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POLICE NOW
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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Reference and administrative details

Name: Police Now
Charity number: 1168427
Company number: 09922205

Name: Police Now Enterprises Limited
Company number: 09922465

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees, who are also Directors for the purpose of Company Law, present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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, 2nd edition), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Police Now's mission is to transform communities, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and increase the public's confidence in the police service by recruiting, developing and inspiring outstanding and diverse leaders in society and on the policing frontline. This aligns with the original governing documents of the charity¹. In addition, Police Now is the sole shareholder of Police Now Enterprises Limited, a trading subsidiary and company limited by guarantee.

Police Now was created by those who believe that there is value for the police service and the communities that policing serves to recruiting, training, and developing police officers in ways that differ from traditional approaches.

With the support of the Metropolitan Police Service, The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, the Home Office and London First (now BusinessLDN), a small number of constables, sergeants, and inspectors created Police Now within the Metropolitan Police. The first cohort of sixty-nine programme participants joined Police Now's National Graduate Leadership Development Programme started in July 2015 in London. In 2016, Police Now became an independent organisation and charity. In 2019 Police Now launched the National Detective Programme and in 2021 launched the Frontline Leadership Programme. Between 2019 and 2023, Police Now played a key role in the delivery of His Majesty's Government's Police Uplift Programme.

During the 2022/23 year, 148 participants joined the eighth cohort of the National Graduate Leadership Programme, and 227 participants joined the fourth cohort of the National Detective Programme.

By 31 March 2023, thirty-five of the police forces in England and Wales had partnered with Police Now to recruit and develop over 2,500 police officers across England and Wales, around 58% of whom told us they would not have considered a policing career but for Police Now².

Police Now strives to achieve its objectives by:

- Recruiting brilliant people with intelligence, integrity, emotional intelligence, and grit at the highest possible diversity.
- Equipping them with excellent core policing skills to build credibility with colleagues and the public.
- Providing a foundation in leadership with and without rank.
- Armouring them against cynicism through the Code of Ethics, organisational justice, procedural justice, reflective practice, critical analysis, resilience, wellbeing and grit, and evidence-based policing and problem solving.
- Posting them to forces and communities that need them most.

Through these core mission activities and strategic enablers, Police Now aims to achieve a sustained, long-term reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour and a sustained, long-term increase in the public's confidence in policing. This will ultimately ensure a safe environment where everyone, including the most vulnerable in a society, has a chance to thrive. Police Now clearly fits within the definitions in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit³.

¹ Police Now Articles of Association 3.1 The object of the Charity is to promote the efficiency of the Police, in particular by the operation of a graduate recruitment and training programme to recruit a high calibre of police officers to police forces across the United Kingdom.

² Measured via participant experience surveys for NDP cohort 4 - Were you planning to join the police before you heard about Police Now?

³ The purpose is "beneficial... in a way that is identifiable and capable of being proved by evidence where necessary" and benefits "the public in general, or a sufficient section of the public" without giving personal benefit or causing detriment or harm.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Over the course of the year, Police Now has engaged in several activities to achieve its stated aims and objectives, specifically:

- Secured funding agreements to contribute to the Police Uplift Programme during 2022/23.
- Secured funding agreements to continue to offer the leadership and promotion programme focused on existing constables: The Frontline Leadership Programme.
- Recruited and commenced training for ~400 participants across the National Graduate Leadership Programme and the National Detective Programme.
- Achieved or maintained three-year contracts with three of the biggest six forces in England and Wales.
- Made progress on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic representation within PNHQ staff and across our programme participants through a diversity-first campaign, alongside the development of our focused diversity strategy incorporating a performance focused regime (including external challenge & support); and
- Published our latest Impact Report which included a digital version.

Grant-making

Police Now does not engage in grant-making activity.

Volunteers

The Trustees are all unpaid volunteers who provide their time, expertise, and judgement without payment, and Police Now is enormously grateful for their contribution. In addition, Police Now has benefited from several pro bono contributions, typically provided on a voluntary basis. Apart from the Board, the day-to-day operation of Police Now is not reliant on volunteers to function and is predominantly run by paid professional staff.

Fundraising

It is critically important that Police Now continues to be innovative and agile in bringing new programmes and responding to the needs of policing. As such, Police Now does not actively pursue a strategy of fundraising from corporate, individual or foundations. The primary source of funding is from fees received from Police Forces for programme participants and grant income from the Home Office.

Police Now does not fundraise from members of the public and has no short-term ambition to do so. Any changes in this strategy must be approved by Police Now's Board to ensure ongoing alignment with recognised standards, avoid complaints and protect the public — including vulnerable people — from unreasonably intrusive or persistent fundraising approaches and undue pressures to donate. To date Police Now has received no fundraising complaints.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the past year, Police Now made significant progress against key aims:

Impact on crime and anti-social behaviour

- Police Now holds every participant to account on behalf of the communities they serve, assessing them regularly on the impact they are making. Despite the challenges of doing so, Police Now also analyses data on crime, antisocial behaviour, and public confidence in the communities where participants are posted, working in partnership with independent academic experts.
- Police Now produces an impact report to demonstrate measurable impact to forces, the Home Office and the public. This can be viewed [here](#).
- Participants are tackling a range of issues in the communities they serve, with a focus on ASB, crime prevention, partnership working and young people.
- Independently peer reviewed analysis of Police recorded crime data for England and Wales suggests a 14% reduction in anti-social behaviour in the communities where Police Now's participants were posted between 2018 and 2020, compared to a 1% increase in the communities without a Police Now participant.

