

Charity Registration No. 1163280

Company Registration No. 09366208 (England and Wales)

LIGHT FOR LIFE SEFTON LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

LIGHT FOR LIFE SEFTON LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Mo Kundi Mr Andrew Winrow Mr John Fell Dr Raj Patel Mrs Sue Boocock Mrs Sally Binymin
Chair	Dr. Raj Patel
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Company number	09366208
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are the relief and prevention of homelessness by working with landlords in both Social Housing and Private Rented Sector to provide appropriate and accessible accommodation of a good standard, as well as training, advice and support. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were reviewed in the light of the organisation's incorporation in December 2014. These were agreed at a full meeting of the Trustees and adopted at the AGM in March 2015. The charity continues to enable and empower individuals and families as well as to develop its services in response to client's needs. The charity undertakes continuous monitoring and evaluation of its work and seeks to involve its clients in this process. The central values of Light for Life enshrine equality and diversity.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when considering the organisation's aims and objectives and in considering future activities and believe that they have complied with the guidance as described below.

Key delivery objectives

Light for Life provides a diverse range of services across the Merseyside area:

Housing Advice and Homelessness Prevention – supporting people to remain in their existing home where appropriate, and support to access accommodation of a good standard through the Bond Scheme

Rough Sleeper Services – providing outreach services in the community to support rough sleepers and working with a range of partners to access temporary accommodation

Complex Needs Services – a multi-agency approach to supporting the most vulnerable in our community

Family Intervention – supporting families within Sefton MBC's Turnaround Programme

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Achievements and performance

The second year of the pandemic has impacted on our service and service users in ways we could never have foreseen two years ago. However, Light for Life has ensured that our service users come first and has supported them through a very challenging time. Staff have exceeded expectations and risen to the challenges with optimism and resilience.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR:

- Managing the Prince of Wales Hotel – emergency accommodation site with new people arriving almost daily
- Providing wrap-around support to individuals in emergency accommodation in other sites across the borough
- Providing Mainstay assessments remotely and face to face for vulnerable people
- Providing food parcels to Southport and Aintree Hospitals
- Arranging a safe Christmas event for service users
- Providing greater 'out of hours' response to partner agencies
- Providing Training and Development Opportunities to other groups/agencies
- Continuing our Health and Wellbeing/Clinical services remotely with out partners at Southport Hospital and St Marks

HOUSING CENTRE:

The 2020-21 period was a very busy time for the Housing Centre due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. Although closed to the general public for face to face contact From April 2020 through to August 2020, the Housing Centre was still in full operation with staff working tirelessly to prevent and relieve homelessness. Staff worked from the Centre within strict Covid guidelines assisting people by telephone, email and other digital platforms, with some staff members working from home.

Working in tandem with Sefton local authority and other statutory services, LFL played a pivotal role within the Government's 'Everyone In' strategy in regard to local street homelessness, worked alongside colleagues at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust to ensure nobody was discharged from hospital to either no accommodation or that which is unsuitable for their needs, and continued to support families in housing crisis. The Centre re-opened to the public in August 2020, again within strict Covid procedures, to allow people to access face to face support and this continued throughout the remainder of the year, despite further 'lockdown' restrictions.

This period was also a busy time for staff working on our Early Help Families contract. This included providing additional emergency food boxes, access to local foodbanks and financial support, utility grant applications and welfare benefits advice to families in crisis. Specific Homelessness prevention assistance was provided to 24 families.

In terms of people accessing LFL Housing Advice and Assistance services, we saw a steep increase in the number of clients in family and friends' accommodation ('hidden homelessness') being asked to leave as a direct result of the pandemic. LFL staff have either found alternative accommodation working with PRS landlords or made onward referrals to the local authority for temporary accommodation.

Relationship breakdowns and incidences of Domestic Abuse have also risen during this period. Housing Centre staff have worked with the Police, Probation Services and landlords to assist those in crisis and have provided support, utilising contacts within RSLs, PRS and hospitality sector (hotel, B&B) to find alternative accommodation.

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HOUSING CENTRE (Cont.)

