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URBAN GREEN NEWCASTLE

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Urban Green Newcastle

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Urban Green Newcastle (previously known as Newcastle Parks and Allotments Limited until 29 January 2019 and previously as Newcastle Parks and Allotments Trust until 5 December 2019) is constituted as a registered charity and company under guarantee in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 August 2018 and last amended 2 April 2019. The company gained registered charitable status with the Charity Commission on 19 March 2019.

Members

The members of Urban Green Newcastle are Newcastle City Council; and at least five and no more than eleven other Members comprising body corporates, public corporations, charitable organisations and similar organisations and partnerships that have an interest in the objects of Urban Green Newcastle. Members are appointed by the trustees. The current members are Newcastle City Council, Connected Voice, National Trust, Newcastle University, Natural History Society of Northumbria, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and Northumbria University.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Urban Green Newcastle has up to two trustees nominated by Newcastle City Council and between six and eleven appointed trustees. Nominated trustees are nominated in writing by Newcastle City Council. Appointed trustees are appointed by the board based on their skills and experience and following a public advertisement of the vacancy and a transparent appointment basis. Where there are two nominated trustees in office there must be no less than eleven appointed trustees. Where there is one (or no) nominated trustees in office there must be no less than six appointed trustees.

Board of trustees and management

The Board of Trustees met five times during the year to take strategic decisions. Several areas of responsibility are delegated to the three sub-committees of the Board:

Finance, Audit and Risk – finance, external audit and strategic risks

Compliance – statutory matters including safeguarding, health and safety, data protection and complaints.

Nominations and Remuneration – general affairs of the Board and personnel matters.

Our Urban Green Newcastle staff are structured into three departments (Operations, Enterprise, and Parks and Allotments), and led by the Chief Executive.

Urban Green Connect

This is an advisory panel to help the charity engage with the wider community. It was established in autumn 2020. The group advises us on how best to reach people, how to be inclusive, and how we can truly make a difference. Trustees appoint the Chair of the group, who is a trustee; and ensure that all other members of the group reside in Newcastle upon Tyne or surrounding areas or represent the interests of a particular group of residents in the city and are appointed following a transparent selection process.

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Urban Green Newcastle is established for public benefit, especially for the residents of and visitors to Newcastle upon Tyne and the surrounding areas to:

- maintain, protect and improve parks, open spaces, woodlands and recreational spaces;
- advance health by promoting participation in sport and other outdoor recreation;
- provide recreation and leisure facilities, including allotments; and
- advance education in the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment; the history, culture, heritage and traditions of the North East; and the arts, especially in parks.

The value of public green space and allotments to both people and the environment is well-documented and irrefutable. Their contributions to public health, and their benefits for physical and mental well-being, have never been clearer. They play a key role in conserving the rich culture and heritage of our city. And at a time of climate crisis and major loss of wildlife, their importance in 'trapping' carbon and enhancing biodiversity has never been higher.

The parks and allotments of Newcastle are therefore an invaluable resource for the city, with the power to improve places and enrich people's lives in so many ways. These principles drive the vision and ambitions of Urban Green Newcastle.

Our vision is for more people to enjoy and benefit from our beautiful, vibrant open spaces, which are safe, welcoming, and provide a great environment for wildlife and people which is valued by all.

Our ambitions reflect the consultations carried out with the people of Newcastle during the time of transition from Newcastle City Council into a new independent charity. They are:

- More people are enjoying beautiful and vibrant open-spaces and feeling the benefits to their health and wellbeing and that of their families and communities. In the future we will see more people of all ages, and from a wide range of backgrounds, enjoying the parks and allotments in the city. Our parks will always be free to access and to enjoy. There will be exciting large-scale events and venues, art and cultural activities and opportunities for sport and exercise. We will encourage children and young people to explore nature through educational activities in our parks.
- Our parks and allotments are safe and welcoming for all. We will invest in them to create beautiful, clean, safe and well-maintained open spaces. Income from our facilities and activities will be reinvested so people from all our city's diverse communities can enjoy our parks and allotments. People notice the difference and public satisfaction is high.
- Local people feel connected and committed to our parks and allotments. Our visitors and volunteers are passionate about all the city's parks and allotments. We are giving people opportunities to come together, get involved and feel proud of their parks, allotments, and green spaces. We offer opportunities for employment and volunteering.
- Partner organisations value our parks and allotments and are committed to helping maintain and develop them. We will build close relationships with organisations and businesses in the city and involve as many partners as possible in using and investing in our parks and allotments.
- Our parks and allotments will help conserve and improve our environment. We will help in the fight against climate change and ensure that our parks and allotments are managed in a way which benefits wildlife, conserves our rich heritage, and reduces pollution.

