

BLACK ASIAN MINORITY ETHNIC VOICE (BAME VOICE)
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
(Company reg. number: CE011258)
(Charity registration 1173740)

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 JULY 2024

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YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Name	Black Asian Minority Ethnic Voice (BAME Voice)
Charity registration number	1173740
Trustees	Revd Hannah Lerina Sabina Taiwo Neale Dr Ponnampalam Arumugaraasah Mr Abayeh Savage
Principal address	The Vestry Hall 336 London Road Mitcham CR4 3UD
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc P O Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT
Independent examiner	Kojo Amoah-Arko Kojo & Co Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants 118-120 London Road, Mitcham Surrey CR4 3LB

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TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

The trustees present their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024

BASIS OF ACCOUNTS PREPARATION

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), that is governed by a constitution. It is an independent body that provides capacity building to ethnic minority organisations. Membership is open to individuals and any organisation that identifies with its ethos and pays the required fee of £10. At 31 July 2024, there were 30 members

OBJECTS

The charity's objects are to build the capacity and skills of minority ethnic organisations in order that they can deliver better services to the particularly but not exclusively socially disadvantaged communities in the borough of Merton and its environs, (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate fully in society

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the year and at the date of this report are

Revd. (Mrs) Hannah Lerina Sabina Taiwo Neale BEM
Mr Abayeh Savage
Dr Ponnambalam Arumugaraasah

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is managed by a board of trustees who meet regularly in a year. The day to day running is left in the hands of volunteers. No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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Over the period under review, most of our projects and activities were centred around supporting BAME groups during the cost-of-living crisis and the long COVID effect on local communities. In our continued efforts to improve the capacity of our member organisation, we applied for and were given a three - year grant 2023-2026 under London Borough of Merton's Civic Pride Funding. The programme is running well with organisations able to offer advanced training to its staff, mainly part-time or sessional workers and to their volunteers. Some were able to use their funding to upgrade their communications systems, develop their website, offer adventure and character development programmes to children and youths from disadvantaged backgrounds. Through our participation in heritage events and holding Black History events in different parts of the borough, we have helped promote greater cultural and religious understanding, helping to bridge the existing gap between different sections of the borough.

Membership of our charity has grown, with new groups becoming members.

BAME VOICE continues to be the first point of call for information on issues affecting minority ethnic communities in Merton and the surrounding areas.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the charity raised £86,751 (2023: £147,540) for capacity building and training. The determination of the trustees is to increase the membership base and to raise more funds.

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RISKS

The trustees make every effort to ensure that the potential for financial and operational risks are reduced to the minimum by maintaining strict oversight through regular financial management reports. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that the charity has to develop new ways of empowering our members.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees review the policy on reserves and set targets at least once per annum with guidance and terminology published by the Charity Commission. The policy is also reviewed when warranted by changes in risk management or business plans. This includes unrestricted, designated funds and tangible fixed assets. Transfers to and from funds are authorised by the Trustees as a whole.

A general reserve equal to at least 6 months of operating expenditure is appropriate to bridge short term effects and/or negotiate alternative sources.

General Reserve is that part of unrestricted funds that are freely available to spend i.e. excluding designated funds and tangible fixed assets.

The Charity intends to continue its present activities whilst working more closely with other organisations. We plan to extend our membership base.

FUTURE PLANS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

We will encourage and support our member organisations in their programmes and projects which seek to create greater understanding and trust which bring together the diverse communities living in Merton.

We will continue to seek alternative sources of funding outside the Statutory and Trust sectors

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2005;
- * make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- * state whether applicable 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 do so.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Revd. (Mrs) Hannah Lerina Sabina Taiwo Neale BEM
Trustee

Dated
 30/05/2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACK ASIAN MINORITY ETHNIC VOICE (BAME VOICE)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 11

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- * 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
- * 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 accounts represented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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30 May 2025

Dated.

BLACK ASIAN MINORITY ETHNIC VOICE (BAME VOICE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES

				2024	2023
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Total £
Grants and donations	3	86,591	160	86,751	147,540

RESOURCES USED

<i>Direct charitable expenditure</i>	4	69,950	-	69,950	75,278
<i>Management and administration</i>	5	17,472	-	17,472	18,660
TOTAL		87,422	-	87,422	93,938
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		(830)	160	(670)	53,602
Balances brought forward		152,716	5,692	158,408	104,806
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		151,886	5,852	157,738	158,408

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank and cash balances		158,338		159,008
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due in 1 year	6	600		600
		<u>157,738</u>		<u>158,408</u>
FUNDS				
	7			
Restricted funds		151,886		152,716
Unrestricted funds		5,852		5,692
		<u>157,738</u>		<u>158,408</u>

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements



Revd. (Mrs) Hannah Lerina Sabina Taiwo Neale BEM
Trustee

30/05/2025
Date

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 JULY 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second Edition)" and the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Acceptable Practice as it applies from 1, January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have been prepared from the Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulation 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved following "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) (Second Edition)" rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1, April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to these accounts and in accordance with the governing document of the Charity

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2a Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor

Unrestricted funds are funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of its charitable objects.

2b Income recognition

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

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria as stated above are met

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Contd)

2c Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis.

2d Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred

2e Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within in current liabilities.

3 INCOME

	Restricted £	Unrestrict. £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
London Borough of Merton				
Resilience Programme	-		-	78,000
Capacity Building Fund	67,987		67,987	33,994
Lottery Community Fund	-		-	26,166
London Borough of Merton- Climate change	18,604		18,604	-
Membership fees		40	40	-
Sundry income	-	120	120	9,380
	<u>86,591</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>86,751</u>	<u>147,540</u>

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	Restricted £	Unrestrict. £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
4 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE				
Programme cost	53,386	-	53,386	65,114
Event expenses	16,564		16,564	10,164
	<u>69,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,950</u>	<u>75,278</u>
5 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION				
Printing & stationery	189		189	122
Voluntary expenses	10,817		10,817	11,411
Telephone	462		462	443
Travelling & sundry expenses	1,054	-	1,054	603
Office rent	4,349		4,349	5,481
Independent examiner's fees	600		600	600
	<u>17,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,472</u>	<u>18,660</u>
6 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due in 1 year				
			2024 £	2023 £
Accruals			600	600
			<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
7 FUNDS				
	01-Aug-23 £	Received £	Payments £	31-Jul-24 £
Restricted	152,716	86,591	87,422	151,886
Unrestricted	5,692	160	-	5,852
	<u>158,408</u>	<u>86,751</u>	<u>87,422</u>	<u>157,738</u>