The impact of our work during this past year can be demonstrated in the numbers of clients assisted from March 2020 – April 2021 as follows:

143 – Accommodation Placements in conjunction with LFL Navigator and Outreach Teams for those who had become homeless (multiple complex needs) – temporary accommodation and move-on into supported or PRS accommodation

104 – Assessments undertaken on behalf of the Local Authority

408- generic Homelessness Prevention/ Housing Advice cases through contact with LFL Housing Centre

300 – Emergency Food Boxes provided for those leaving hospital or in crisis within the community

COVID RESPONSE:

In February 2020, it was clear that the Pandemic was going to result in significant restrictions in terms of our operations and service delivery. A week by week strategy was put in place and shared with all staff to brief them on changes to those operations and restrictions within the workplace.

PPE was purchased and specific sanitization routines put in place to ensure that the work place and the staff and members of the public using services were safe. Outreach staff were given a selection of PPE and trained in use.

By March, as expected, the country was placed under lockdown. The Centre was closed, however staff continued to work remotely. Resources were purchased to enable home working including laptops and mobile phones.

Light for Life also recognised a responsibility to the local community during this crisis and began packing Emergency Essentials into 'Care Not Covid' boxes and delivering them to the Town Halls for the use of the Emergency Duty Team, to the hospital Social Workers, the Discharge Ward at the hospital, St Mark Surgery and to Merseyside Police at both Southport and Marsh Lane Stations. These deliveries were to continue for many months to come. Funding to support this work came from the local Councillors in Southport and the Community Foundation for Merseyside along with some individual donations from the congregations at local churches.

YOUTH AND FAMILY WORK:

The year 2020-2021 brought another contract with Children, Schools and Families to deliver targeted interventions with young people most at risk of crime and especially knife crime. A range of successful interventions were implemented throughout the year which included small group sessions at Birkdale High School where a number of young people were identified as requiring support. Additionally, the team were available to families of those pupils to provide continuous support. Targeted family work was also offered providing a platform to address the family's wider issues including housing, debt, maximising benefits and exploring educational and employment opportunities to bring about behavioural changes within the family. These were very successful and the evidence suggests that those families have moved to a more stable lifestyle. Monitoring over the coming year will determine the work's true impact.

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YOUTH AND FAMILY WORK (Cont.)

Turnaround as continued to be a very busy area of work with referrals coming through the Gateway system. The staff member responsible for this area of work provides intensive support to families identified as having multiple complex issues including offending, debt, accommodation, non- attendance at school, unemployment, mental health and learning disabilities. Many have also been extremely vulnerable because of the circumstances to the behaviours of others placing them at risk, sometimes serious risk of harm. Working closely with Merseyside Police's Homelessness Champions – recruited by Light for Life has made a remarkable difference in the way that the service has been able to address some of these issues and bring about real change.

COVID RESPONSE:

All Youth and Family work took place remotely from March 2020. Staff were resourced to carry out their roles from home with new laptops and phones and families and young people were contacted regularly to keep the relationships refreshed and continuous. Identified families were offered additional support by way of Essentials Boxes, where appropriate.

ROUGH SLEEPER WORK:

The Rough Sleeper outreach worker has continued to respond to referrals from the public, agencies and individuals themselves to address rough sleeping in Sefton and where necessary has worked in Liverpool to progress cases where there is a Sefton duty. Despite the 'every one in' message, there were several individuals who remained reluctant to use the resources available and required alternative approaches. Working with our Homelessness Champions in the police particularly, we were able to reconnect individuals from neighbouring authorities and indeed, other countries, flights permitting, and deal with some very complex presentations particularly in Southport when restrictions were relaxed a little over Christmas 2020. Negotiations at the beginning of 2021 with LCR proved fruitful and an additional Outreach Worker will be in place in the new financial year. The RSW also provided direct support to those placed in Emergency Accommodation over the year.

COVID RESPONSE:

As the Pandemic took hold, Light for Life was one of the first services to move ALL rough sleepers into emergency accommodation before the deadline announced by the Government and purchased their own Emergency beds before Government funds were announced to use hotels to house those most in need. Outreach continued to work in the community, identifying anyone new to rough sleeping or to Sefton. Those with No Recourse to Public Funds were given accommodation within the guidelines issued by the Government through the Local Authority. Following discussion between Light for Life and Public Health, Covid testing took place across the Emergency Accommodation sites.