Extend Police Now into more deprived and vulnerable communities

- Police Now has placed officers in 35 police forces across England and Wales since 2015, creating a national network of over 2,500 police officers.
- Analysis of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) data shows Police Now participants typically work in more deprived communities, characterised by higher crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB).
- The median deprivation score (based on the IMD)⁴ for communities where a Police Now participant has been posted is 26.1, compared to 18 for non-Police Now areas (the higher the score, the more deprived the area is).
- To support the national Police Uplift Programme (PUP), Police Now has focused on increasing recruitment and training capacity.

Increase the level of diversity within policing

- Police Now inspire and recruit high-achieving graduates from socially diverse backgrounds who place strong value on the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, increasing policing's ability to tackle racism, sexism, bias, or discrimination wherever it is found. Of those who started the National Graduate Leadership Programme in 2022 53% identified as female, 18% identified as ethnic minorities (compared with 14% ethnic minorities representing the national population⁵ and 10% of national Police joiners⁶). Some 25% previously qualified for free school meals (compared to 15% of the population⁷).
- Of those who started the National Detective Programme in 2023, 74% identified as female, 11% identified as ethnic minorities (60% of whom were female). 20% previously qualified for free school meals.
- We have found that some online assessments, such as psychometric tests, can cause adverse impact, particularly on ethnic minority candidates. We have worked with assessment consultants to develop a blended assessment approach which minimizes adverse impact potential whilst allowing to appropriately assess candidates.
- Police Now participants maintain a strong belief in the value of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Illustrating this, 81% of participants disagreed that stereotypes about groups were usually true. This compares to 41% for a sample of other police officers conducted by YouGov⁹.

⁴ The IMD is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas (neighbourhoods) in England (higher score = higher deprivation). Seven main types of deprivation are considered in the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015, including: income, employment, education, health, crime, access to housing and services, and living environment. These are combined to form the overall measure of multiple deprivation.

⁵ England and Wales 2011 Census

⁶ Police workforce, England and Wales: 31 March 2020 second edition, Home Office

⁷ In January 2019, 15.4% of all pupils in schools in England were eligible for and claiming free school meals. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/schools-pupils-and-their-characteristics-january-2019>

⁸ Measured via an online survey at the start of the 2022 Police Now Academy (n=148). More details on the 2020 YouGov poll can be found here: <https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/articles-reports/2020/06/22/british-police-oppose-positive-discrimination-ethn>. Comparisons between Police Now and YouGov data should be made with caution 10

differences in sampling and methodology.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Developing leaders to transform communities

- Feedback from participants' line managers and colleagues shows that Police Now participants are strong communicators and problem-solvers, challenging historic ways of working, building positive relationship with others, and tackling issues using evidence-based methods. 94% of line managers and colleagues agreed that Police Now participants demonstrate good public engagement and relationships with members of the community; 93% agreed that participants demonstrate good identification and definition of problems in the community and forces and 90% agreed that they can effectively use the evidence base to develop and implement response plans to problems identified¹⁰.
- Independent research suggests that those entering the police service through Police Now score higher than a comparable group of professionals on several key dimensions of emotional intelligence, including conscientiousness, empathy, and emotional control. These are essential skills for effective leadership, managing wellbeing in complex environments, translating new ideas into action and helping policing meet current and future challenges.¹¹
- Police Now participants are overwhelmingly aligned with the principles of procedural justice policing with an average agreement of 97% across relevant metrics (voice, neutrality, dignity and respect).¹²

Contribute to the national demand for detective resilience

- Police Now has developed a national detective entry programme in response to demand from policing and a well-publicised national shortage of investigators, recruiting and developing over 700 detectives to date.
- 75% of our fourth cohort of National Detective Programme participants passed the National Investigators' Exam at the first attempt, 15% higher than the national average (June, 2023).

Expand our professional development opportunities at sergeant rank

- Our academies provide a transformation and leadership experience for seconded officers (Stream Managers and Syndicate Leads) who now complete a more in-depth and robust training programme before the academy to prepare them effectively for their roles. We encourage Police Now alumni to apply for these roles as well as non-Police Now alumni.
- Our Connection for Life offer has been developed to support Police Now alumni and ambassadors at constable and sergeant ranks to progress to Sergeant or Inspector ranks, particularly through promotion support and Fast Track support.

Develop the Police Now programme within the new Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF)

- Police Now's programmes have been validated by the College of Policing and are now underpinned by the new Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF) Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP) curriculum and programme specification.
- Police Now has partnered with Liverpool John Moores University to co-deliver and accredit the course and award the Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice. This means that Police Now participants will receive a formal degree level qualification in recognition of completing our programmes and achieving full operational competence in their force.

