foundation are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Foundation, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**h. Principal activities**

The principal activity during the year was that of the advancement of environmental protection and conservation, improvement of community spaces, reduction of energy costs and advancement of education.

**Plans for future periods**

The Group and Foundation plans to increase and develop its level of operations as its related entities evolve.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

**Auditor**

The auditor, MHA, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Alex Grayson*

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**A Grayson**

Chair

Date: January 31, 2025

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
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The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Foundation and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and Foundation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Foundation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

*Alex Grayson*

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**A Grayson**

Chair

Date: January 31, 2025

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Empower Community Foundation (the 'Foundation') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Foundation Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Emphasis of matter**

We draw attention to the disclosure in Note 15, which describes a material uncertainty related to the recoverability of an amount owed by a subsidiary of the Company and the associated investment in that subsidiary. The inherent uncertainty of the future trade of the subsidiary may have a significant impact on the financial statements. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the entity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management about any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the control systems in place and testing the effectiveness of the controls;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Group's Members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the Group's Trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Cara Miller*

**Cara Miller ACCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of

**MHA**

Statutory Auditor

Colchester, United Kingdom

Date: January 31, 2025

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313)

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations	3	-	-	10,500
Charitable activities	4	5,423,662	5,423,662	3,272,140
Investments	5	12,940	12,940	12,376
Other income	6	131,006	131,006	38,093
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,567,608</b>	<b>5,567,608</b>	<b>3,333,109</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	7	4,574,363	4,574,363	3,303,579
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>4,574,363</b>	<b>4,574,363</b>	<b>3,303,579</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>993,245</b>	<b>993,245</b>	<b>29,530</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		(4,241,549)	(4,241,549)	(4,271,079)
Net movement in funds		993,245	993,245	29,530
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>(3,248,304)</b>	<b>(3,248,304)</b>	<b>(4,241,549)</b>

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2024</b> £	<i>As Restated</i> 2023 £	<i>As Restated</i> 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		<b>11,782,217</b>		12,622,328
Investments	14		<b>300,100</b>		50,100
			<u><b>12,082,317</b></u>		<u>12,672,428</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	<b>1,181,795</b>		459,838	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>3,453,310</b>		2,745,072	
			<u><b>4,635,105</b></u>	<u>3,204,910</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<b>(2,559,343)</b>		(3,695,346)	
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>2,075,762</b></u>		<u>(490,436)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><b>14,158,079</b></u>		<u>12,181,992</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	17		<b>(17,406,383)</b>		(16,423,541)
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>(3,248,304)</b></u>		<u>(4,241,549)</u>
<b>Group funds</b>					
Restricted funds	19		-		-
Unrestricted funds	19		<b>(3,248,304)</b>		(4,241,549)
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><b>(3,248,304)</b></u>		<u>(4,241,549)</u>

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
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The Foundation was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Alex Grayson*

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**A Grayson**

Chair

Date: January 31, 2025

The notes on pages 18 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

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**FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	As Restated 2023 £	As Restated 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	14		<b>350,200</b>		50,200
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	<b>5,512,729</b>		2,558,889	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>374,425</b>		189,833	
		<u>5,887,154</u>		<u>2,748,722</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<b>(589,848)</b>		(232,475)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>5,297,306</b>		2,516,247
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		<b>(4,009,736)</b>		(2,232,500)
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>			<u>1,637,770</u>		<u>333,947</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>1,637,770</u>		<u>333,947</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>					
Restricted funds			-		-
Unrestricted funds			<b>1,637,770</b>		333,947
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>1,637,770</u>		<u>333,947</u>

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**FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
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Chair

Date: January 31, 2025

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	<b>2,167,535</b>	2,395,949
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received	5	<b>12,940</b>	12,376
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		<b>11,180</b>	35,058
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>		<b>24,120</b>	47,434
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of loans	16,17	<b>(370,508)</b>	(911,731)
Interest paid	8	<b>(1,112,909)</b>	(1,199,322)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(1,483,417)</b>	(2,111,053)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>708,238</b>	332,330
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>2,745,072</b>	2,412,742
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	22	<b>3,453,310</b>	2,745,072

The notes on pages 18 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

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**1. General information**

Empower Community Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The Charity Registration Number of the Foundation is 1161019 and the Company Registration Number of the Foundation is 07613369. The address of the registered office and principal place of operation is detailed on page 1. The nature of the Foundation's operations and principal activity are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Empower Community Foundation 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.

The presentational and functional currency of the Group and Foundation is pound sterling and the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest pound sterling.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Foundation and its subsidiary undertakings. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Foundation has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

**2.2 Related entities**

Empower Community Foundation is a relevant legal entity to two Community Interest Companies (CICs), four companies and three Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) formed to advance charitable solar powered activities. Empower Community Foundation does have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of the two CICs, one company and one LLP and therefore is required to prepare consolidated financial statements including these three entities. Further details regarding these entities can be found in Note 14.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Going concern**

The Group has net current liabilities of £2,075,762 (2023 - £490,436) and total net liabilities of £3,248,304 (2023 - £4,241,549) at the Balance Sheet date.

Based on above and on the resources available, the Trustees consider that the company will remain in operational existence for the near future. The Trustees consider that the Group will generate future profits from current contracts to eventually reverse the net liability position and sufficient cashflows to meet its obligations for the next 12 months and the foreseeable future. Both Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC made profits in the financial year and this further supports the expectation of future profits. The Trustees have considered relevant information, including the annual budget, forecast future cashflows and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment. The Group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

**2.4 Income**

All income is recognised once the Group has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Other income from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	- 20 - 25 years
Computer equipment	- 15 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

**2.8 Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

Investments in associates are stated at the amount of the Group's share of net assets. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes the Group's share of the associated companies' net income or expenditure using the equity accounting basis.

**2.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Foundation anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.12 Financial instruments**

The majority of the Group's financial assets and liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Notes 16 and 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments in associates are measured at fair value using the equity method as detailed in Policy 2.8.

**2.13 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**2.14 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**3. Income from donations**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	10,500	10,500

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	5,423,662	5,423,662
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	3,272,140	3,272,140

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**5. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Bank interest receivable	12,940	<b>12,940</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Bank interest receivable	12,376	12,376

**6. Other incoming resources**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Fees	123,516	<b>123,516</b>
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	7,490	<b>7,490</b>
	<b>131,006</b>	<b>131,006</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Recharges	15,656	15,656
Bank interest receivable	22,437	22,437
<i>Total 2023</i>	<b>38,093</b>	<b>38,093</b>

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**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by fund**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	4,574,363	<b>4,574,363</b>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	3,303,579	3,303,579

**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type**

	<b>Grant funding of activities 2024 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	98,728	4,475,635	<b>4,574,363</b>

	<i>Grant funding of activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	108,144	3,195,435	3,303,579

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**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type (continued)**

**Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Depreciation	<b>871,492</b>	866,363
Audit and accountancy fees	<b>107,306</b>	87,097
Bookkeeping fees	<b>20,000</b>	32,570
Bank charges	<b>1,636</b>	1,934
Professional subscriptions	<b>476</b>	-
Legal and professional fees	<b>1,171,250</b>	329,918
Premises and associated maintenance costs	<b>250,098</b>	217,515
Insurance costs	<b>65,497</b>	24,844
Loan interest payable	<b>1,112,909</b>	1,118,828
Asset management fees	<b>78,388</b>	56,886
Arrangement fees	<b>5,430</b>	14,287
Performance fees	<b>486,752</b>	152,331
Technology costs	<b>51,391</b>	7,500
VAT adjustments	<b>5,266</b>	4,796
Solar monitoring	<b>30,815</b>	26,488
Distributions paid	<b>44,127</b>	87,087
Management fees	<b>137,294</b>	128,388
Sundry expenses	<b>12,008</b>	103
Other donations	<b>23,500</b>	38,500
	<b>4,475,635</b>	<i>3,195,435</i>

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**9. Analysis of grants**

	<b>Grants to institutions 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	98,728	<b>98,728</b>
	<i>Grants to institutions 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	108,144	108,144

No grants made to any one institution in either the year ended 31 March 2024 or the year ended 31 March 2023, which were deemed to be material to the Group for the purposes of these financial statements.

**10. Auditor's remuneration**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Fees payable to the Group's auditor for the audit of the Group's annual accounts	<b>53,000</b>	52,050
Fees payable to the Group's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	<b>30,550</b>	42,400

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**11. Staff costs**

The average number of persons employed by the Foundation, including trustees and directors, during the year was as follows:

	<b>Group 2024 No.</b>	<i>Group 2023 No.</i>	<b>Foundation 2024 No.</b>	<i>Foundation 2023 No.</i>
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Group incurred no staff costs during the year ended 31 March 2024 (2023 - £NIL).

**12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, the Trustees, who are considered to be the key management personnel, didn't receive any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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**13. Tangible fixed assets**

**Group**

	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	19,491,952	-	19,491,952
Additions	-	35,070	35,070
Disposals	(6,708)	-	(6,708)
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,485,244</u>	<u>35,070</u>	<u>19,520,314</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2023	6,869,624	-	6,869,624
Charge for the year	866,025	5,467	871,492
On disposals	(3,019)	-	(3,019)
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,732,630</u>	<u>5,467</u>	<u>7,738,097</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>11,752,614</u></u>	<u><u>29,603</u></u>	<u><u>11,782,217</u></u>
<i>At 31 March 2023</i>	<u><u>12,622,328</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>12,622,328</u></u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>	<b>Investments in associates £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	50,000	100	50,100
Additions	-	300,000	300,000
Transfers intra group	(50,000)	-	(50,000)
At 31 March 2024	-	300,100	300,100
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>	<b>Investments in associates £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	50,200	-	50,200
Additions	-	300,000	300,000
At 31 March 2024	50,200	300,000	350,200

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

**Principal subsidiaries and associates**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Company number</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Included in consolidation</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	09296615	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	SC508660	C/O Henderson Loggie, The Vision Building, 20 Greenmarket, Dundee, Scotland, DD1 4QB	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	OC387463	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	N/A	-%	Yes
Consensus Power Trading PLC	14554406	1 Bartholomew Lane, London, EC2N 2AX	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The financial results of the subsidiaries for the year were:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Income</b> £	<b>Expenditure</b> £	<b>Profit/(loss)</b> <b>for the year</b> £	<b>Net assets/</b> <b>(liabilities)</b> £
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	2,192,864	(1,780,211)	412,653	(936,684)
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	1,952,786	(1,764,505)	188,281	(862,822)
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	1,354,289	(1,532,922)	(178,633)	-
Consensus Power Trading PLC	-	(732,880)	(732,880)	(682,880)

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The following were associates of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Fair value of investment at 31 March 2024 £</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>
Britford Solar Connections Limited	<b>50</b>	Cubico Sustainable Investments, 70 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BE	Ordinary	<b>50%</b>
Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited	<b>50</b>	KPMG LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 2EG	Ordinary	<b>50%</b>

Empower Community Foundation is deemed to control the financial and operational policies of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP due to its role as a member of the LLP.