NAVIGATORS:

The Navigators team, consisting of three dedicated workers, have provided intensive support to many people placed in Emergency Accommodation alongside continuing to work with those most at risk in hostels and PRS accommodation. Originally commissioned to specifically work with service users identified as requiring RSI services, the Navigators were requested to respond to the wider needs of those presenting as homeless and the Duty accepted by the HOT. This included engaging with Probation, Addiction Services, setting up Bank Accounts, attending Court, Registering individuals with GPs and attending appointments/arranging remote appointments, accompanying individuals to hospital, liaising with Adult and Children's Social Care, CMHT and other professionals. Navigators also responded to basic needs in terms of food, clothing and hygiene and supported our Clinical services in negotiations to commence a vaccination programme for service users.

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NAVIGATORS (Cont.)

COVID RESPONSE

The Navigators have offered significant support in assisting those most in need into accommodation when Lockdown was announced in March 2020 and most importantly, continuing to work with them and alongside accommodation providers to stress the importance of remaining inside, the risks of Covid and their responsibilities to themselves, staff, the public and each other. One Navigator was deployed to a Temporary Accommodation provider to offer additional support as the numbers of presentations across the borough began to increase significantly. Others supported with assessments for those placed in emergency accommodation, preparation and delivery of Care not Covid boxes and intensive support to Outreach in enabling those most at risk to secure accommodation that night.

All meetings of the Trustees have been held on a remote basis along with meetings with partners in Police, Hospital, GP surgeries, Homelessness Services, Social Workers and Mersey Care to ensure that service users continued where possible to receive services which they needed to live through Lockdown as safely as possible.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES

Street Seen @ St Marks was forced to remain a remote service during the year with appointments continuing to be arranged through our Navigators, Rough Sleeper Worker and Housing Centre and follow up and continuing health care services supported by staff. Negotiations began to look at how the service may be developed post-Covid as it was envisaged that there would be high demand for GP services. One of Trustees, Dr Raj Patel stepped in to support this work. Some training and development was delivered via the CCG to final year GP students and arrangements discussed for placements within Light for Life. 2 Student nurses worked alongside staff to provide some additional support during the year.

We are extremely grateful to all the staff for their resilience during this demanding time, recognising the impact that the Pandemic has had on their own lives and families. They have all contributed to keeping the essential work that Light for Life provides alive and operational as we have no doubt that they will continue to do as the Pandemic continues.

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Financial review

The results for the year and the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 are set out in the financial statements on pages 10 to 20.

Our income for the year amounted to £351,499 (2020 - £361,557), with expenditure of £333,593 (2020- £303,606) leaving a net surplus of £17,906 (2020 £57,951). At 31 March 2021 our total funds stood at £134,186 (2020 - £116,280).

The charity is dependent upon several unpaid volunteers and the Trustees who serve on the management committee and assist with publicity and funding. The charity is extremely grateful for all they have done.

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. It is the policy of the charity to maintain funds at a level which equates to three months' operational expenditure, and the trustees consider that this now amounts to approximately £80,000. The trustees consider that a level of three months is sufficient to meet its expected commitments both with regard to its permanent staff and to its charitable expenditure. The level of unrestricted funds at 31st March 2021 was £104,186 , which is more than the stated policy. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charitable Company is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charitable Company is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Articles of Association dated 23rd December 2014. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Membership is open to any person or organisation although the charity's trustees can reasonably refuse a request for membership which they do not consider to be in the interests of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mr Mo Kundi

Mrs Elizabeth McInnes

(Resigned 13 January 2021)

Mr Andrew Winrow

Mr John Fell

Dr Raj Patel

Mrs Sue Boocock

(Appointed 13 January 2021)

Mrs Sally Binymin

(Appointed 28 September 2021)

As set out in the company's Articles of Association, trustees must be individuals who are over 16 years of age. New trustees are appointed by ordinary resolution following recommendation from the existing trustees. When considering the appointment of trustees, the existing trustees have regard to the skills and experience required to effectively manage the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Details of the company's organisational structure is detailed on the legal and administrative information page at the front of these accounts.