¹⁰ Measured via an online survey completed by participant line managers and colleagues after 9-months on the National Graduate Leadership Programme Cohort 7 (n=112)

¹¹ McDowall and Gamblin (2021) Evaluation of Police Now's National Graduate Leadership Programme (Cohort 7)

¹² Measured via online survey completed by participants at the National Detective Programme Academy Cohort 4 (n=227)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income

Over the last financial year, Police Now has generated income from two sources - £5,611,280 (2022: £6,265,898) from police force partners and £7,000,000 (2022: £7,000,000) from the Home Office.

Expenditure

Our expenditure for the last year of £12,630,889 (2022: £11,781,302) divides into £12,630,889 (2022: £11,781,302) on charitable activities and £Nil (2022: £Nil) on raising funds. The £12,630,889 was constituted by £4,634,044 (2022: £4,724,582) on programme recruitment and the remaining £7,996,845 (2022: £7,056,720) was spent on programme training and leadership development. In this period, £5,901,806 (2022: £6,554,558) was spent on staff costs (salaries, social security, pension costs of all full-time and temporary staff). Police Now has enrolled staff in a defined contribution pension scheme and there is no material pension liability associated with this scheme.

Risks

Risk is an inevitable part of charitable activity and Police Now is committed to managing risk effectively to ensure it achieves its objectives and safeguards charitable funds and assets. As such, a Board-approved risk management policy has been established, covering risk identification, assessment, management, and monitoring, as well as business contingency planning.

The risk identification process is led by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and reviewed regularly by the Board. The SLT considers Police Now's objectives, mission, strategy; the nature and scale of Police Now's activities; external factors that might impact Police Now; financial stability; the charity's reputation with partners and stakeholders; past challenges, difficulties, and problems the charity has faced; Police Now's operating model; risk management frameworks and taxonomies used in other organisations. It is acknowledged that although the risk identification process is thorough and robust, the output contains some subjective judgements. The process provides reasonable assurance and helps inform contingency planning based on the best available information at the time.

Based on the latest risk register, the following six risks have been identified, based on severity, for regular SLT and Board attention:

- Failure to secure future demand from police forces — Customer, Impact and Futures Committee membership has been renewed to increase appropriate force representation to support to better understand customers. Face to face engagement is maintained as much as is needed to build relationships with forces, including investment of CEO time to build and strengthen senior force relationships. Police Now continues to pursue multi-year contracts to reduce risk of annual volume fluctuations.
- Failure to secure sufficient candidate numbers to meet force demand — Intervention approaches being investigated to mitigate the risk of higher attrition rates across all graduate employers. Police Now continues to invest in impactful employer brand activities such as Times Top 100 Graduate Employers. Force contracts incorporate defined ranges to allow flexibility around the number of actual recruits.
- Force partners/candidates not meeting pre-employment check timelines — Mapped out timelines for all pre-employment and onboarding activities ready now for rolling recruitment to give more time for forces to prepare. Actions in place at a force level to ascertain the sign-off of each check at the appropriate point, with close collaboration between Police Now and the forces.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

- Overload of existing Director team bandwidth with new projects – Significant investment in head of department grade across COO, PHA and Programmes to bolster senior leadership underneath the Directors and to share responsibilities. Implementation of new structure of the Programmes Directorate completed to move towards more sustainable structure for multiple programmes.
- A change of government or other changes to the policing sector undermines or reduces the effectiveness of Police Now's delivery model – Police Now continue to enjoy a positive and professional relationship with the Home Office and key policing stakeholders.
- A participant is charged with misconduct whilst they are on the Police Now Programme – Police Now has completed a full safeguarding audit across the Programme from recruitment to graduation and has implemented the recommendations. A particular focus for our development of the programmes is academy culture and reporting. Extensive wellbeing and mental health support measures are in place for participants.

Reserves

As of 31 March 2023, Police Now had consolidated funds of £10,807,983 (2022: £10,824,143) of which £38,373 (2022: £22,060) of funds can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets. No funds were restricted or designated.

The Trustees review the reserve policy annually and the level of reserves are reviewed quarterly as part of regular financial reporting.

The level of reserves must be sufficient to deliver the full programme(s) and associated activities committed to across a number of financial years. This is measured by a wind-down model which is prepared in conjunction with the annual Budget and any subsequent reforecast. In addition to this, a provision, of an amount agreed by the Board of Trustees (or relevant delegated subcommittee), will be maintained to cover unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, responding to known and unforeseen risks, cost inflation, asset replacement costs, costs arising from legal action, force non-payment, strategically impactful opportunities. The target level of reserves required is £9.1m. The reserves at 31st March 2023 are above this level at £10.8m which the Board deem adequate but not excessive.

Going concern

The Trustees reviewed Police Now's accounts in August 2023, as part of their regular assessment, as well as its principal risks, financial and otherwise. At that time, they were satisfied that there is no material uncertainty that would cast doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Police Now has sufficient resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future and accounts have been prepared in the knowledge that Police Now is a financially viable organisation.

