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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
FOR  
UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

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# **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

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## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Uptown Youth Services was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to take over the assets and activities of Uptown UK a company limited by guarantee.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity are to act as a resource for young people in the borough of Merton by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of helping young people by

a) developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals

b) advancing education

c) relieving unemployment

d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for young people who have need by reason of their youth, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving their conditions of life.

##### **Significant activities**

Uptown Youth Services operates three days a week at The Leyton Road Community Resource Centre in Colliers Wood and one day a week at the South Mitcham Community Centre in a youth club type format for young people from the surrounding areas.

In August 2025 Uptown ceased delivering sessions at the South Mitcham Community Centre due to limited available space and venue use charges. Parents and young people were consulted and members were invited to access our Youth Club sessions at Leyton Road centre instead; attendances increased with new members.

One-on-one individual mentoring to young people who need a little extra help is offered at an additional session on Thursdays or by telephone.

Uptown has a strong focus on mentoring young people and providing support to them and their families. Uptown works in close conjunction with other parties, including the police and social services, to identify young people who may benefit from attending Uptown. In a safe environment, which gets them off the streets, they can socialise with friends and take part in a range of typical youth club activities whilst also having access to a quiet room to do homework. Young people with learning difficulties are encouraged to attend, participate and develop their social skills while making new friends.

##### **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Uptown Youth Services is a registered charity supporting young people aged from 7 to 18, or up to 25 for those with disabilities, in a free open access fully inclusive youth club environment. Uptown has been operating in Merton for over 30 years. Uptown provides a safe venue for young people off the streets where they can develop their social skills, meet with friends, play pool and participate in positive activities such as music, dance, computer games, table tennis, basketball, drama, sports, arts and crafts.

An integral part of our provision is to encourage education and training. This includes providing homework support and the use of a quiet room with access to computers and printers.

Uptown also runs workshops on issues such as budgeting, health, cooking, substance misuse, alcohol, domestic violence, mental health, bullying and anger management.

From time to time, we offer first aid training programmes tailored to specific issues such as knife crime.

Uptown also provides consultations with a variety of specialist partners e.g. Safer Neighbourhood teams, Regeneration Team Officers and developers.

The core philosophy of Uptown is to provide mentoring to young people; providing them with strong role models and helping them to make good life choices. The key outcomes we seek to achieve are for our young people to be: safe and happy; active members of their community; and moving onto positive destinations.

Uptown's core operations deliver three weekly three hour sessions (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon) during term time at the Leyton Road Centre plus a Tuesday two hour session for our younger cohort at the South Mitcham Community Centre. Uptown also runs some sessions during school holidays, including participation in the HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food) programmes for children who are eligible for free school meals facilitated by grants from Merton Council.

We have actively engaged young people in menu planning and cooking as well as 'buying food in' from restaurants. Uptown has continued the free to all policy by extending HAF attendance to other young people who do not qualify for free school meals, but who we deem to be vulnerable or hungry or simply want to be with their friends in a safe place.

Uptown's CEO has been supported during the year by three trainee youth workers (one with a disability) and volunteers, including parents, former Uptown members and Trustees.

Uptown pays its staff in compliance with The London Living Wage guidelines.

Uptown continues to broaden and deepen its reach to increase the membership as there is demand from the police and Merton Council staff for Uptown to work with more young people. To accommodate more of this hard to reach and potentially more difficult cohort, Uptown seeks further funding to continue to offer the school holiday programmes that are so needed. A recent challenge has been that we have been unsuccessful in several bids for additional grants.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

A summary of the financial position of the charity is provided in the balance sheet which forms a part of these accounts.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal sources of income for the charity are from donations and grants. Uptown's CEO and Trustees regularly apply for grants to diversify funding sources and finance our operations.

Grants used to fund Uptown's core activities during the year ended March 2025 were awarded by The National Lottery, Garfield Weston Foundation, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Merton's Investing in Neighbourhoods Fund and the Merton Community Panel. Uptown also received funding from Merton Council to run the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes. The National Lottery's five year grant continues to offer a reliable source of income.

We are very appreciative of the support offered by our donors and supporters.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to hold a sufficient level of reserves to allow the charity to meet its commitments as they fall due and to ensure it can continue to deliver services for the foreseeable future. Uptown Youth Services' Trustees have accordingly adopted a policy to hold unrestricted reserves covering at least six months core operating costs to try and provide a cushion to manage the lumpy and unpredictable nature of grant and donation income and to minimise the risk of disruption to services. The reserves held at year end are as set out in the statement of financial activities. The level of funding received allowed Uptown to fund its operations for the year ended March 2025 without recourse to reserves and has continued to do so. Uptown has a pressing need to secure further sources of funding without which Uptown expects to have to partially fund operations from its unrestricted reserves in calendar year 2026 and may breach its reserves policy.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to meet its operational commitments for the foreseeable future and that it is a going concern.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with company number CEO11689 and registered charity number 1175689.