Both Britford Solar Connections Limited and Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited were dormant during the year ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021.

The shares in Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC are held by Empower Community Foundation Limited. The shares in Britford Solar Connections Limited are held by Drove Lane Solar Park CIC. The shares in Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited are held by New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

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**15. Debtors**

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group As Restated</i>	<b>Foundation</b>	<i>Foundation As Restated</i>
	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	<b>4,008,836</b>	2,232,500
	-	-	<b>4,008,836</b>	2,232,500
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	<b>175,669</b>	42,067	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	16,707	<b>942,461</b>	214,701
Amounts owed by associates	<b>6,710</b>	6,710	<b>6,710</b>	6,710
Other debtors	<b>414,832</b>	31,262	<b>400,462</b>	20,293
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>584,584</b>	363,092	<b>154,260</b>	84,685
	<b>1,181,795</b>	459,838	<b>5,512,729</b>	2,558,889

The amounts owed by group undertakings above includes a balance of £480k (2023: £20k) owed by Consensus Power Trading plc, an entity incorporated on 22 December 2022. The recoverability of the debtor is dependent on the Company's ability to generate future profits from the platform being developed. Whilst the Directors are confident of the future success of the platform, the entity and the platform are in its infancy and the future profitability is inherently uncertain. The Directors believe they have strong interest from a number of parties, including some well-known names, and that their interest will generate significant income in the future. In addition to this there is an investment in the entity in Note 14 which has not been impaired but subject to the same uncertainty.

The amounts owed by Consensus Power Trading plc and Earthhealth Partnership LLP is disclosed as falling due within one year. In December 2024, this balance was converted into a formal unsecured loan with a repayment date of the 5th anniversary of the first drawdown.

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**16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<i>Group 2023 £</i>	<b>Foundation 2024 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2023 £</i>
Other loans	2,025,322	3,378,672	222,764	117,500
Trade creditors	51,931	41,167	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	111,137	97,975
Amounts owed to associates	100	100	-	-
Other taxation and social security	34,568	8,783	-	-
Other creditors	5,000	200	-	-
Accruals	442,422	266,424	255,947	17,000
	<u>2,559,343</u>	<u>3,695,346</u>	<u>589,848</u>	<u>232,475</u>

Other loans of £2,025,322 (2023 - £3,378,672) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<i>Group 2023 £</i>	<b>Foundation 2024 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2023 £</i>
Other loans	17,406,383	16,423,541	4,009,736	2,232,500

Other loans of £17,406,383 (2023 - £16,423,541) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<i>Group 2023 £</i>	<b>Foundation 2024 £</b>	<i>Foundation 2023 £</i>
<b>Between one and two years</b>				
Other loans	<u>2,752,502</u>	<u>2,340,835</u>	<u>222,764</u>	<u>117,500</u>
<b>Between two and five years</b>				
Other loans	<u>4,558,760</u>	<u>3,944,116</u>	<u>556,910</u>	<u>352,500</u>
<b>Over five years</b>				
Other loans	<u>10,095,121</u>	<u>10,138,590</u>	<u>3,230,062</u>	<u>1,762,500</u>

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**18. Prior year adjustments**

The results for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been restated to correctly present payments originally classified as being made to the Earthhealth Partnership LLP previously included within other debtors. As a result, investment additions of £50,000 have now been recognised in both the Foundation Statement of Financial Position and the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Other debtors have also decreased by £50,000 in both Statement of Financial Positions. In addition to this, the Related party transaction note has been restated to reflect the above and the split between other debtors and amounts due from group undertakings has changed by £16,707.

**19. Statement of fund**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	(4,241,549)	7,346,210	(6,352,965)	(3,248,304)

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	(4,271,079)	3,333,109	(3,303,579)	(4,241,549)

The General fund has been created to monitor the incoming resources which have no restrictions over their usage in respect of activities undertaken by the Group.

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

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	11,782,217	<b>11,782,217</b>
Fixed asset investments	300,100	<b>300,100</b>
Current assets	4,635,105	<b>4,635,105</b>
Creditors due within one year	(2,559,343)	<b>(2,559,343)</b>
Creditors due in more than one year	(17,406,383)	<b>(17,406,383)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>(3,248,304)</u>	<u><b>(3,248,304)</b></u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	12,622,328	12,622,328
Fixed asset investments	50,100	50,100
Current assets	3,204,910	3,204,910
Creditors due within one year	(3,695,346)	(3,695,346)
Creditors due in more than one year	(16,423,541)	(16,423,541)
<b>Total</b>	<u>(4,241,549)</u>	<u>(4,241,549)</u>

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**21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group</i>
	<b>2024</b>	<i>As Restated</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>2023</i>
		<b>£</b>
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>993,245</b>	29,530
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>871,492</b>	866,363
Interest received	<b>(12,940)</b>	(12,376)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<b>(35,070)</b>	-
Profit on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>(7,491)</b>	(22,437)
Increase in investments in associates	<b>(250,000)</b>	(50,000)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	<b>(721,957)</b>	285,704
Increase in creditors	<b>217,347</b>	99,843
Interest paid	<b>1,112,909</b>	1,199,322
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>2,167,535</b>	2,395,949

**22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group</i>
	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Cash in hand	<b>3,453,310</b>	2,745,072
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,453,310</b>	2,745,072

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**23. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	2,745,072	708,238	3,453,310
Debt due within 1 year	(3,378,672)	1,353,350	(2,025,322)
Debt due after 1 year	(16,423,541)	(982,842)	(17,406,383)
	<u>(17,057,141)</u>	<u>1,078,746</u>	<u>(15,978,395)</u>

**24. Related entities**

In addition to the subsidiaries and associates listed in Note 14, Empower Community Foundation is related to a number of other entities, either as a designated member or relevant legal entity. These other related entities are listed below:

ECS Peterborough 1 LLP  
Empower Peterborough CIC  
Empower Community Management LLP  
ECSP1 Construction Limited

Empower Community Foundation does not have the power to govern and direct the financial or operational policies of any of the above entities under any statute or agreement, as the operational policies of the entities are determined and directed by other entities. Empower Community Foundation and the above entities do not operate as a single entity and the risks and rewards of the various entities are not those of the Foundation.

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**25. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 March 2024 the Group and the Foundation had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<i>Group 2023 £</i>
Not later than 1 year	<b>79,248</b>	73,979
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>316,991</b>	295,916
Later than 5 years	<b>1,057,464</b>	1,060,323
	<b><u>1,453,703</u></b>	<u>1,430,218</u>

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities:

	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<i>Group 2023 £</i>
Operating lease rentals	<b>76,958</b>	71,597

**26. Members' liability**

Each member of the Foundation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Foundation in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

**27. Related party transactions**

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption in Section 33.1A under FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned members of the Group.

During the year, Empower Community Management LLP settled invoices totalling £Nil (2023: £13,290). At the year end, a balance of £6,710 (2023: £6,710) is due from Empower Community Management LLP. This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

During the year, Empower Community Foundation gave loans of £396,288 (As Restated 2023: £4,173) to EarthHealth Partnership LLP, in which a director of Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC is also a member. At year end, an unsecured balance of £400,461 (As Restated 2023: £4,173) was owed to Empower Community Foundation. In December 2024 the amounts advanced were converted into a formal unsecured loan with interest accruing at 20% per annum for each day outstanding, the interest and capital is due on the 5th anniversary of the first utilisation date.

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**28. Post balance sheet events**

On 6 December 2024, the Company entered into a formal loan agreement with Consensus Power Trading plc, a subsidiary, in which there was a balance owed by this subsidiary at year end which is included in Note 15. The Company also entered into a formal loan agreement with Earthhealth Partnership LLP, a related party, in which there was a balance owed by this company at year end which is included in Note 15. Both loans are unsecured, with interest accruing at 20% per annum for each day outstanding, the interest and capital is due on the 5th anniversary of the first utilisation date

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE FOUNDATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
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<b>Trustees</b>	A Grayson, Chair M Pitt H Kotecha
<b>Company registered number</b>	07613369
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1161019
<b>Registered office</b>	10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE
<b>Independent auditor</b>	MHA Colchester Business Park 910 The Crescent Colchester Essex CO4 9YQ
<b>Bankers</b>	Triodos Bank UK Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the Group and the Foundation qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

**Objectives and activities**

**a. Policies and objectives**

The Group aims to have a demonstrable impact on causes falling within the Empower Community Foundation's (ECF) objects. The Group and Foundation's key objective for the year was to act as a Trustee to the local community funds which are due to be received from projects where the Group and Foundation has an interest. The projects mainly comprise fully operational and validated solar PV systems which are owned and operated by a special purpose vehicle.

ECF administers and oversees the financial management and allocation of surplus revenue share from projects in favour of communities where the projects are undertaken, in consultation with a Local Community Fund Panel for the rooftop portfolio and via the relevant Community Foundation in the case of the CIC-based solar parks (see below).