The effect of uncertainties including force demand, government funding and cost changes has been assessed by the Trustees. Reviewing Police Now's ongoing activity, its forecasts, and risks to ensure the organisation remains financially viable. With regards to the next 12 months, the most significant area to be monitored closely by the directors is securing government funding for 2024/25. Contracts with police forces for 2024 NGLP programme are already confirmed. The Trustees will continue to monitor this closely.

As Police Now receives Home Office funding and Police Force Fees in advance of programme delivery, Police Now has sufficient reserves to deliver contractual obligations and the Trustees therefore conclude there is no material uncertainty to going concern.

An updated financial forecast was prepared in July 2023 to assess the impact of changes in force demand. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that Police Now has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE PERIODS

During 2022/23, the police recruitment and training market within which Police Now operates has experienced significant change and a number of key events, including (1) the third year of the government's three-year Police Uplift Programme, which came to an end in 2022/23; and (2) significant negative media attention and public outcry relating to incidences indicating issues of misogyny, sexism and racism within the sector. The release of the Baroness Casey report fuelled a tumultuous period for policing, globally and nationally. Furthermore, the UK government and many organisations have been impacted by the Russian-Ukraine war, which commenced in February 2022, impacting not only political and civil service work but also global supply chains and inflation. The impact of the war in Ukraine is ongoing. It has contributed to rising energy bills and the cost-of-living squeeze, which may impact candidates applying to policing at entry level due to the salary levels offered in the sector. It may also impact government funding levels for grant-receiving organisations such as Police Now; we have monthly meetings with the Home Office to monitor and report on grant activity.

Police Now has experienced increased demand for Police Now's programmes due to the Police Uplift Programme. However, the total volume of recruitment of new officers into police officers is likely to reduce to more normal levels in 2023/24, after the uplift period. Police Now therefore intends to recruit and train ~300-400 new officers per year from 2023/24 onwards as well as develop ~200 officers on the Frontline Leadership Programme, subject to continued funding.

For Police Now to thrive within this shifting marketplace it is essential that we set out clearly to the police service, our police force customers, and wider stakeholders the unique benefits which Police Now can provide. It is our belief, based on our experience operating within this marketplace over the last nine years and based upon a wide range of feedback we have obtained more recently, that our response to the shifting marketplace must be on Police Now delivering to policing a renewed focus on its strategy of **quality** and **differentiation** as the key means of achieving Police Now's mission.

The significant negative media attention on policing and related incidences, appears to be correlated to the candidate pipelines and attrition rates of candidates for the Police Now recruitment programmes within the graduate and career-changer markets. Police Now therefore intends to increase its candidate pipelines and invest significantly in positive action throughout the pipeline in order to mitigate this risk, particularly with candidates from underrepresented groups.

Police Now delivers three core programmes to the police service: the National Graduate Leadership Programme, the National Detective Programme, and the Frontline Leadership Programme. In addition, Police Now delivers a Connection for Life strategy which aims to connect participants and alumni to Police Now and our mission for a lifetime. Building on Police Now's achievements of this year and historically, Police Now has set out in 2023/24 and beyond to:

Focus on quality and differentiation

- It is only by delivering on both quality and differentiation that Police Now can be successful within this changing marketplace.
- In terms of Quality:
 - In order to support policing to become representative of the communities it serves, and to develop stronger leaders with the skills required to tackle current and future challenges in policing, Police Now must identify the most diverse and the highest calibre of individuals to join the police service.
 - Given the changing marketplace and given police forces are able to run their own Degree Holder Entry Programmes, it is essential that the quality of the programmes we run are of the highest possible standards, including world-class residential training academies and impactful coaching and events.
- In terms of Differentiation:
 - Police Now will identify individuals who would not otherwise have joined the police service. Policing requires leaders from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences, who are talented and keen to be part of positive change. This means identifying sought-after graduates and career changers who often take on career paths other than policing, for example in consulting, the law, banking, or politics. It also means attracting those from a diverse range of backgrounds in terms of gender and ethnicity as well as supporting social mobility.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE PERIODS (continued)

- The programmes themselves must be differentiated from what policing is able to deliver itself, in order to develop Police Now officers to be exceptional future leaders. This includes particular attention and focus on procedural and organisational justice, research and evidenced-based problem solving, long-term problem solving, communication and empathy, the wider policing and political landscape, and diversity and inclusion in the context of policing and community trust. Police Now also offers a secondment programme for some participants, to be exposed to and learn from different sectors.

Programmes designed around impact in communities and policing

- Core to Police Now's National Graduate Leadership and National Detective Programmes are that we hold our participants to account on behalf of their communities for reducing crime, reducing anti-social behaviour, and increasing the public's confidence in policing.
- The link between Police Now participants, the programmes and their communities has been strengthened, following some of the weaknesses found through the implementation of the PEQF.
- Police Now's Impact & Insights team will be focused on impact analysis of our participants and programmes in their local communities and on a national level.

