

**Northampton Mosque and Islamic Centre
Independent Examiners' report
For the Year ended 30th September 2020**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2019.

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 our responsibility to:
- Examine the accounts (under section 145(1)(a) of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Our 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 presented 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 I do not express an audit opinion on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

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 trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with sections 130 and 131 of the Act); and
- Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date: 17/06/2021

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**Northampton Mosque and Islamic Centre
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year ended 30th September 2020**

	(£)	(£)
<u>Income</u>		
Rent Hall	7,200	
Voluntary donor	40,557	
Interest	87	
ZAKAT AL-FITR CHARITY	2,318	
Taawun Contribution	2,700	
Al-iman-Contribution	2,700	
Total income =		55,562
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Utilities - Electricity	6,469	
Utilities - Water	2,017	
Zakat al Fitr	2,318	
Others repairs	4,616	
Daras	2,711	
Van Insurance	564	
Building Insurance	1,547	
COVID 19	2,576	
Loan repayment	2,000	
Total expenditure =		24,818
<u>Balance at 30th September 2020</u>		<u>59,357</u>

Signed:
Yasin Abdirizak Ali
Chairman

Date..... 22/06/21

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Yasin Abdirizak Ali, Jalfar Abdirahman, Ishaq Ahmed Ali, Ahmed Mousa Wais, Abdi Mire Musa, Sleman Abdulla, Ismail Salah Hussein, Hashim Ali Kamanzi, Mohamed Ali Abbas, Maryam Hared and Khadra Amin

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT, OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

In setting out the objectives and planning the activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to complying with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the charity Commission,

All our project and services have continued to grow as well as some new benefitting the community.

In keeping with the objectives, we continue to develop our facilities for advancement of the religion of Islam, advancement of education for local community people.

The charity carried out wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable objectives. The Trustees consider that these activities have benefitted the wider community of Northamptonshire.

The Centre main objective is to provide spiritual guidance for the Muslim community at large and wishes to cater for the social, cultural, and educational needs of the Muslims of Northamptonshire and thus engaged in education, welfare and other Islamic activities.

The other objective is to disseminate authentic knowledge about Islam from the Qur'aan and authentic Sunnah and from the understanding of the pious predecessors and to provide for non-Muslims with a better and clearer understanding of Islam and strengthen Islamic unity and assist in the development of the Muslim community of Northamptonshire.

The mission of Northampton Mosque and Islamic Centre is to be highly regarded provider of resources to the children and families. We strive to support, educate, protect, and extend opportunities and services to those who may be vulnerable and undeserved.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

Northampton Mosque and Islamic Centre continue to progress and grow despite having the pandemic from March 2020 that led to the closure of the Mosque for the period of three months.

One of the positive achievements during the lockdown is we were able to form the Northamptonshire Council of Mosques and worked together during the lockdown to

have uniform set of procedures and protocols within all Mosques in Northamptonshire in handling the covid spread.

Part of these agreement was to make sure we have uniform set of policies and agreed timescale when opening the Mosques so as not to create confusion among the Muslims community.

Part of the agreement was to use our Ghusl Khana – our washing room for the deceased who succumbed to covid 19 pandemic as it fulfilled the health regulations and guidelines from NHS England.

This has also contributed to the renewed trust from our community members seeing their loved are being taken care here locally instead of chasing these services elsewhere.

Some of our activities have to be transferred to online platforms during the lockdown and once the lockdowns were eased, we were able to run limited activities at the Mosque due to stricter regulations and social distancing measures.

Even after the opening of the Mosque in June 2020 with strict regulations and restrictions, many of our activities have to be postponed due to the pandemic. The following list below illustrates the activities that has to be cancelled due to covid and lockdown measures.

- The Mosque was not open for all congregational prayers from March 2020.
- Ramadan program was cancelled due to complete lockdown.
- Our Eid in the park program was also cancelled for the same reason
- The special congregational prayers every night during fasting month of Ramadan was also cancelled.
- Our Winter and Easter annual conferences was cancelled.
- Face to face teaching of our students was cancelled and classes we conducted online
- Our Youth Programs were cancelled, and these were not conducted online at all
- Our fundraising events in Ramadan was seriously impacted by the lockdown

One of the many impacts the lockdown has on our Mosque was our planning permission approval to develop the Mosque and create additional floor to accommodate more congregants due to the growing demands.

However, our plans to raise funds during the fasting month of Ramadan was curtailed as we were in total lockdown from March to June 2020. Even our online appeal was not able to generate required funds for the period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The income is generated from donations collected from Muslim people and Islamic organisations.

However, in this financial year, due to lockdown and limited number of congregants visiting the Mosque due to social distances our financial position was severely impacted as our main source of income was donations from brothers and sisters who visit the Mosque to perform the daily prayers and in particular Friday which is the busiest day of the week.

The incoming resources are detailed and explained upon in the financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yasin Ali', written in a cursive style.

Yasin Abdirizak Ali