The trustees delegate the day to day management of the charity to the Chief Executive officer. The charity's work is divided into three main areas: adult housing advice/options support; young people's education; and justice. Each area is overseen by the managerial staff who report to the CEO. The charity has a full range of policies and procedures to ensure that work is conducted as agreed with the trustees.

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When a new trustee is appointed a full induction process is carried out to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities and understand the work of the charity. The charity is a member of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and uses their publication 'The Good Trustees Guide' to inform this process.

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Key personnel remuneration

The trustees consider the board of trustees and the charity's management team to be the key management personnel of the charity, responsible for directing and controlling the charity. No remuneration or expenses was paid to the trustees in the year. Remuneration of the CEO and the management team is determined by comparison with similar roles in the UK, it is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with the growth in average earnings.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Light for Life Sefton Limited for the purpose 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 which 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 year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Dr Raj Patel

Trustee

Dated: 30.11.21

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT FOR LIFE SEFTON LIMITED

I report on the financial statements of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charitable Company's trustees, who are also the directors of Light for Life Sefton Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified member of Chartered Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Oliver Grills FCA
J A Fell & Company
Chartered Accountants
40 Houghton Street
Southport
PR9 0PQ

Dated: 3/12/2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	26,512	-	26,512	38,911	-	38,911
Charitable activities	3	37,000	287,987	324,987	12,000	310,646	322,646
Total income		63,512	287,987	351,499	50,911	310,646	361,557
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	3,119	-	3,119	2,892	-	2,892
Charitable activities							
Relief of homelessness and associated activities	5	21,534	308,940	330,474	14,470	286,244	300,714
Total charitable expenditure		21,534	308,940	330,474	14,470	286,244	300,714
Total resources expended		24,653	308,940	333,593	17,362	286,244	303,606
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		38,859	(20,953)	17,906	33,549	24,402	57,951
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		65,327	50,953	116,280	31,778	26,551	58,329
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		104,186	30,000	134,186	65,327	50,953	116,280

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	10	10,186		30,619	
Cash at bank and in hand		136,276		91,340	
		<u>146,462</u>		<u>121,959</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(10,473)</u>		<u>(3,543)</u>	
Net current assets			135,989		118,416
Provisions for liabilities					
Defined benefit pension liability	12	<u>1,803</u>	(1,803)	<u>2,136</u>	(2,136)
Net assets			<u>134,186</u>		<u>116,280</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		30,000		50,953
Unrestricted funds			104,186		65,327
			<u>134,186</u>		<u>116,280</u>

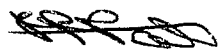
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30.11.21



Dr Raj Patel
Trustee

Company Registration No. 09366208

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	15		44,936		33,325
Net cash investing activities			-		-
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			44,936		33,325
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			91,340		58,015
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			136,276		91,340

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light for Life Sefton Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 68 Eastbank Street, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 1ES.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Incoming resources

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

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charitable Company has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charitable Company has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises and other overheads have been allocated according to the level of activity undertaken throughout the year.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at head office. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Individual assets acquired at a cost of more than £1000 are capitalised. Assets acquired at a cost of less than £1000 are charged as an expense in the period in which they are acquired.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

The charity also participates in a multi-employer defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the charity to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme, therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is classified as a 'last man standing arrangement'. Therefore the charity is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation of the scheme was carried out at 30th September 2017. This valuation showed assets of £794.9m, liabilities of £926.4m and a deficit of £131.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall the Trustee has asked participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme. The charity recognises the liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	14,512	38,911
Local Authority Covid grants	12,000	-
	<u>26,512</u>	<u>38,911</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Relief of homelessness	Relief of homelessness
	2021	2020
	£	£
Services provided under contract	312,987	310,646
Charitable rental income	12,000	12,000
	<u>324,987</u>	<u>322,646</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	37,000	12,000
Restricted funds	287,987	310,646
	<u>324,987</u>	<u>322,646</u>

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Staff costs	3,119	2,892
	<u>3,119</u>	<u>2,892</u>