It was first registered with the charity commission in November 2017

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees when considered appropriate. Under its constitution, there is a requirement to have a minimum of three trustees.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1175689

##### **Principal address**

42 Veals Mead  
Mitcham  
Surrey  
CR4 3SB

##### **Trustees**

L M Conway-Hughes Chair  
C R Bradley (resigned 13/5/25)  
J A Craddock (resigned 19/11/24)  
A Jakobsen  
V McClean  
M E Rhys-Evans  
T L Simpson (resigned 31/8/24)  
L Akirabona (appointed 18/5/25)  
D McClean (appointed 13/5/25)

##### **Independent Examiner**

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**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

D McClean - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Uptown Youth Services

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Uptown Youth Services (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan Askew FCA

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Date: 26/01/2026



# UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations		1,609	-	1,609	2,302
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		-	55,875	55,875	86,162
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,609</u>	<u>55,875</u>	<u>57,484</u>	<u>88,464</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	5,000
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2				
Charitable activities		197	76,863	77,060	76,899
<b>Total</b>		<u>197</u>	<u>76,863</u>	<u>77,060</u>	<u>81,899</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		1,412	(20,988)	(19,576)	6,565
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		54,178	27,240	81,418	74,853
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>55,590</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

## BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	893	-	893	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank		63,377	6,252	69,629	88,507
		<u>63,377</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>69,629</u>	<u>88,507</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(8,680)	-	(8,680)	(7,089)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>54,697</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>60,949</u>	<u>81,418</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>55,590</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>55,590</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				55,590	54,178
Restricted funds				<u>6,252</u>	<u>27,240</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

D McClean - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

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

Assets and liabilities were taken over from Uptown UK at 1st April 2017 and restated at their fair value as estimated by the trustees at the date of the transfer. The fair value of the net assets taken over is shown as income in these accounts.

Other than as disclosed above there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure in these accounts.

The charity relies significantly on the services of volunteers in carrying out its activities. The value of voluntary help is not reflected as income in these accounts but their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by the trustees.

##### **Expenditure**

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computers and equipment                      - 20% on cost

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial instruments of a kind that qualify as basic.

Cash at bank is measured at transaction price.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 3) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>69,941</u>	<u>7,119</u>	<u>77,060</u>

#### 3. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Information technology £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>4,339</u>	<u>1,658</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>7,119</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

##### Finance

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Independent examiners fees Excl VAT	950	905
Bookkeeping and accountancy	1,373	1,143
Other Professional Services	<u>2,016</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,339</u>	<u>2,048</u>

##### Information technology

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Computer and website	<u>1,658</u>	<u>351</u>

##### Other

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Postage and stationery	479	174
Other office costs	401	194
Payroll administration	-	984
Insurance	<u>242</u>	<u>351</u>
	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,703</u>

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	2,302	-	2,302
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	86,162	86,162
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,302</u>	<u>86,162</u>	<u>88,464</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	5,000	5,000
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	76,899	76,899
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,899</u>	<u>81,899</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	2,302	4,263	6,565
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	51,876	22,977	74,853
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>54,178</u>	<u>27,240</u>	<u>81,418</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computers and equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024	1,080
Additions	1,090
At 31 March 2025	2,170
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2024	1,080
Charge for year	197
At 31 March 2025	1,277
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	893
At 31 March 2024	-

### 7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	5,000
Provision for doubtful debts	-	(5,000)
	-	-

### 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	8,680	7,089

### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	54,178	1,412	55,590
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	27,240	(20,988)	6,252
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	81,418	(19,576)	61,842

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,609	(197)	1,412
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	55,875	(76,863)	(20,988)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>57,484</u>	<u>(77,060)</u>	<u>(19,576)</u>

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,876	2,302	54,178
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	22,977	4,263	27,240
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>6,565</u>	<u>81,418</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,302	-	2,302
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	86,162	(81,899)	4,263
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,464</u>	<u>(81,899)</u>	<u>6,565</u>

The vast majority of Uptown Youth Services' income is derived from grants. The majority of our grants are for core funding (although some are designated for specific items of expenditure) and are awarded to contribute to paying our operating costs over a specific time period. The restricted funds balance represents the unspent portion of grants which are to be allocated for time periods falling after the balance sheet date.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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#### **10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.