Per the Objects of ECF, invest in ventures designed to further said Objects.

ECF's objects have been designed to allow maximum flexibility for each locality to make its own decisions in relation to best application of support for that area, broadly in favour of projects which will reduce or reverse negative social and/or environmental impacts in the local community.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

The strategy for the period was to implement the objectives of the Group and Foundation and prepare for future surplus funds to be distributed.

The principle that members of the community local to that project are best placed to identify and recommend the most beneficial recipients and uses of grant funding is embodied in the structure and implementation of the grant making activities of ECF. These are currently the Local Community Fund Panel for Empower Community Solar 1 LLP (known as 'Empower Sunderland') and the relationships with The Wiltshire Community Foundation for Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and Foundation Scotland for New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

In each case, ECF Trustees review and approve the most suitable recipients of grant funding as recommended by the local entity.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

The projects have commenced in the special purpose vehicles and the Foundation's share of funds are in the process of being received and distributed.

In the case of Empower Community Solar 1, the primary focus of grant making has been the general improvement and energy efficiency of community centres in the Sunderland area. The covid situation has meant that many of these centres' building improvement plans were stalled, so grant making for these activities slowed during the period, with a number of smaller grants to wider groups such as food banks and women's refuges made instead. Unallocated funds have accrued for future grant making.

Drove Lane Solar Park CIC donated to the Wiltshire Community Foundation in support of its 'Stronger Families' programme in Salisbury's most deprived ward.

New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC, via Foundation Scotland, made its annual grant to Voluntary Action Angus for their 'Children and Families Buddy Support' programme.

**Achievements and performance**

**a. Key performance indicators**

Income distributable to charitable beneficiaries is considered to be the key performance indicator. Grants distributed to institutions for community benefit in the year totalled £108,144 (2022 - £69,830), with unallocated funds from one financial year carried over into the next.

**b. Review of activities**

Regarding the activities outlined above, the Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of beneficiaries and to award grants to new projects where appropriate and carry forward any unallocated grant funds where no suitable recipient has yet been identified.

**c. Investment policy and performance**

The Foundation is expecting to receive funds in the future to invest in future community projects and for the time being is donating 100% of community benefit funds received.

The investment policy of the Group and Foundation will be to invest any surplus funds in interest generating deposit accounts. Further investment policies will be agreed once funds have been received.

Further social and ethical considerations which are not outlined in the objects are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the Foundation does not mandate consideration of other matters.

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**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Group and Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**b. Reserves policy**

The Group and Foundation is not currently exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require to be ameliorated by emergency expenditure.

The Group aims to maintain a level of reserves in future sufficient to enable its project and donor activities to be undertaken year on year once funding is received. At the year end, there was a deficit in unrestricted funds of £4,241,549 (2022 - £4,271,079).

While the Group is in deficit and made a deficit during the year, the earnings before depreciation for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 was £895,893 (2022 - £651,901). The deficit is a result of the large capital outlay required to initially purchase the solar harvesting equipment which is being depreciated. Once these items are fully depreciated, the Group is expected to recover the deficit.

**c. Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the Group and Foundation and similar charities, may be subject. It is felt that the extensive due diligence that will be carried out on future grant applications mitigates against it as strongly as the Group and Foundation's resources will allow.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Empower Community Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust Deed.

The objects of the Foundation ('the objects') are:

- i. the advancement of environmental protection and conservation of the natural environment, particularly by promoting the reduction of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane and any other gases that may be identified from time to time as having a global warming potential);
- ii. the prevention and relief of poverty, particularly by the reduction of energy bills, through the advancement and facilitation of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures;
- iii. the advancement of education, particularly in relation to energy, climate change and environmental protection and conservation; and
- iv. any other objects which are charitable for the time being under English law.

The objects underpin the detection process for beneficiaries of the community funds distributed.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Group and the Foundation is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board administers the Group. A Chief Executive will be appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the Foundation when and if required.

ECF is a designated member of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP and receives the 40% of surplus revenue from it on an annual basis, for grant making in the Sunderland community.

ECF is the beneficial owner of Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC and receives income by donation for distribution to the communities local to each community, as well as potential for future investment in new projects.

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Trustees are recruited following recommendations from existing Trustees and after consideration of the existing Board's requirements.

The Trustees are appointed under the Trust Deed, with a minimum of three Trustees. The Trustees undertake appropriate training and induction under their terms of reference, with an experienced Trustee as a mentor.

There are currently no Trustees to induct and training for Trustees is maintained through Charity Commission updates.

**e. Pay policy for key management personnel**

The Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the Group and Foundation and are in charge of controlling, running and operating the Group and Foundation on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and received no remuneration for the year and no Trustee expenses were incurred.

**f. Related party relationships**

None of our Trustees received remuneration or other benefits from their work with the Group and Foundation.

The Foundation is expecting to receive funding in the future from the related entities to accumulate for future reinvestment and distribution as charitable grants.

**g. Financial risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Foundation are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Foundation, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**h. Principal activities**

The principal activity during the year was that of the advancement of environmental protection and conservation, improvement of community spaces, reduction of energy costs and advancement of education.

**Plans for future periods**

The Group and Foundation plans to increase and develop its level of operations as its related entities evolve.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

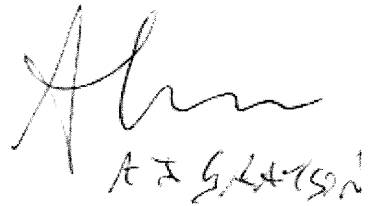
**Auditor**

The auditor, MHA, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date:

29/1/24



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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Foundation and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

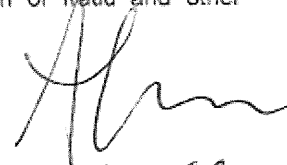
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and Foundation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Foundation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Date:

29/1/24

  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Empower Community Foundation (the 'Foundation') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Foundation Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

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**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the entity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management about any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the control systems in place and testing the effectiveness of the controls;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Group's Members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the Group's Trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**MHA**  
Statutory Auditor  
Colchester, United Kingdom

Date: 31 January 2024

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313)

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations	3	10,500	10,500	17,500
Charitable activities	4	3,272,140	3,272,140	2,651,057
Investments	5	12,376	12,376	500
Other income	6	38,093	38,093	17,998
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,333,109</b>	<b>3,333,109</b>	<b>2,687,055</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	7	3,303,579	3,303,579	2,902,567
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>3,303,579</b>	<b>3,303,579</b>	<b>2,902,567</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>29,530</b>	<b>29,530</b>	<b>(215,512)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		(4,271,079)	(4,271,079)	(4,055,567)
Net movement in funds		29,530	29,530	(215,512)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>(4,241,549)</b>	<b>(4,241,549)</b>	<b>(4,271,079)</b>

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		12,622,328		13,501,312
Investments	14		100		100
			<u>12,622,428</u>		<u>13,501,412</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	509,838		745,542	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,745,072		2,430,060	
		<u>3,254,910</u>		<u>3,175,602</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(3,695,346)		(6,013,497)	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<u>(440,436)</u>		<u>(2,837,895)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>12,181,992</u>		<u>10,663,517</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(16,423,541)		(14,934,596)
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>(4,241,549)</u>		<u>(4,271,079)</u>
<b>Group funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		-		-
Unrestricted funds	18		(4,241,549)		(4,271,079)
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>(4,241,549)</u>		<u>(4,271,079)</u>

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The Foundation was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 151 of the Charities Act 2011.

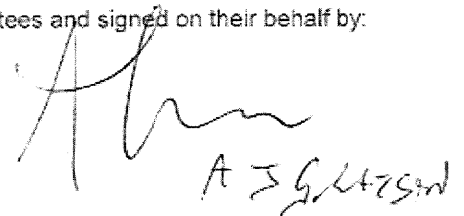
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date: 29/1/24

The notes on pages 18 to 40 form part of these financial statements.



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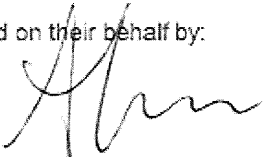
FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date: 29/1/24

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	20	<b>2,395,949</b>	<b>1,697,448</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received	5	<b>12,376</b>	<b>500</b>
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		<b>35,058</b>	<b>14,847</b>
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>		<b>47,434</b>	<b>15,347</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of loans	16,17	<b>(911,731)</b>	<b>(470,723)</b>
Interest paid	8	<b>(1,199,322)</b>	<b>(1,268,524)</b>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(2,111,053)</b>	<b>(1,739,247)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>332,330</b>	<b>(26,452)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>2,412,742</b>	<b>2,439,194</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	21	<b>2,745,072</b>	<b>2,412,742</b>

The notes on pages 18 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**1. General information**

Empower Community Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The Charity Registration Number of the Foundation is 1161019 and the Company Registration Number of the Foundation is 07613369. The address of the registered office and principal place of operation is detailed on page 1. The nature of the Foundation's operations and principal activity are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Empower Community Foundation 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.

The presentational and functional currency of the Group and Foundation is pound sterling and the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest pound sterling.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Foundation and its subsidiary undertakings. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Foundation has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

**2.2 Related entities**

Empower Community Foundation is a relevant legal entity to two Community Interest Companies (CICs), three companies and three Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) formed to advance charitable solar powered activities. Empower Community Foundation does have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of the two CICs and one of the LLPs and therefore is required to prepare consolidated financial statements including these three entities. Further details regarding these entities can be found in Note 14.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Going concern**

The Group has net current liabilities of £440,436 (2022 - £2,837,895) and total net liabilities of £4,241,549 (2022 - £4,271,079) at the Balance Sheet date. Also, included within Other loans: Creditors - amounts falling due within one year, as shown in Note 16, is a loan due to Social and Sustainable Capital - SASC (previously known as Leapfrog) of £1,877,617 (2022 - £2,215,959). It had been obtained as a bridging loan and was due for repayment by 28 February 2019. The loan agreement states that repayment is to be financed by successful refinancing and the loan will not be held as defaulted if an 'updated refinancing plan' is submitted to the lender.