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Fundraising disclosures

The charity is required to report how it deals with fundraising from the public. The charity does not use a professional fundraiser or commercial participator to raise funds. Any monies raised direct from the public follows all guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and UK law in every respect. We respect the privacy and contact preferences of all public donors.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

Urban Green Newcastle would usually benefit from a significant amount of support from volunteers across our estate. However, the COVID 19 pandemic heavily affected our volunteering programme, initially stopping all volunteering activity, and subsequently limiting any activity that would put staff in direct contact with volunteers.

In response to this challenging situation, we established self-led volunteering initiatives that allowed over 130 people to contribute approximately 5,000 hours of their time whilst keeping themselves as safe as possible. These included Urban Green Clean, an initiative that provided volunteers across the city with litter picking equipment and Urban Green Adopt, a scheme that enabled regular volunteers to look after an area of the park in their own time.

Over the year we continued to develop our relationship with various Friends of Groups that support individual parks. There are currently 11 active groups; some of these groups are registered charities, others are constituted groups, others more informal.

We worked closely with 10 existing volunteers in Pet's Corner, our farm and petting zoo, during the year. The majority were students based at Northumberland College or East Durham College.

As restrictions ease, we have re-launched Ranger led volunteer sessions across our estate and will be establishing new volunteer roles that build our capacity as a workforce and developing the Urban Green Newcastle volunteering programme to provide opportunities to involve volunteers across the organisation.

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Achievements and performance

Although still a new charity, our role has never been more important. People flocked to our parks and allotments throughout the lockdowns caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our green spaces provided everyone with a place where they could safely enjoy the outdoors and reap the benefits of reconnecting with nature. The impact of Covid-19 on our charity was, therefore, significant and felt in many ways. Our team responded to the impact of dynamic and evolving lockdown rules and regulations on our estate, from the closures of facilities such as playgrounds and games areas; the postponement or cancellation of festivals and events; to providing signage, guidance, and advice. We worked closely with our partners, tenants, and volunteers to manage a challenging and fluid situation.

Ensuring that our estate continued to be cared for, safe and welcoming to all continued to be our priority through the pandemic. Yet this was also a year of change and growth for our charity. We made great progress in creating our enterprise and operations teams, as well as re-structuring our parks and allotments team. Through the year the number of staff employed by Urban Green Newcastle increased from 20 FT employees to 31 FT employees at year end; there were 14 individual new starters, whilst three people left the charity during the year.

Value, care for and improve our parks and allotments

In the 2020 awards we achieved Green Flag Awards for four of our city centre parks. Two of the parks have kept their awards - Jesmond Dene for the seventh consecutive year and Walker Park for the fourth consecutive year - and Exhibition Park and Leazes Park have been recognised for the first time since 2011. A Green Flag Award is an international mark of quality for parks and green spaces and reflects the incredible standard of these city centre parks. We benefit from working with dedicated Friends of Groups and fantastic volunteers to maintain this standard, and the new Urban Green Clean programme has allowed people to continue volunteering through the pandemic to keep Newcastle's green spaces clean and tidy.

Our work to address the backlog of maintenance across the estate and to improve the safety and appearance of parks and allotments continued through the year but was severely impacted by lockdown restrictions. Our partnership with Skill Mill, a multi-award-winning social enterprise which provides employment opportunities for young people aged between sixteen and eighteen who are ex-offenders, continued to tackle a wide range of maintenance tasks across our estate. We also prioritised tree management and conservation work during the year and have so far invested over £200,000 addressing a backlog of surveys, tree preservation and, in some cases, felling of old, diseased trees that presented a safety risk. A second priority was our playgrounds; during the year we worked with Newcastle City Council to prepare a detailed specification to repair all our play equipment or, where equipment was worn out, to remove and make sites safe. Pennine Playgrounds were appointed as our contractor, and they started work in spring 2021. We also planned the repair and replacement of equipment in Heaton Park that was damaged by arson; this scheme was supported by a fantastic fundraising effort across the community.