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5 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	208,177	189,752
Travelling and subsistence	3,426	4,804
Training costs	-	2,853
Equipment and repairs	13,178	5,089
Beneficiary activities	12,071	9,323
Rent and utilities	12,212	12,408
Insurance	969	943
Repairs and maintenance	1,353	1,119
	<u>251,386</u>	<u>226,291</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	79,088	74,423
	<u>330,474</u>	<u>300,714</u>

6 Description of charitable activities

Relief of homelessness and associated activities

The charity undertakes its charitable activities using its funds to provide temporary accommodation for homeless people, as well as offering advice and support.

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Staff costs	59,270	-	59,270	54,953	-	54,953
General Insurance	7,314	-	7,314	4,988	-	4,988
Subscriptions & Sundries	529	-	529	2,597	-	2,597
Bank charges and interest	358	-	358	344	-	344
Post, stationery and printing	1,568	-	1,568	1,944	-	1,944
Telephone	5,670	-	5,670	4,829	-	4,829
Accountancy	2,760	-	2,760	2,880	-	2,880
Professional Fees	1,619	-	1,619	1,888	-	1,888
	<u>79,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,088</u>	<u>74,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,423</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	79,088	-	79,088	74,423	-	74,423

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charitable Company during the year.

9 Employees

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Direct charitable work	9	12
Administrative staff	2	2
Total	11	14

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	246,580	223,173
Social security costs	15,941	13,685
Other pension costs	8,045	10,739
	270,566	247,597

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

10 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	6,027	25,037
Prepayments and accrued income	4,159	5,582
	10,186	30,619

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	10,473	3,543

12 Retirement benefit schemes

The Charitable Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for certain employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charitable Company in an independently administered fund.

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12 Retirement benefit schemes

(Continued)

Defined benefit schemes

The company participates in a multi-employer defined benefit scheme which is in deficit. The liability recognised in the accounts is the net present value of the obligation to pay contributions to the scheme. The expense recognised in the accounts is current annual service costs of the scheme.

Amounts recognised in the profit and loss account:

	2021 £	2020 £
Net interest on defined benefit liability/(asset)	48	33
Other costs and income	62	(58)
Total costs/(income)	110	(25)

The amounts included in the balance sheet arising from the Charitable Company's obligations in respect of defined benefit plans are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Present value of defined benefit obligations	1,803	2,136
Total liability recognised	1,803	2,136

The liability recognised in the balance sheet is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable. The discount rate used to calculate the liability is 0.66% (2020 2.53 %).

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Housing Department	-	57,840	(57,840)	-	54,840	(24,840)	30,000
Turnaround Programme	-	95,000	(80,000)	15,000	35,000	(50,000)	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	18,074	22,435	(19,944)	20,565	-	(20,565)	-
Street Seen	8,477	-	(8,477)	-	-	-	-
Severe Weather Shelter	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-	-
Migrant Rough Sleepers	-	22,000	(22,000)	-	-	-	-
Rough Sleepers Outreach	-	44,160	(44,160)	-	43,865	(43,865)	-
Navigator	-	66,211	(50,823)	15,388	114,991	(130,379)	-
Covid	-	-	-	-	24,533	(24,533)	-
Next Steps Accommodati on Programme	-	-	-	-	14,758	(14,758)	-
	<u>26,551</u>	<u>310,646</u>	<u>(286,244)</u>	<u>50,953</u>	<u>287,987</u>	<u>(308,940)</u>	<u>30,000</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Current assets/ (liabilities)	105,989	30,000	135,989	67,463	50,953	118,416
Provisions and pensions	(1,803)	-	(1,803)	(2,136)	-	(2,136)
	<u>104,186</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>134,186</u>	<u>65,327</u>	<u>50,953</u>	<u>116,280</u>

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15	Cash generated from operations	2021	2020
		£	£
	Surplus for the year	17,906	57,951
	Adjustments for:		
	Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	(333)	(455)
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	20,433	(24,496)
	Increase in creditors	6,930	325
	Cash generated from operations	44,936	33,325
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16	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The Charitable Company had no debt during the year.		