In line with the above, the Directors have submitted a refinancing plan to SASC which has been agreed by the lender at present. In line with the submitted plan, the Directors are confident that the loan can be successfully refinanced in the near future and that it will not be called due immediately as the agreed refinancing plan and repayment schedule can be followed.

Based on above and on the resources available, the Directors consider that the company will remain in operational existence for the near future. The Directors have considered relevant information, including the annual budget, forecast future cashflows and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment. The Group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

**2.4 Income**

All income is recognised once the Group has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Other income from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20 - 25 years
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The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

**2.8 Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

Investments in associates are stated at the amount of the Group's share of net assets. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes the Group's share of the associated companies' net income or expenditure using the equity accounting basis.

**2.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Foundation anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.12 Financial instruments**

The majority of the Group's financial assets and liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Notes 16 and 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments in associates are measured at fair value using the equity method as detailed in Policy 2.8.

**2.13 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**2.14 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**3. Income from donations**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Donations	10,500	10,500

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	17,500	17,500

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	3,272,140	3,272,140

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	2,651,057	2,651,057

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**5. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Bank interest receivable	12,376	12,376

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Bank interest receivable	500	500

**6. Other incoming resources**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Fees	15,656	15,656
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	22,437	22,437
	<u>38,093</u>	<u>38,093</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Bank interest receivable	17,998	17,998

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**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by fund**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	3,303,579	3,303,579

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> 2022 £	<i>Total</i> 2022 £
Environmental protection and conservation	2,902,567	2,902,567

**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type**

	<b>Grant funding of activities 2023 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	108,144	3,195,435	3,303,579

	<i>Grant funding of activities</i> 2022 £	<i>Support costs</i> 2022 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
Environmental protection and conservation	69,830	2,832,737	2,902,567

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**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type (continued)**

**Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Depreciation	866,363	867,413
Audit and accountancy fees	87,097	55,250
Bookkeeping fees	32,510	7,650
Bank charges	1,934	1,774
Professional subscriptions	-	1,039
Legal and professional fees	329,978	111,246
Premises and associated maintenance costs	217,515	170,716
Insurance costs	24,844	23,540
Loan interest payable	1,118,828	1,268,524
Asset management fees	56,886	49,168
Arrangement fees	14,287	30,317
Performance fees	152,331	10,288
Technology costs	7,500	7,263
VAT adjustments	4,796	4,507
Solar monitoring	26,488	23,863
Distributions paid	87,087	90,222
Bad debts	-	6,866
Management fees	128,388	102,991
Sundry expenses	103	100
Other donations	38,500	-
	<b>3,195,435</b>	<i>2,832,737</i>

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**9. Analysis of grants**

	<b>Grants to institutions 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	108,144	<b>108,144</b>

	<i>Grants institutions 2022 £</i>	<i>to Total funds 2022 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	69,830	69,830

No grants made to any one institution in either the year ended 31 March 2023 or the year ended 31 March 2022 were deemed to be material to the Group for the purposes of these financial statements.

**10. Auditor's remuneration**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Fees payable to the Group's auditor for the audit of the Group's annual accounts	<b>52,050</b>	45,250
Fees payable to the Group's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	<b>42,400</b>	31,500

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**11. Staff costs**

The average number of persons employed by the Foundation, including trustees and directors, during the year was as follows:

	<b>Group</b>	<i>Group</i>	<b>Foundation</b>	<i>Foundation</i>
	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>No.</b>	<i>No.</i>	<b>No.</b>	<i>No.</i>
Employees	<b>4</b>	<i>6</i>	<b>3</b>	<i>3</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Group incurred no staff costs during the year ended 31 March 2023 (2022 - £NIL).

**12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, the Trustees, who are considered to be the key management personnel, didn't receive any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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**13. Tangible fixed assets**

**Group**

	<b>Plant and machinery £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2022	19,512,986
Disposals	(21,034)
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,491,952</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2022	6,011,674
Charge for the year	866,363
On disposals	(8,413)
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,869,624</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>12,622,328</u></u>
At 31 March 2022	<u><u>13,501,312</u></u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Investments in associates £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2022	100
At 31 March 2023	<u>100</u>
	<u><u>100</u></u>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2022	200
At 31 March 2023	<u>200</u>
	<u><u>200</u></u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

**Principal subsidiaries and associates**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Company number</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Included in consolidation</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	09296615	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	SC508660	C/O Henderson Loggie, The Vision Building, 20 Greenmarket, Dundee, Scotland, DD1 4QB	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	OC387463	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	N/A	-%	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiaries for the year were:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Profit/(loss) for the year £</b>	<b>Net assets/ (liabilities) £</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	<b>1,065,945</b>	<b>1,190,190</b>	<b>(124,245)</b>	<b>(1,349,338)</b>
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	<b>964,319</b>	<b>821,677</b>	<b>142,642</b>	<b>(1,051,103)</b>
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	<b>1,241,876</b>	<b>1,410,341</b>	<b>(168,465)</b>	<b>(2,104,310)</b>

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The following were associates of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Fair value of investment at 31 March 2023 £</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>
Britford Solar Connections Limited	<b>50</b>	Cubico Sustainable Investments, 70 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BE	Ordinary	<b>50%</b>
Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited	<b>50</b>	KPMG LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 2EG	Ordinary	<b>50%</b>

Empower Community Foundation is deemed to control the financial and operational policies of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP due to its role as a member of the LLP.

Both Britford Solar Connections Limited and Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited were dormant during the year ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021.

The shares in Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC are held by Empower Community Foundation Limited. The shares in Britford Solar Connections Limited are held by Drove Lane Solar Park CIC. The shares in Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited are held by New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

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**15. Debtors**

	<b>Group</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Group</i> <i>2022</i> £	<b>Foundation</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Foundation</i> <i>2022</i> £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	<b>2,232,500</b>	-
	-	-	<b>2,232,500</b>	-
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	<b>42,067</b>	133,821	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	<b>197,994</b>	-
Amounts owed by associates	<b>6,710</b>	-	<b>6,710</b>	-
Other debtors	<b>97,969</b>	27,068	<b>87,000</b>	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>363,092</b>	584,653	<b>84,685</b>	-
	<b>509,838</b>	745,542	<b>2,608,889</b>	-

**16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Group</i> <i>2022</i> £	<b>Foundation</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Foundation</i> <i>2022</i> £
Bank overdrafts	-	17,318	-	-
Other loans	<b>3,378,672</b>	5,779,348	<b>117,500</b>	-
Trade creditors	<b>41,167</b>	78,793	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	<b>97,975</b>	-
Amounts owed to associates	<b>100</b>	100	-	-
Other taxation and social security	<b>8,783</b>	10,532	-	-
Other creditors	<b>200</b>	17,852	-	-
Accruals	<b>266,424</b>	109,554	<b>17,000</b>	17,000
	<b>3,695,346</b>	6,013,497	<b>232,475</b>	17,000

Other loans of £3,378,672 (2022 - £5,779,348) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

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**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>Group</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Group</i> <b>2022</b> £	<b>Foundation</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Foundation</i> <b>2022</b> £
Other loans	<b>16,423,541</b>	<b>14,934,596</b>	<b>2,232,500</b>	-

Other loans of £16,423,541 (2022 - £14,934,596) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	<b>Group</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Group</i> <b>2022</b> £	<b>Foundation</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Foundation</i> <b>2022</b> £
<b>Between one and two years</b>				
Other loans	<b>2,340,835</b>	<b>1,312,494</b>	<b>117,500</b>	-
Amounts owed to other participating interests	-	-	-	-
<b>Between two and five years</b>				
Other loans	<b>3,944,116</b>	<b>4,197,210</b>	<b>352,500</b>	-
<b>Over five years</b>				
Other loans	<b>10,138,590</b>	<b>9,424,892</b>	<b>1,762,500</b>	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	-	-

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**18. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	(4,271,079)	3,333,109	(3,303,579)	(4,241,549)
General funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>(4,271,079)</u>	<u>3,333,109</u>	<u>(3,303,579)</u>	<u>(4,241,549)</u>

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	-	-	-	-
General funds	(4,055,567)	2,687,055	(2,902,567)	(4,271,079)
	<u>(4,055,567)</u>	<u>2,687,055</u>	<u>(2,902,567)</u>	<u>(4,271,079)</u>

The General fund has been created to monitor the incoming resources which have no restrictions over their usage in respect of activities undertaken by the Group.

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

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	12,622,328	<b>12,622,328</b>
Fixed asset investments	100	<b>100</b>
Current assets	3,254,910	<b>3,254,910</b>
Creditors due within one year	(3,695,346)	<b>(3,695,346)</b>
Creditors due in more than one year	(16,423,541)	<b>(16,423,541)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(4,241,549)</b>	<b>(4,241,549)</b>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	13,501,312	13,501,312
Fixed asset investments	100	100
Current assets	3,175,602	3,175,602
Creditors due within one year	(6,013,497)	(6,013,497)
Creditors due in more than one year	(14,934,596)	(14,934,596)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(4,271,079)</b>	<b>(4,271,079)</b>

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**20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<i>Group</i>  2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>29,530</b>	<b>(215,512)</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>866,363</b>	<b>867,413</b>
Interest received	<b>(12,376)</b>	<b>(500)</b>
Profit on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>(22,437)</b>	<b>(17,998)</b>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	<b>235,704</b>	<b>(274,531)</b>
Increase in creditors	<b>99,843</b>	<b>70,052</b>
Interest paid	<b>1,199,322</b>	<b>1,268,524</b>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>2,395,949</b>	<b>1,697,448</b>

**21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<i>Group</i>  2022 £
Cash in hand	<b>2,745,072</b>	<b>2,430,060</b>
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,318)</b>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,745,072</b>	<b>2,412,742</b>

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**22. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	New loan	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	2,430,060	315,012	-	2,745,072
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	(17,318)	17,318	-	-
Debt due within 1 year	(5,779,348)	2,400,676	-	(3,378,672)
Debt due after 1 year	(14,934,596)	273,555	(1,762,500)	(16,423,541)
	<u>(18,301,202)</u>	<u>3,006,561</u>	<u>(1,762,500)</u>	<u>(17,057,141)</u>

**23. Related entities**

In addition to the subsidiaries and associates listed in Note 14, Empower Community Foundation is related to a number of other entities, either as a designated member or relevant legal entity. These other related entities are listed below:

ECS Peterborough 1 LLP  
Empower Peterborough CIC  
Empower Community Management LLP  
ECSP1 Construction Limited

Empower Community Foundation does not have the power to govern and direct the financial or operational policies of any of the above entities under any statute or agreement, as the operational policies of the entities are determined and directed by other entities. Empower Community Foundation and the above entities do not operate as a single entity and the risks and rewards of the various entities are not those of the Foundation.