Continue to contribute to improving the diversity of those in leadership roles in policing

- Police Now is the market-leader in bringing into policing those who might not otherwise have considered a policing career, especially those who identify as women and those who identify as an ethnic minority. This is demonstrated by our published data and by the diversity of our cohorts in terms of gender and ethnicity. Police Now also happens to recruit a high level of those who identify as LGBTQ+, as demonstrated through our most recent ninth cohort of the National Graduate Leadership Programme (19% identify as LGBTQ+), and high levels of those who grew up in low-income households.
- Police Now will continue to draw on our successes to date in this area, as well as continuing to share with the police service how we have been able to deliver these achievements.
- To make a further contribution to improving diversity within policing leadership Police Now will continue to develop both our existing core programmes and our Home Office funded Frontline Leadership Programme, which has been broadened to officers beyond Police Now alumni.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Police Now has operated independently since December 2015, having previously been incubated within the HR department of the Metropolitan Police Service. Police Now held its first Board of Trustees' meeting in December 2015 with a nominated Chair and four Trustees. In July 2016 Police Now received charitable status and established a trading subsidiary and company limited by guarantee, Police Now Enterprises Limited, in which it is sole shareholder. Police Now does not have shared capital or external shareholder and is held to account by a nominated Board of Trustees (the 'Board') who are not remunerated.

As part of the governing structure, members of the Board for Police Now are both Trustees for the organisation and are registered on Companies House as Directors. At 31st March 2023 Police Now had ten appointed Trustees. In addition to being responsible for the future strategy of Police Now, members of the company are liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the charity being disbanded¹³.

Police Now has made active efforts to ensure its Board incorporate a wide range of relevant skills and experience to govern the future strategy of the organisation. Police Now also has at least one selected cohort ambassador engaged as a Trustee for a one-year period. This ensures the Board remains linked into the programme and that the voices and experiences of participants are at the heart of all decision-making.

Upon official appointment, Trustees are required to complete a variety of incorporation documents including a background check, adding details to Companies House and the Charity Commission, and documenting their personal details. Where required, Trustees also undergo training as part of their induction, and training requirement needs are continued to be assessed throughout their term. All Trustees must declare any conflicts of interest to Police Now which will be noted accordingly. Each Trustee also meets existing Board members, including the Chair, and with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) before joining the Board, and are educated on Police Now's mission, activities, and performance.

The Board has delegated responsibility for certain specific matters to three Board-level committees:

- Finance, Audit, Risk and Resource Committee: with responsibilities including approving proposed annual budgets, remuneration, policy approval, appropriate resources, the accuracy and fairness of the audit and appointment of external auditors, risk management and details of any open legal issues.
- Customer Insight, Futures and Impact Committee: with responsibilities including programme development, working with police forces, impact evaluation and considering new opportunities for impact.
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee: To ensure that diversity and inclusion is a key priority across all activity so that we are supporting policing by attracting, developing and retaining the most diverse and talented groups, enabling us to achieve our mission of transforming communities. The group will promote, champion, and encourage diversity, inclusion and equality in the workplace and will monitor the key areas of performance, using data, experience and innovation.

In accordance with its Articles of Association, Police Now is permitted to delegate "the day-to-day management of the Charity to a Chief Executive or other manager or managers by implementing the policy and strategy adopted by and within a budget approved by the Trustees (if applicable)"¹⁴

For Police Now the power is delegated to the CEO who assembles a Senior Leadership Team (SLT) of diverse and experienced professionals to ensure the effective and efficient running of the organisation. The CEO and SLT, alongside the Trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the organisation.

¹³ Police Now Articles of Association, item 2 "Liability" amended 14th July 2016

¹⁴ Police Now Articles of Association, item 24 "Delegation" amended 14th July 2016

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

The CEO is held accountable at a quarterly Board meeting and regular committee meetings (at least quarterly) where key updates on strategy, budget, policy, recruitment and programme delivery are provided. The Board receive confidential papers in preparation of these meetings. Full minutes are taken at each Board meeting.

To ensure delegated authorities from the Board are monitored and appropriately adhered to by the CEO and SLT, Police Now has developed a variety of policies relating to finance, operations and human resources which govern the daily running of the organisation; these have been approved by the Board or Board Committees with delegated responsibilities. These policies clearly establish decisions that are delegated to the CEO and SLT and those decisions that are retained by the Board, for example the strategic direction of the organisation, approval of all expenditure exceeding £150,000 and annual departmental and organisational budgets.

Trustees of Police Now receive no remuneration for their professional input into the organisation, however, may be entitled to expenses where appropriate. Those holding a Director role as Police Now staff receive their annual salary, a 6% employer pension contribution and private medical insurance. These benefits are in common with other employees at different grades and were benchmarked against similar charities to ensure competitiveness, fairness, and responsible expenditure of charitable funds. The CEO approves all salaries within the organisation, while the CEO salary and overall remuneration pool is approved by the Board.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Police Now 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 the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

In approving the Trustees' Report, the Trustees are also approving the Directors' Report in their capacity as company directors.

SMALL COMPANIES NOTE

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees report including the strategic report was approved by the Trustees on 14 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Sir Ian Powell
Trustee



Dominic Fry
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF POLICE NOW

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Police Now for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and Company Statement of Financial Position, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 2023 and of the group's and parent charitable company's net movement in funds, including the 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.

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 UK, including the FRC'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 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.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions 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' Annual Report (which includes the strategic report and the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the Trustees' Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report (which incorporates the strategic report and the directors' report).