We also started to plan for the future. We carried out studies on several of our buildings. Baseline surveys on Fisherman's Lodge in Jesmond Dene will help us to plan how to bring back in to use this fire damaged property that has been empty for a number of years. Condition surveys on Banqueting Hall, a Grade II listed building which was built by Sir William Armstrong in 1860, also found in Jesmond Dene, will help to inform the future of this building. The long-term aims for the building will seek to reflect Lord Armstrong's legacy and be created in consultation with the local community. This will require a multi-million-pound funding campaign and an extensive works programme; in the interim it is important to stabilise the building and carry out essential emergency repairs.

Our team also created a new approach to park management plans that seeks to establish management principles for improving our parks, by co-creating in partnership with key stakeholders and in consultation with local communities. The approach was launched in spring 2021 and will be an integral part of our future work.

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Develop a rich, diverse, and exemplary visitor experience across our estate

We started to provide improved facilities across our estate. We prioritised works that addressed Covid-19 safety measures; for example, repairs to Castle Farm changing rooms to allow them to be used post-lockdown; providing more litter bins in certain locations; and improvements to Pet's Corner to ensure visitor safety. We also increased the number of food and drink concessions in our parks to provide a greater choice for park users. Some concessions were temporary, responding to Covid-19 or that some of our café tenants had decided to vacate their premises.

Our programme of events and activities was decimated by the impact of Covid-19 and almost the entire events programme for 2020 was cancelled, delayed to 2021 or postponed into future years. We worked closely with event organisers and promoters to accommodate their requirements into a revised programme that can be supported by our infrastructure and not place too great a pressure on our estate, adjacent landowners, the statutory authorities, and our neighbours in the community. Lockdown prevented our annual allotment show from taking place in the usual fashion, so we responded by moving the show online. Working with our allotment holders and associations, we celebrated our allotments with user generated videos, interviews, photographs, and competitions.

Enterprise development was rapid during the year. We recruited an entirely new team to manage and support commercial, fundraising and events work. We also created a system for managing event bookings, enquiries and delivery, including supporting smaller, community-based events to organise their events safely and meet statutory requirements. Fundraising was supported by the recruitment of a small staff team, allowing us to launch our first public fundraising campaign for Pet's Corner in spring 2021 and start to apply for project and activity grants from trusts, foundations and private donors.

We also worked on projects to open cafés in Exhibition and Paddy Freeman's Parks under the "Urban Green Café" brand through our trading company, Newcastle Parks Enterprises Ltd. Public openings were delayed to summer 2021 by Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

Provide opportunities for enhancing health and wellbeing across our estate

Our allotments are a vital resource generating health benefits across the city. We continued to manage over 60 sites across the city providing advice and guidance to allotment associations as well as managing some sites directly. This included supporting associations and users to navigate Covid-19 restrictions, as well as coordinating repairs and maintenance.

Volunteering also provides health and wellbeing benefits to participants. We recruited a dedicated Volunteer and Engagement Coordinator to support this offer; launched an estate-wide volunteering scheme called Urban Green Clean; and secured grants and donations for equipment from LGA Foundation, Hadrian Trust and Awards for All.

We signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with Newcastle City Council to collaborate on the design, coordination and delivery of sport and physical activity programmes in parks within the Urban Green Newcastle estate.

We trialled Take Ten Minutes, a free-to-use guided meditation service in our parks, to encourage people to engage in guided walking meditations to help improve their mental wellbeing. The physical and mental health benefits of accessing open spaces is well known, and our park users were able to access specially designed audio recorded meditations to help them harness the power of the outdoors.