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**24. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 March 2023 the Group and the Foundation had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Group</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Group</i> <i>2022</i> £
Not later than 1 year	<b>73,979</b>	68,889
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>295,916</b>	275,556
Later than 5 years	<b>1,060,323</b>	1,099,521
	<b><u>1,430,218</u></b>	<u>1,443,966</u>

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities:

	<b>Group</b> <b>2023</b> £	<i>Group</i> <i>2022</i> £
Operating lease rentals	<b>71,597</b>	66,471

**25. Members' liability**

Each member of the Foundation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Foundation in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

**26. Related party transactions**

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption in Section 33.1A under FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned members of the Group.

Empower Community Management LLP is a related party as Empower Community Foundation is a designated member. At the year end, a balance of £Nil (2021: £10,536) for unpaid recharges was included within accrued income.

During the year, Empower Community Management LLP settled invoices totalling £13,290 (2022: £Nil). At the year end, a balance of £6,710 (2022: £7,425 is due to) is due from Empower Community Management LLP. This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

During the year, Empower Community Management LLP gave loans of £87,000 (2022: £Nil) to EarthHealth Partnership LLP, in which a director of Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC is also a member of. At year end, a balance of £87,000 (2022: £Nil) was owed to Empower Community Foundation LLP.

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**27. Post balance sheet events**

On 21 April 2023, the Company issued 2,000,000 6.5% Index-linked Secured Bonds 2038 (Bonds) to the subscribers with total subscription funds of £2,000,000 payable by the subscribers.

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Company Registered Number: 07613369  
Charity Registered Number: 1161019

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE FOUNDATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
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<b>Trustees</b>	A Grayson, Chair M Pitt H Kotecha
<b>Company registered number</b>	07613369
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1161019
<b>Registered office</b>	10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE
<b>Independent auditor</b>	MHA MacIntyre Hudson Colchester Business Park 910 The Crescent Colchester Essex CO4 9YQ
<b>Bankers</b>	Triodos Bank UK Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Since the Group and the Foundation qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

**Objectives and activities**

**a. Policies and objectives**

The Group aims to have a demonstrable impact on causes falling within the Empower Community Foundation's (ECF) objects. The Group and Foundation's key objective for the year was to act as a Trustee to the local community funds which are due to be received from projects where the Group and Foundation has an interest. The projects mainly comprise fully operational and validated solar PV systems which are owned and operated by a special purpose vehicle.

ECF administers and oversees the financial management and allocation of surplus revenue share from projects in favour of communities where the projects are undertaken, in consultation with a Local Community Fund Panel for the rooftop portfolio and via the relevant Community Foundation in the case of the CIC-based solar parks (see below).

ECF's objects have been designed to allow maximum flexibility for each locality to make its own decisions in relation to best application of support for that area, broadly in favour of projects which will reduce or reverse negative social and/or environmental impacts in the local community.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

The strategy for the period was to implement the objectives of the Group and Foundation and prepare for future surplus funds to be distributed.

The principle that members of the community local to that project are best placed to identify and recommend the most beneficial recipients and uses of grant funding is embodied in the structure and implementation of the grant making activities of ECF. These are currently the Local Community Fund Panel for Empower Community Solar 1 LLP (known as 'Empower Sunderland') and the relationships with The Wiltshire Community Foundation for Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and Foundation Scotland for New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

In each case, ECF Trustees review and approve the most suitable recipients of grant funding as recommended by the local entity.

**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

The projects have commenced in the special purpose vehicles and the Foundation's share of funds are in the process of being received and distributed.

In the case of Empower Community Solar 1, the primary focus of grant making has been the general improvement and energy efficiency of community centres in the Sunderland area. The covid situation has meant that many of these centres' building improvement plans were stalled, so grant making for these activities slowed during the period, with a number of smaller grants to wider groups such as food banks and women's refuges made instead. Unallocated funds have accrued for future grant making.

Drove Lane Solar Park CIC donated to the Wiltshire Community Foundation in support of its 'Stronger Families' programme in Salisbury's most deprived ward.

New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC, via Foundation Scotland, made its annual grant to Voluntary Action Angus for their 'Children and Families Buddy Support' programme.

**Achievements and performance**

**a. Key performance indicators**

Income distributable to charitable beneficiaries is considered to be the key performance indicator. Grants distributed to institutions for community benefit in the year totalled £69,830 (*unaudited 2021 - £190,858*), with unallocated funds from one financial year carried over into the next.

**b. Review of activities**

Regarding the activities outlined above, the Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of beneficiaries and to award grants to new projects where appropriate and carry forward any unallocated grant funds where no suitable recipient has yet been identified.

**c. Investment policy and performance**

The Foundation is expecting to receive funds in the future to invest in future community projects and for the time being is donating 100% of community benefit funds received.

The investment policy of the Group and Foundation will be to invest any surplus funds in interest generating deposit accounts. Further investment policies will be agreed once funds have been received.

Further social and ethical considerations which are not outlined in the objects are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the Foundation does not mandate consideration of other matters.

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**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Group and Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**b. Reserves policy**

The Group and Foundation is not currently exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require to be ameliorated by emergency expenditure.

The Group aims to maintain a level of reserves in future sufficient to enable its project and donor activities to be undertaken year on year once funding is received. At the year end, there was a deficit in unrestricted funds of £4,271,079 (*as restated, unaudited 2021 - £4,055,567*).

While the Group is in deficit and made a deficit during the year, the earnings before depreciation for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022 was £651,901 (*as restated, unaudited 2021 - £477,211*). The deficit is a result of the large capital outlay required to initially purchase the solar harvesting equipment which is being depreciated. Once these items are fully depreciated, the Group is expected to recover the deficit.

**c. Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the Group and Foundation and similar charities, may be subject. It is felt that the extensive due diligence that will be carried out on future grant applications mitigates against it as strongly as the Group and Foundation's resources will allow.

**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Empower Community Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust Deed.

The objects of the Foundation ('the objects') are:

- i. the advancement of environmental protection and conservation of the natural environment, particularly by promoting the reduction of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane and any other gases that may be identified from time to time as having a global warming potential);
- ii. the prevention and relief of poverty, particularly by the reduction of energy bills, through the advancement and facilitation of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures;
- iii. the advancement of education, particularly in relation to energy, climate change and environmental protection and conservation; and
- iv. any other objects which are charitable for the time being under English law.

The objects underpin the detection process for beneficiaries of the community funds distributed.

**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Group and the Foundation is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed.

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board administers the Group. A Chief Executive will be appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the Foundation when and if required.

ECF is a designated member of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP and receives the 40% of surplus revenue from it on an annual basis, for grant making in the Sunderland community.

ECF is the beneficial owner of Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC and receives income by donation for distribution to the communities local to each community, as well as potential for future investment in new projects.

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Trustees are recruited following recommendations from existing Trustees and after consideration of the existing Board's requirements.

The Trustees are appointed under the Trust Deed, with a minimum of three Trustees. The Trustees undertake appropriate training and induction under their terms of reference, with an experienced Trustee as a mentor.

There are currently no Trustees to induct and training for Trustees is maintained through Charity Commission updates.

**e. Pay policy for key management personnel**

The Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the Group and Foundation and are in charge of controlling, running and operating the Group and Foundation on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and received no remuneration for the year and no Trustee expenses were incurred.

**f. Related party relationships**

None of our Trustees received remuneration or other benefits from their work with the Group and Foundation.

The Foundation is expecting to receive funding in the future from the related entities to accumulate for future reinvestment and distribution as charitable grants.

**g. Financial risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Foundation are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Foundation, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**h. Principal activities**

The principal activity during the year was that of the advancement of environmental protection and conservation, improvement of community spaces, reduction of energy costs and advancement of education.