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company; 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

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 11, 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's 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:

Based on our understanding of the group and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to charity and company law applicable in England and Wales, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities SORP.

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We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to revenue recognition, in particular in relation to recording income and charitable activities in the correct accounting period and management override of controls. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing the controls and procedures of the charity relevant to the preparation of the financial statements to ensure these were in place throughout the year;
- Reviewing debtor recoverability post year end.
- Reviewing management's decisions on bad debt.
- Reviewing post balance sheet events.
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Lee Stokes (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP, Statutory Auditor

10 Queen Street Place

London

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Date:27 November 2023.....

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating the Group Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

| | | Unrestricted funds | |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Notes | Total 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
| Income from: | | | |
| Grants | 4 | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 |
| Charitable activities | 5 | 5,611,280 | 6,265,898 |
| Investments | 6 | 139 | 153 |
| Other income | 7 | 3,310 | 6,008 |
| Total income | | 12,614,729 | 13,272,059 |
| Expenditure on: | | | |
| Charitable activities | 8 | | |
| - recruitment | | 4,634,044 | 4,724,582 |
| - training and leadership development | | 7,996,845 | 7,056,720 |
| Total expenditure | | 12,630,889 | 11,781,302 |
| Net income / net movement in funds | 10 | (16,160) | 1,490,757 |
| TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 APRIL 2022 (as restated) | 19 | 10,824,143 | 9,333,386 |
| TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2023 | | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |

The consolidated statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 20 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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Company Registered Number 09922205
Charity Registered Number 1168427

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
at 31 March 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 13 | 38,373 | 22,060 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | 2,232,170 | 3,729,588 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 11,434,260 | 10,504,941 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 13,666,430 | 14,234,529 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 15 | (2,896,820) | (3,432,446) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 10,769,610 | 10,802,083 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET ASSETS | 16 | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| CHARITY FUNDS | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of Trustees on 14 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Sir Ian Powell
Trustee



Dominic Fry
Trustee



The notes on pages 20 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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Company Registered Number 09922205
Charity Registered Number 1168427

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
at 31 March 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 13 | 38,373 | 22,060 |
| Investments | | 1 | 1 |
| | | <hr/> 38,374 | <hr/> 22,061 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | 2,232,169 | 3,791,993 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 11,434,260 | 10,439,635 |
| | | <hr/> 13,666,429 | <hr/> 14,231,628 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 15 | (2,896,820) | (3,429,546) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 10,769,609 | 10,802,082 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET ASSETS | 16 | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| CHARITY FUNDS | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | 10,807,983 | 10,824,143 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

Police Now has taken advantage of the exemption under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and had not prepared a separate Statement of Financial Activities for the charity. Gross income for the charity was £12,611,419 (2022: £13,266,051) and the net movement in funds was £16,160 (2022: £1,490,760).

14 November 2023

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

Sir Ian Powell
Trustee



Dominic Fry
Trustee



The notes on pages 20 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ended 31 March 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities | A | 962,510 | 962,459 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Interest from investments | | 139 | 153 |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (33,330) | (29,252) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities | | (33,191) | (29,099) |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | | 929,319 | 933,360 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | | 10,504,941 | 9,571,581 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | | 11,434,260 | 10,504,941 |

A: Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Net income | (16,160) | 1,490,757 |
| Depreciation charges | 17,017 | 11,352 |
| Interest from investments | (139) | (153) |
| Increase in debtors | 1,497,418 | (357,442) |
| Decrease in creditors | (535,626) | (182,055) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | 962,510 | 962,459 |

B: Analysis of changes in net debt

| | At 31 March 2022 £ | Cash flows £ | At 31 March 2023 £ |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Cash | 10,504,941 | 929,319 | 11,434,260 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Police Now is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 18 December 2014 and registered in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011 (company no. 09922205, charity no. 1168427). The address of the registered office is given within the Reference and Administrative Details page. The company is a charitable 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.

The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees' Report on page 1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 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) (effective 1 January 2019)- (Charities SORP 2nd edition (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Police Now meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102:

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (GBP), being the functional currency of the group, and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the financial statements in both the current year and the prior year.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Charity's accounting policies. These are detailed in note 3.

The following accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Statement of Financial Position consolidate the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

No separate SOFA has been presented for the company alone as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

2.3 Charitable parent company disclosure exemptions

In preparing the separate financial statements of the charitable parent company, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available to qualifying entities:

- No cash flow statement or net debt reconciliation has been presented for the charitable parent company; and
- No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of the key management personnel of the charitable parent company as their remuneration is included in the totals for the group as a whole.

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2.4 Going concern

The Trustees reviewed Police Now's accounts in August 2023, as part of their regular assessment, as well as its principal risks, financial and otherwise. At that time, they were satisfied that there is no material uncertainty that would cast doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Police Now has sufficient resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future and accounts have been prepared in the knowledge that Police Now is a financially viable organisation.

The effect of uncertainties including force demand, Home Office funding and cost changes has been assessed by the Trustees. Reviewing Police Now's ongoing activity, its forecasts, and risks to ensure the organisation remains financially viable. With regards to the next 12 months, the most significant area to be monitored closely by the directors is securing Home Office funding for 2024/25. Contracts with Police Forces for 2024 NGLP programme are already confirmed. The Trustees will continue to monitor this closely.

As Police Now receives Home Office funding and Police Force Fees in advance of programme delivery, Police Now has sufficient reserves to deliver contractual obligations and the Trustees therefore conclude there is no material uncertainty to going concern.

An updated financial forecast was prepared in July 2023 to assess the impact of changes in force demand. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that Police Now has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

2.5 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 donations received, or income arising there from, which are specific for the purpose set out by the donor. The cost of administering such funds is charged against the specific fund.

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2.6 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.

Grants from governments and other agencies which are awarded in respect of core funding are included as income from donations in the period in which they are received and receivable, unless any performance related conditions are attached to the grant.

Income from charitable activities relates to fees received from police forces for providing graduate recruitment and training programmes.

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. General volunteer time is not recognised.

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.

2.7 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. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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.

2.8 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.

2.9 Pensions

Police Now operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payment obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense in the consolidated statement of financial activities when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Charity in independently administered funds.

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2.10 Operating leases

Rents payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred over the lease term.

2.11 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 20% straight line |
| Office equipment | 20% straight line |
| Software | 33% straight line |

2.12 Investment in subsidiaries

The investment in the trading subsidiary is stated at cost.

2.13 Debtors

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

2.14 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and balances with banks, and investments in money market instruments which are readily convertible, being those with original maturities of three months or less.

2.15 Creditors

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.16 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.

2.17 Distributed profits under gift aid

Taxable profits transferred to the parent entity, Police Now, a registered charity, are recognised as distributions from the subsidiary, Police Now Enterprises, when the company has made an irrevocable commitment to the parent to pay the taxable profits that is, in the year in which the final amounts are agreed, communicated and subsequently paid to the parent.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions which affect reported income, expenses, assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Use of available information and application of judgements are inherent in the formation of estimates, together with past experience and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates. Management do not consider there to be any material accounting estimates or judgements that need disclosure in these financial statements.

4. INCOME FROM GRANTS

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Grants | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 |
| | <u>7,000,000</u> | <u>7,000,000</u> |
| | <u><u>7,000,000</u></u> | <u><u>7,000,000</u></u> |

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Police Force Fees | 5,611,280 | 6,265,898 |
| | <u>5,611,280</u> | <u>6,265,898</u> |
| | <u><u>5,611,280</u></u> | <u><u>6,265,898</u></u> |

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Interest receivable | 139 | 153 |
| | <u>139</u> | <u>153</u> |
| | <u><u>139</u></u> | <u><u>153</u></u> |

7. TRADING INCOME

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Management charge | 3,310 | 6,008 |
| | <u>3,310</u> | <u>6,008</u> |
| | <u><u>3,310</u></u> | <u><u>6,008</u></u> |

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8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Staff costs £ | Direct costs £ | Support costs £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Programme recruitment | 1,176,779 | 2,122,397 | 1,334,868 | 4,634,044 | 4,724,582 |
| Programme training and leadership development | 2,416,408 | 3,278,061 | 2,302,376 | 7,996,845 | 7,116,240 |
| | <u>3,593,187</u> | <u>5,400,458</u> | <u>3,637,244</u> | <u>12,630,889</u> | <u>11,781,302</u> |
| | | Staff costs £ | Direct costs £ | Support costs £ | 2022 £ |
| Programme recruitment | | 1,210,567 | 1,652,732 | 1,861,283 | 4,724,582 |
| Programme training and leadership development | | 2,297,597 | 1,967,199 | 2,791,924 | 7,056,720 |
| | | <u>3,508,164</u> | <u>3,619,931</u> | <u>4,653,207</u> | <u>11,781,302</u> |

9. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries | 2,308,619 | 3,046,394 |
| Training | 46,952 | 90,265 |
| Rent | 420,000 | 480,000 |
| IT and telecom costs | 163,275 | 282,015 |
| Other office costs | 43,338 | 74,504 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 16,833 | 6,290 |
| Consultancy | 132,885 | 128,265 |
| Legal and tax fees | 9,287 | 26,803 |
| Recruitment | 96,915 | 29,160 |
| Governance | 23,527 | 39,578 |
| Other support Costs | 375,613 | 449,933 |
| | <u>3,637,244</u> | <u>4,653,207</u> |
| Governance costs consist of the following: | | |
| Auditors' remuneration for audit | 16,300 | 14,800 |
| Other auditor costs | 4,850 | 2,950 |
| Legal and professional | 2,377 | 21,828 |
| | <u>23,527</u> | <u>39,578</u> |

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10. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| This is stated after charging: | | |
| Auditors' remuneration: audit | 16,300 | 14,800 |
| Auditors' remuneration: non-audit fees | 4,850 | 2,950 |
| Depreciation | 16,833 | 11,352 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

11. STAFF COSTS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 5,048,032 | 5,689,648 |
| Social security costs | 561,640 | 589,197 |
| Other pension costs | 292,134 | 275,713 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 5,901,806 | 6,554,558 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The average monthly number of employees during the period for the group was as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Number | Number |
| Employees | 117 | 132 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands was:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Number | Number |
| £60,000 to £69,999 | 4 | 5 |
| £70,000 to £79,999 | 3 | - |
| £80,000 to £89,999 | 1 | 1 |
| £90,000 to £99,999 | - | 1 |
| £100,000 to £109,999 | 1 | 2 |
| £110,000 to £119,999 | 2 | 1 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total remuneration of key management personnel | £ 532,847 | £ 659,823 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

No remuneration was paid during the period to any member of the Board of Trustees (2022: £Nil).