**Plans for future periods**

The Group and Foundation plans to increase and develop its level of operations as its related entities evolve.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

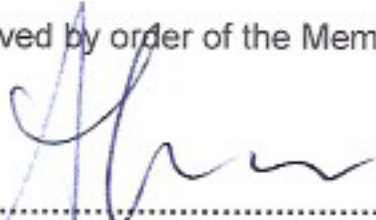
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

**Auditor**

The auditor, MHA MacIntyre Hudson, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
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A Grayson  
Chair

Date: 31/01/23

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Foundation and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and Foundation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Foundation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Foundation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

  
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**A Grayson**  
Chair

Date: 31/01/23

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Empower Community Foundation (the 'Foundation') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Foundation Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
(CONTINUED)**

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**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the entity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management about any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the control systems in place and testing the effectiveness of the controls;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

**Other matters**

The consolidated financial statements of Empower Community Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2021 were unaudited.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Group's Members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the Group's Trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Cara Miller ACCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of  
**MHA MacIntyre Hudson**  
Statutory Auditor  
Colchester, United Kingdom

Date: 31 January 2023

**EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations	3	17,500	17,500	-
Charitable activities	4	2,651,057	2,651,057	2,538,657
Investments	5	500	500	279
Other income	6	17,998	17,998	3,232
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,687,055</b>	<b>2,687,055</b>	<b>2,542,168</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	7,8	2,902,567	2,902,567	2,932,816
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,902,567</b>	<b>2,902,567</b>	<b>2,932,816</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(215,512)</b>	<b>(215,512)</b>	<b>(390,648)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		(4,055,567)	(4,055,567)	(3,664,919)
Net movement in funds		(215,512)	(215,512)	(390,648)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>(4,271,079)</b>	<b>(4,271,079)</b>	<b>(4,055,567)</b>

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	As restated Unaudited 2021 £	As restated Unaudited 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		13,501,312		14,365,574
Investments	14		100		100
			<u>13,501,412</u>		<u>14,365,674</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	745,542		471,011	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,430,060		2,439,201	
		<u>3,175,602</u>		<u>2,910,212</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(6,013,497)		(5,715,170)	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<u>(2,837,895)</u>		<u>(2,804,958)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>10,663,517</u>		<u>11,560,716</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(14,934,596)		(15,616,283)
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>(4,271,079)</u>		<u>(4,055,567)</u>
<b>Group funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		-		-
Unrestricted funds	18		(4,271,079)		(4,055,567)
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>(4,271,079)</u>		<u>(4,055,567)</u>

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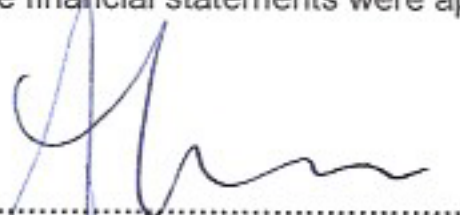
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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**A Grayson**

Chair

Date: 31/01/23

The notes on pages 17 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET  
 AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	As restated Unaudited 2021 £	As restated Unaudited 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	14		200		200
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	-		10,536	
Cash at bank and in hand		100,609		17,737	
		<u>100,609</u>		<u>28,273</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(17,000)		(8,675)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>83,609</b>		<b>19,598</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<b>83,809</b>		<b>19,798</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		-		-
Unrestricted funds	18		83,809		19,798
<b>Total funds</b>			<b>83,809</b>		<b>19,798</b>

The Foundation has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements. The Foundation's net movement in funds for the year was a surplus of £64,011 (*unaudited 2021 - deficit of £94,592*).

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
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 A Grayson  
 Chair

Date: 31/01/23

The notes on pages 17 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
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	Note	2022 £	<i>As restated</i> <i>Unaudited</i> 2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	20	1,697,448	1,701,905
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received	5	500	279
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		14,847	-
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>		<b>15,347</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of loans	17,16	(470,723)	(442,823)
Interest paid	8	(1,268,524)	(1,329,456)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(1,739,247)</b>	<b>(1,772,279)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(26,452)</b>	<b>(70,095)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,439,194	2,509,289
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	21	<b>2,412,742</b>	<b>2,439,194</b>

The notes on pages 17 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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**1. General information**

Empower Community Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The Charity Registration Number of the Foundation is 1161019 and the Company Registration Number of the Foundation is 07613369. The address of the registered office and principal place of operation is detailed on page 1. The nature of the Foundation's operations and principal activity are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Empower Community Foundation 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.

The presentational and functional currency of the Group and Foundation is pound sterling and the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest pound sterling.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Foundation and its subsidiary undertakings. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Foundation has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

For the year ended 31 March 2021, Empower Community Foundation did not have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of any other entities, meaning single-entity financial statements were prepared.

For the year ended 31 March 2022, Empower Community Foundation did have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of any other entities, meaning these are consolidated financial statements. As a result, the comparatives have been restated through-out these financial statements to show consolidated figures.

**2.2 Related entities**

Empower Community Foundation is a relevant legal entity to two Community Interest Companies (CICs), three companies and three Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) formed to advance charitable solar powered activities. Empower Community Foundation does have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of the two CICs and one of the LLPs and therefore is required to prepare consolidated financial statements including these three entities. Further details regarding these entities can be found in Note 14.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Going concern

The Group has net current liabilities of £2,837,895 (2021 - £2,804,958) and total net liabilities of £4,271,079 (2021 - £4,055,567) at the Balance Sheet date. Also, included within Other loans: Creditors - amounts falling due within one year, as shown in Note 16, is a loan due to Social and Sustainable Capital - SASC (previously known as Leapfrog) of £2,215,959 (2021 - £2,152,206). It had been obtained as a bridging loan and was due for repayment by 28 February 2019. The loan agreement states that repayment is to be financed by successful refinancing and the loan will not be held as defaulted if an 'updated refinancing plan' is submitted to the lender.

In line with the above, the Directors have submitted a refinancing plan to SASC which has been agreed by the lender at present. In line with the submitted plan, the Directors are confident that the loan can be successfully refinanced in the near future and that it will not be called due immediately as the agreed refinancing plan and repayment schedule can be followed.

Based on above and on the resources available, the Directors consider that the company will remain in operational existence for the near future. The Directors have considered relevant information, including the annual budget, forecast future cashflows and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment. The Group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the Group has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Other income from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	20 - 25 years
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The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

**2.8 Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

Investments in associates are stated at the amount of the Group's share of net assets. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes the Group's share of the associated companies' net income or expenditure using the equity accounting basis.

**2.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Foundation anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.12 Financial instruments**

The majority of the Group's financial assets and liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Notes 16 and 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments in associates are measured at fair value using the equity method as detailed in Policy 2.8.

**2.13 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**2.14 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**3. Income from donations**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	17,500	17,500	-

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	2,651,057	2,651,057

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	2,538,657	2,538,657

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	500	500

	<i>As restated Unaudited Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Bank interest receivable	279	279

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	17,998	17,998

	<i>As restated unaudited Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Recharges	3,232	3,232

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**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by fund**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	2,902,567	2,902,567
	<i>As restated Unaudited Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Total 2021 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	2,932,816	2,932,816

**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type**

	<b>Grant funding of activities 2022 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
Environmental protection and conservation	69,830	2,832,737	2,902,567
	<i>As restated Unaudited Grant funding of activities 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Support costs 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	190,858	2,741,958	2,932,816

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities - by type (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	<i>As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Depreciation	867,413	867,859
Audit and accountancy fees	55,250	56,382
Bookkeeping fees	7,650	7,767
Bank charges	1,774	1,260
Professional subscriptions	1,039	-
Legal and professional fees	111,246	24,110
Premises costs	170,716	190,080
Insurance costs	23,540	22,540
Loan interest payable	1,268,524	1,329,456
Asset management fees	49,168	52,020
Arrangement fees	30,317	24,230
Performance fees	10,288	-
Technology costs	7,263	7,338
VAT adjustments	4,507	4,579
Solar monitoring	23,863	28,508
Distributions paid	90,222	46,244
Bad debts	6,866	-
Management fees	102,991	79,585
Sundry expenses	100	-
	<u>2,832,737</u>	<u>2,741,958</u>

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9. Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Environmental protection and conservation	69,830	69,830
	<u>69,830</u>	<u>69,830</u>
	<i>Unaudited Grants to institutions 2021 £</i>	<i>Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Environmental protection and conservation	190,858	190,858
	<u>190,858</u>	<u>190,858</u>

No grants made to any one institution in either the year ended 31 March 2022 or the year ended 31 March 2021 were deemed to be material to the Group for the purposes of these financial statements.

10. Auditor's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Group's auditor for the audit of the Group's annual accounts	45,250	29,750
Fees payable to the Group's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	31,500	25,110
	<u>31,500</u>	<u>25,110</u>

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**11. Staff costs**

The average number of persons employed by the Foundation during the year was as follows:

	<b>Group 2022 No.</b>	<i>Unaudited Group 2021 No.</i>
Employees	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Group incurred no staff costs during the year ended 31 March 2022 (*unaudited 2021 - £NIL*).

**12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, the Trustees, who are considered to be the key management personnel, didn't receive any remuneration or other benefits (*unaudited 2021 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*unaudited 2021 - £NIL*).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Plant and machinery £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021 (as restated, unaudited)	19,521,894
Disposals	(8,908)
At 31 March 2022	<u>19,512,986</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2021 (as restated, unaudited)	5,156,320
Charge for the year	867,413
On disposals	(12,059)
At 31 March 2022	<u>6,011,674</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2022	<u>13,501,312</u>
At 31 March 2021 (as restated, unaudited)	<u>14,365,574</u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Investments in associates £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021 (as restated, unaudited)	100
At 31 March 2022	<u>100</u>
	<u><u>100</u></u>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Investments in subsidiary companies £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021	200
At 31 March 2022	<u>200</u>
	<u><u>200</u></u>

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

**Principal subsidiaries and associates**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Foundation:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Company number</b>	<b>Registered office or principal place of business</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Included in consolidation</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	092966615	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	SC508660	C/O Henderson Loggie, The Vision Building, 20 Greenmarket, Dundee, Scotland, DD1 4QB	Production of electricity through solar technology	Ordinary	100%	Yes
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	OC387463	10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE	Production of electricity through solar technology	N/A	-%	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiaries for the year were:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Profit/(loss) for the year £</b>	<b>Net assets/ (liabilities) £</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	674,155	785,398	(111,243)	(1,225,099)
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	676,505	768,625	(92,120)	(1,193,745)
Empower Community Solar 1 LLP	1,318,863	1,395,024	(76,161)	(1,935,845)

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The following were associates of the Foundation:

Names	Fair value of investment at 31 March 2022 £	Registered office or principal place of business	Class of shares	Holding
Britford Solar Connections Limited	50	Cubico Sustainable Investments, 70 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BE	Ordinary	50%
Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited	50	KPMG LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 2EG	Ordinary	50%

Empower Community Foundation is deemed to control the financial and operational policies of Empower Community Solar 1 LLP due to its role as a member of the LLP.

Both Britford Solar Connections Limited and Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited were dormant during the year ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021.

The shares in Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC are held by Empower Community Foundation Limited. The shares in Britford Solar Connections Limited are held by Drove Lane Solar Park CIC. The shares in Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited are held by New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC.

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15. Debtors

	Group 2022 £	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021 £</i>	Foundation 2022 £	<i>Unaudited Foundation 2021 £</i>
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	133,821	-	-	-
Other debtors	27,068	2,123	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	584,653	468,888	-	10,536
	<u>745,542</u>	<u>471,011</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,536</u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2022 £	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021 £</i>	Foundation 2022 £	<i>Unaudited Foundation 2021 £</i>
Bank overdrafts	17,318	7	-	-
Other loans	5,779,348	5,568,384	-	-
Trade creditors	78,793	37,854	-	-
Amounts owed to associates	100	100	-	-
Other taxation and social security	10,532	6,001	-	-
Other creditors	17,852	25,277	-	7,425
Accruals	109,554	77,547	17,000	1,250
	<u>6,013,497</u>	<u>5,715,170</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>8,675</u>

Other loans of £5,779,348 (*as restated, unaudited 2021 - £5,568,384*) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021 £</i>
Other loans	<b>14,934,596</b>	<b>15,616,283</b>

Other loans of £14,934,596 (*as restated, unaudited 2021 - £15,616,283*) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021 £</i>
<b>Between one and two years</b>		
Other loans	<b>1,312,494</b>	<b>1,241,199</b>
<b>Between two and five years</b>		
Other loans	<b>4,197,210</b>	<b>3,935,646</b>
<b>Over five years</b>		
Other loans	<b>9,424,892</b>	<b>10,439,438</b>

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<u>(4,055,567)</u>	<u>2,687,055</u>	<u>(2,902,567)</u>	<u>(4,271,079)</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>As restated Unaudited Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Income £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Expenditure £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<u>(3,664,919)</u>	<u>2,542,168</u>	<u>(2,932,816)</u>	<u>(4,055,567)</u>

The General fund has been created to monitor the incoming resources which have no restrictions over their usage in respect of activities undertaken by the Group.

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	13,501,312	13,501,312
Fixed asset investments	100	100
Current assets	3,175,602	3,175,602
Creditors due within one year	(6,013,497)	(6,013,497)
Creditors due in more than one year	(14,934,596)	(14,934,596)
<b>Total</b>	<u>(4,271,079)</u>	<u>(4,271,079)</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>As restated Unaudited Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>As restated Unaudited Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	14,365,574	14,365,574
Fixed asset investments	100	100
Current assets	2,910,212	2,910,212
Creditors due within one year	(5,715,170)	(5,715,170)
Creditors due in more than one year	(15,616,283)	(15,616,283)
<b>Total</b>	<u>(4,055,567)</u>	<u>(4,055,567)</u>

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**20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

		<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021 £</i>
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		<u>(215,512)</u>	<u>(390,648)</u>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>			
Depreciation charges	13	867,413	867,859
Interest received	5	(500)	(279)
Profit on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	6	(17,998)	-
Increase in debtors	15	(274,531)	(49,496)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	16	70,052	(54,987)
Interest paid	8	1,268,524	1,329,456
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<u><u>1,697,448</u></u>	<u><u>1,701,905</u></u>

**21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

		<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021 £</i>
Cash in hand		2,430,060	2,439,201
Overdraft facility repayable on demand		(17,318)	(7)
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u><u>2,412,742</u></u>	<u><u>2,439,194</u></u>

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**22. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	As restated Unaudited At 1 April 2021	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,439,201	(9,141)	2,430,060
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	(7)	(17,311)	(17,318)
Debt due within 1 year	(5,568,384)	(210,964)	(5,779,348)
Debt due after 1 year	(15,616,283)	681,687	(14,934,596)
	<u>(18,745,473)</u>	<u>444,271</u>	<u>(18,301,202)</u>

**23. Related entities**

In addition to the subsidiaries and associates listed in Note 14, Empower Community Foundation is related to a number of other entities, either as a designated member or relevant legal entity. These other related entities are listed below:

ECS Peterborough 1 LLP  
Empower Peterborough CIC  
Empower Community Management LLP  
ECSP1 Construction Limited

Empower Community Foundation does not have the power to govern and direct the financial or operational policies of any of the above entities under any statute or agreement, as the operational policies of the entities are determined and directed by other entities. Empower Community Foundation and the above entities do not operate as a single entity and the risks and rewards of the various entities are not those of the Foundation.

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**24. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 March 2022 the Group and the Foundation had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Group 2022</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021</i>
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	68,889	63,618
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	275,556	254,471
Later than 5 years	1,099,521	1,039,067
	<u>1,443,966</u>	<u>1,357,156</u>

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities:

	<b>Group 2022</b>	<i>As restated Unaudited Group 2021</i>
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	66,471	63,805
	<u>66,471</u>	<u>63,805</u>

**25. Members' liability**

Each member of the Foundation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Foundation in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

**26. Related party transactions**

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption in Section 33.1A under FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned members of the Group.

Empower Community Management LLP is a related party as Empower Community Foundation is a designated member. During the year, support costs of £NIL (*unaudited 2021 - £3,232*) were recharged to Empower Community Foundation and included in accrued income. At the year end, a balance of £10,536 (*unaudited 2021 - £10,536*) for unpaid recharges was included within accrued income.

During the year, Empower Community Management LLP settled invoices totalling £NIL (*unaudited 2021 - £2,700*) on behalf of Empower Community Foundation. At the year end, a balance of £7,425 (*unaudited 2021 - £7,425*) owed to Empower Community Management LLP was included within other creditors.

**EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161019

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# Accounts

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Registered number: 07613369  
Charity number: 1161019

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**Trustees**

Mr A Grayson  
Mr H Kotecha  
Mr M Pitt

**Company registered number**

07613369

**Charity registered number**

1161019

**Registered office**

10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE

**Accountants**

MHA MacIntyre Hudson LLP, 6th Floor, 2 London Wall Place, London, EC2Y 5AU

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank Plc, 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Trustees

Mr H Kotecha, Mr M Pitt and Mr A Grayson were trustees who served during the year.

**Objectives and Activities**

**a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The charity aims to have a demonstrable impact on causes falling within its objects and act as a trustee to the local community funds which are due to be received from projects where the charity has an interest. The projects mainly comprise fully operational and validated solar PV systems which are owned and operated by a special purpose vehicle.

The charity's key objective for the year was to act as a trustee to the local community funds which were received from projects where the charity has an interest in the projects.

**b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES**

The strategy for the period was to implement the objectives of the charity and prepare for future surplus funds to be distributed.

**c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES**

The projects have commenced in the special purpose vehicles and the charity's share of funds are in the process of being received and distributed.

**d. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'. The Charity's public benefit is enshrined in its charitable objects as outlined above.

**Strategic report**

**Achievements and performance**

**a. KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Income distributable to charitable beneficiaries will be the key performance indicator. Grants payable to institutions for community benefit in the year totalled £190,858 (2020: £70,533).

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
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**b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

The Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of beneficiaries and to invest in new projects.

**c. INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE**

The charity is expecting to receive funds in the future to invest in future community projects and for the time being is donating 100% of community benefit funds received.

The investment policy of the charity will be to invest any surplus funds in interest generating deposit accounts. Further investment policies will be agreed once funds have been received.

Further social and ethical considerations which are not outlined in the objects are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the charity does not mandate consideration of other matters.

**Financial review**

**a. GOING CONCERN**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

In 2020 and 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic brought fast-moving and unexpected variables to deal with. However, the entities which provide donations to the charity derive their income from solar panel electricity generation, and have therefore suffered no adverse financial effects as a result of the pandemic. The trustees therefore feel that the going concern status of the charity has not been affected by COVID-19.

**b. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the charity, and similar charities, may be subject, and it is felt that the extensive due diligence that will be carried out on future grant applications mitigates against it as strongly as the charity's resources will allow.

**c. RESERVES POLICY**

The charity is not currently exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require to be ameliorated by emergency expenditure.

The charity aims to maintain a level of reserves in future sufficient to enable its project and donor activities to be undertaken year on year once funding is received. Reserves held at the end of the year were £18,862 restricted funds and £936 unrestricted funds.

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**Structure, governance and management**

**a. CONSTITUTION**

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity, number 1161019 and a company limited by guarantee.

Charity Objects

The objects of the charity ("the objects") are:

- i. the advancement of environmental protection and conservation of the natural environment, particularly by promoting the reduction of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide, methane and any other gases that may be identified from time to time as having a global warming potential);
- ii. the prevention and relief of poverty, particularly by the reduction of energy bills, through the advancement and facilitation of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures;
- iii. the advancement of education, particularly in relation to energy, climate change and environmental protection and conservation; and
- iv. any other objects which are charitable for the time being under English law.

The objects underpin the detection process for beneficiaries of the community funds distributed.

**b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

Trustees are recruited following recommendations from existing trustees and other, and after consideration of the existing trustee board requirements.

The trustees are appointed under the trust deed, with a minimum of three trustees. The trustees undertake appropriate training and induction under their terms of reference, with an experienced trustee as a mentor.

There are currently no trustees to induct and training for trustees is maintained through charity commission updates.

**d. PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF**

The Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and received no remuneration for the period and no trustee expenses were incurred.

**e. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING**

The board of Trustees administers the charity. A Chief Executive will be appointed by the Trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity when and if required.

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**f. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS**

None of our Trustees received remuneration or other benefits from their work with the charity.

The Charity is expecting to receive funding in the future from the related entities to accumulate for future reinvestment and distribution as charitable grants.

**g. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and reputation of the charity. The trustees are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

**h. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity during the year was that of the advancement of environmental protection and conservation, improvement of community spaces, reduction of energy costs and advancement of education.