No trustees expenses have been incurred (2022: none).

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12. NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Subsidiary name | Police Now Enterprises Limited | | |
| Company registration number | 09922465 | | |
| Basis of control | Ordinary shares | | |
| Equity shareholding % | 100% | | |
| | | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | £ | £ |
| Turnover | | 3,310 | 6,008 |
| Administrative expenditure | | (3,310) | (6,008) |
| | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation | | - | - |
| | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Profit distribution to parent charity | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| Total assets as at 31 March | | - | - |
| Reserves | | - | - |
| | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

| | Fixtures and fittings £ | Office equipment £ | IT equipment and software £ | Total £ |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Cost: | | | | |
| At 1 April 2022 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 95,971 | 172,243 |
| Additions | - | - | 33,330 | 33,330 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| At 31 March 2023 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 129,301 | 205,573 |
| Depreciation: | | | | |
| At 1 April 2022 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 73,911 | 150,183 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 17,017 | 17,017 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| At 31 March 2023 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 90,928 | 167,200 |
| Net book value: | | | | |
| At 31 March 2023 | - | - | 38,373 | 38,373 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| At 1 April 2022 | - | - | 22,060 | 22,060 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (cont)
Company

| | Fixtures and fittings £ | Office equipment £ | IT equipment and software £ | Total £ |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------|
| Cost: | | | | |
| At 1 April 2022 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 57,031 | 133,303 |
| Additions | - | - | 33,330 | 33,330 |
| At 31 March 2023 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 90,361 | 166,633 |
| Depreciation: | | | | |
| At 1 April 2022 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 34,971 | 111,243 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 17,017 | 17,017 |
| At 31 March 2023 | 20,452 | 55,820 | 51,988 | 128,260 |
| Net book value: | | | | |
| At 31 March 2023 | - | - | 38,373 | 38,373 |
| At 1 April 2022 | - | - | 22,060 | 22,060 |

14. DEBTORS

| | Group | | Company | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | - | - | - | 62,405 |
| Trade debtors | 1,420,187 | 1,750,534 | 1,420,187 | 1,750,534 |
| Other debtors | 71,145 | 80,000 | 71,144 | 80,000 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 740,838 | 1,899,054 | 740,838 | 1,899,054 |
| | <u>2,232,170</u> | <u>3,729,588</u> | <u>2,232,169</u> | <u>3,791,993</u> |

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15. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

| | Group | | Company | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 362,144 | 479,394 | 362,144 | 479,394 |
| Other taxes and social security | 158,017 | 145,300 | 158,017 | 145,300 |
| Vat payable | 43,989 | 250,142 | 43,989 | 250,142 |
| Other creditors | 70,940 | 64,078 | 70,940 | 64,078 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 2,261,730 | 2,493,532 | 2,261,730 | 2,490,632 |
| | <u>2,896,820</u> | <u>3,432,446</u> | <u>2,896,820</u> | <u>3,429,546</u> |

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

| | Total 2023 | Total 2022 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Group | | |
| Fixed assets | 38,373 | 22,060 |
| Current assets | 13,666,430 | 14,234,529 |
| Current liabilities | (2,896,820) | (3,432,446) |
| | <u>10,807,983</u> | <u>10,824,143</u> |
| Company | | |
| Fixed assets | 38,374 | 22,061 |
| Current assets | 13,666,429 | 14,231,628 |
| Current liabilities | (2,896,820) | (3,429,546) |
| | <u>10,807,983</u> | <u>10,824,143</u> |

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17. Financial commitments

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

| | Land & buildings | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Not later than one year | 421,260 | 420,000 |
| Between one and five years | 425,040 | 840,000 |
| | <u>846,300</u> | <u>1,260,000</u> |

18. Related party note

During the current year, five members of the Board of Trustees had responsibilities with the Police Service.

Helen Ball was an Assistant Commissioner in the Metropolitan Police Service.

Louisa Rolfe is an Assistant Commissioner in the Metropolitan Police Service.

Rhammel Afflick is a Special Sergeant in the Metropolitan Police Service.

Lara Tyrell-Moore resigned on 17 August 2023 and is a Detective Constable in Devon and Cornwall Police.

Amelia Tanner appointed 17 August 2023 is a Detective Inspector in Thames Valley Police.

During the year the Charity received gift aid of £Nil (2022: £Nil) from its wholly owned subsidiary, Police Now Enterprises Limited. At the year end the Charity was owed £Nil (2022: £62,865) by Police Now Enterprises limited.