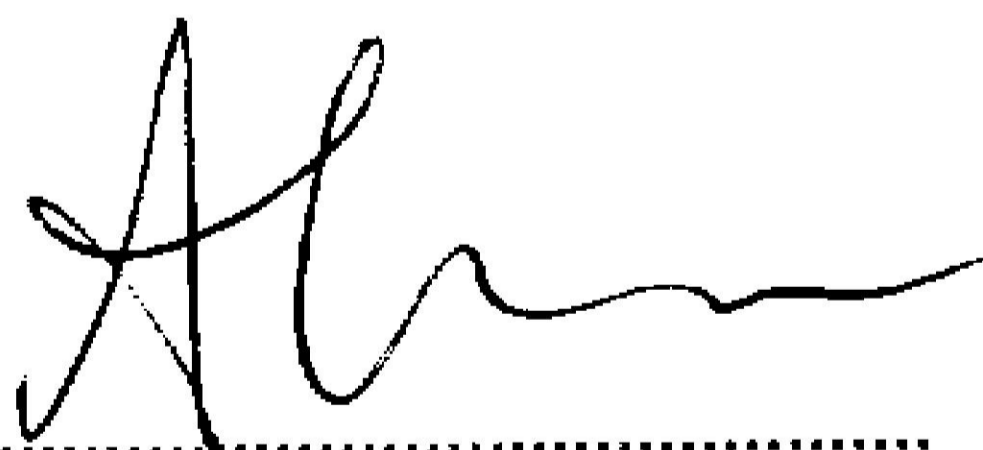
**Plans for future periods**

**a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The charity plans to increase and develop its level of operations as its related entities evolve.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
**Mr A Grayson**  
Trustee

Date: 25/01/2022

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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The Trustees (who are also directors of Empower Community Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
(the 'company')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

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

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

Signed:



Dated: 26 January 2022

**Harminther Gill BA ACA**

MHA MacIntyre Hudson  
London, United Kingdom

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
Donations	2	-	96,244	96,244	157,783
Other income	3	3,254	-	3,254	3,522
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>3,254</b>	<b>96,244</b>	<b>99,498</b>	<b>161,305</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Grants payable	4	-	190,858	190,858	70,533
Other charitable activities	5	3,232	-	3,232	3,230
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>3,232</b>	<b>190,858</b>	<b>194,090</b>	<b>73,763</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>					
		22	(94,614)	(94,592)	87,542
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>(94,614)</b>	<b>(94,592)</b>	<b>87,542</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		914	113,476	114,390	26,848
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>936</b>	<b>18,862</b>	<b>19,798</b>	<b>114,390</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**EMPOWER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

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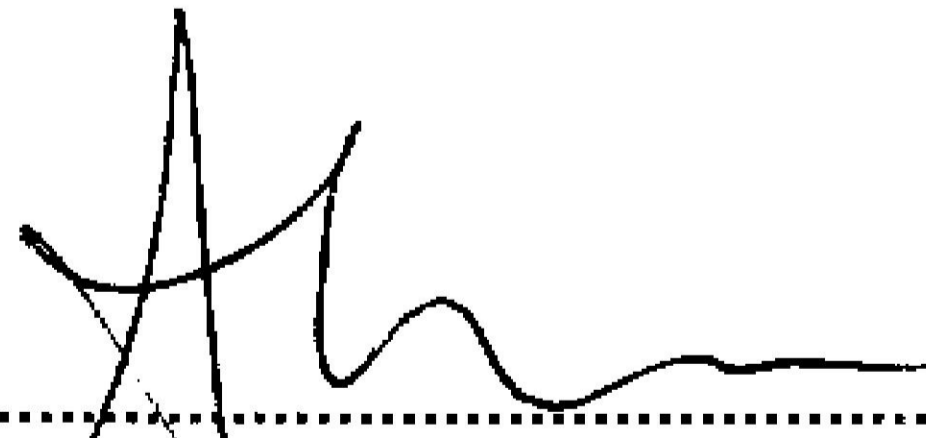
	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	7		200		200
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	10,536		7,304	
Cash at bank and in hand		17,737		112,861	
		<u>28,273</u>		<u>120,165</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(8,675)</u>		<u>(5,975)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>19,598</u>		114,190
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>19,798</u>		<u>114,390</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	10		18,862		113,476
Unrestricted funds	10		936		914
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>19,798</u>		<u>114,390</u>

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf, by:

  
.....  
**Mr A Grayson**  
Trustee

Date: 25/01/2022

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Empower Community Foundation 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.

The charity is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England. The registered office is listed on page 1. The financial statements are presented in £ sterling, the functional currency, rounded to the nearest £1.

### **1.2 Related entities**

Empower Community Foundation is a relevant legal entity to two CICs, three companies and three LLPs, formed to advance charitable solar powered activities. However, Empower Community Foundation does not have the power to control or govern the financial and operational policies of these entities in order to obtain benefits from their activities, (see note 12).

Empower Community Foundation therefore does not prepare group financial statements. These financial statements relate to the company only.

### **1.3 Company status**

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

### **1.4 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted expenditure is sufficient with the expected level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had no impact on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.5 Income**

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the receipt of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

**1.6 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.7 Investments**

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case they are measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investments in related entities are included at cost less impairment.

**1.8 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**1.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.13 Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011. It is considered to pass the tests set out in paragraph 1 schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

**1.14 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

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**2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	-	96,244	96,244	157,783
Total 2020	-	157,783	157,783	

**3. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Recharges	3,232	-	3,232	3,230
Bank interest	22	-	22	292
	3,254	-	3,254	3,522
Total 2020	3,522	-	3,522	

**4. DIRECT COSTS**

	Activities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants payable to institutions for community benefit	190,858	190,858	70,533
Total 2020	70,533	70,533	

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**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy	2,118	2,118	1,500
Bookkeeping	582	582	540
Bank charges	532	532	641
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Subtotal	3,232	3,232	2,681
Other support costs	-	-	549
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	3,232	3,232	3,230
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Total 2020	3,230	3,230	
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Support costs, including certain bank charges, have been borne by Empower Community Management LLP, Drove Lane Solar Park CIC and New Mains Of Guynd Solar Park CIC (all related entities - note 12) by recharging such costs to these entities as applicable.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

The company has no employees other than the Trustees, who did not receive any remuneration (2020: £nil).

Consequently, no employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

There were no trustee expenses in the year (2020: £nil).

**7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Shares in</b>
	<b>group</b>
	<b>undertakings</b>
	<b>£</b>
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<hr/> <hr/> <b>200</b>

**Related undertakings**

The following were related undertakings of the company:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Holding</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	100%
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	100%

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**7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)**

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 March 2021 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the related undertakings were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Aggregate of share capital and reserves £</b>	<b>Profit/(loss) £</b>
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC	(980,931)	(137,349)
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC	(968,149)	(159,925)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

The charity has no obligation to support the two related entities. Please see note 12 for more details of the charity's related entities.

**8. DEBTORS**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>10,536</u>	<u>7,304</u>

**9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Amounts owed to related undertakings	7,425	4,725
Accruals and deferred income	1,250	1,250
	<u>8,675</u>	<u>5,975</u>

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**10. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR**

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	914	3,254	(3,232)	936
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Funds - all funds	113,476	96,244	(190,858)	18,862
Total of funds	<u>114,390</u>	<u>99,498</u>	<u>(194,090)</u>	<u>19,798</u>

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
General Funds - all funds	622	3,522	(3,230)	914
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Funds - all funds	26,226	157,783	(70,533)	113,476
Total of funds	<u>26,848</u>	<u>161,305</u>	<u>(73,763)</u>	<u>114,390</u>

Restricted funds have been created to recognise the restricted funding received from charitable sources, and the related grants and expenditure.

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**11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	-	200	200
Current assets	936	27,337	28,273
Creditors due within one year	-	(8,675)	(8,675)
	<u>936</u>	<u>18,862</u>	<u>19,798</u>

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed asset investments	-	200	200
Current assets	914	119,251	120,165
Creditors due within one year	-	(5,975)	(5,975)
	<u>914</u>	<u>113,476</u>	<u>114,390</u>

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**12. RELATED ENTITIES**

Empower Community Foundation is a designated member of a number of LLPs and the relevant legal entity of three Community Interest Companies and three companies that have been formed to advance the implementation of solar powered provision and to enable charitable activities to be undertaken.

However, Empower Community Foundation does not have the power to govern and direct the financial or operational policies of any of these entities under any statute or agreement, as the operational policies of the entities are determined and directed by the other entities. Empower Community Foundation and the related entities do not operate as a single entity and the risks and rewards of the various entities are not those of the charity.

Related entities:

Empower Community Solar 1 LLP  
ECS Peterborough 1 LLP  
Empower Peterborough CIC  
Empower Community Management LLP  
ECSP1 Construction Limited  
Drove Lane Solar Park CIC  
New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC  
Britford Solar Connection Limited  
Solar Connections (New Mains of Guynd) Limited

All related entities are registered in England and Wales and financial statements are available from Companies House.

**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Certain trustees of Empower Community Foundation are also directors or members of related entities included in note 12. None of the trustees of Empower Community Foundation were involved in any discussions or decisions relating to transactions with related entities of which they are directors.

During the year, the charity received charitable donations of £25,000 (2020: £25,000) from New Mains of Guynd Solar Park CIC. There were no balances outstanding at the year end.

During the year, the charity received charitable donations of £25,000 (2020: £25,000) from Drove Lane Solar Park CIC. There were no balances outstanding at the year end.

During the year, support costs of £3,232 (2020: £3,230) were recharged by the charity to Empower Community Management LLP, and included in accrued income. At the year end, the total of such costs outstanding included within accrued income was £10,536 (2020: £7,304). The debtor is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

During the year, invoices totalling of £2,700 (2020: £2,589) were settled by Empower Community Management LLP, and recharged to Empower Community Foundation. At the year end, a balance of £7,425 (2020: £4,725) is owed to Empower Community Management LLP and included within amounts owed to related undertakings. The creditor is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.