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Seek opportunities to combat climate change and enhance the environment

Our woodland management work focused on ensuring the health and safety of visitors across our estate. We created an interactive map so park users could see which trees, and which parks, were affected by our tree maintenance programme. Signage was also added to some of the individual trees in our parks too. We are committed to planting at least two new trees for every diseased tree we remove, contributing to our aim to plant 5,000 new trees by 2030 and ensuring our parks remain vibrant and beautiful places for people to enjoy today, and long into the future too. Our ranger team has started to develop woodland management plans to achieve this target and to deliver against key environmental strategies for the City of Newcastle.

We worked closely with Newcastle City Council and other partners on flood and waterway management projects, including a flood amelioration scheme at Walker Park and on interim remedial works on the Reighburn at Tyne Riverside Country Park. We also commissioned a survey on water-based life-saving equipment across our parks.

Develop the resources and organisational capability to deliver our vision

Whilst our charity continued to deliver a wide range of projects, initiatives and activities across our estate, equally important work took place to strengthen our internal systems and processes. Trustees reviewed the sub-committee structure and created a new compliance committee with responsibility for statutory compliance covering matters such as health and safety, safeguarding, complaints and data protection.

We recruited a new finance team and transferred all day-to-day financial management in house, supported by new software, banking facilities. Trustees approved new financial procedures.

We engaged a new business support and administrative function and installed new telephone and computer networks. Trustees approved updated and strengthened policies that support safeguarding, health and safety and complaints processes.

We undertook a detailed assessment of allotment governance and management that made recommendations for how this could be reviewed and strengthened.

We established a system for ensuring we are managing estate maintenance and repairs, overseeing building repairs, and complying with statutory facilities inspections, either using our own staff or third-party contractors. We prepared systems and process to allow Newcastle Parks Enterprises to start trading in April 2021.

We recruited a new marketing and communications function and strengthened our website, social media channels, and online donor infrastructure.

The development of personnel and staff systems prioritised our recruitment drive, bringing recruitment administration in house and developing an induction programme that reflected and addressed the challenge of creating a new staff team whilst many employees were working from home. Staff training focused on meeting the core requirements of our safeguarding and health and safety policies, and we instigated a programme of quarterly staff meetings, albeit initially held online.

We were partners in the Future Parks Accelerator, a programme supported by National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Trust. Through this we benefited from consultancy and management advice and support across a wide variety of themes including fundraising, volunteering, change and project management, financial and impact modelling.

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Donors, grant funders and sponsors

Thank you to the following organisations and partners who have provided financial and in-kind support to Urban Green Newcastle through the year:

LGA Foundation
Awards for All
Banks Community Fund
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
Connected Voice
Hadrian Trust
Muckle LLP
Proctor & Gamble
Newcastle City Council
National Trust
People's Postcode Lottery

Financial review

Total income for the year was £2,744,255, with restricted income of £543,182, and total expenditure for the year was £2,320,642. At the end of the year the charity had total reserves in deficit of £316,989. Restricted fund carried forward totalled £593,829 and unrestricted funds carried forward were in a deficit position totalling £910,818. Trustees have agreed a 10 year contribution agreement with Newcastle City Council worth up to £9.5 million that will support our charity from 1 April 2019; therefore, the deficit in unrestricted funds is not significant and is due to the pension scheme deficit which is a long term liability.

Policy on reserves

In June 2020, trustees reviewed the forecast income streams, expenditure commitments and working capital requirements arising from Urban Green Newcastle's responsibility for managing and maintaining 33 parks and 61 allotment sites across Newcastle-upon-Tyne. This led to the formal adoption of a reserves policy.

The trustees wish to ensure that they could maintain the parks and allotments estate for at least 6 months in the event of a significant loss of income or another catastrophic event. This would allow time to develop a response, for example making significant structural changes to the charity. The trustees are committed to an operating model that reduces the charity's dependence on income from Newcastle City Council and diversifies income from property, trading and philanthropic sources. In addition, plans for the coming years allow for general reserves to be increased to provide 9-12 months cover for commitments on repairs to the buildings and other capital infrastructure across our estate. Further, Urban Green Newcastle's financial agreement with Newcastle City Council provides income specifically to invest in our estate and to address a historic shortfall in repairs and maintenance; the trustees have created an unrestricted, designated fund to manage the balances of this income.

At current levels of activity, the unrestricted general cash reserves should be approximately £1 million. Currently, the general reserve (free reserve) is £(215,971) with a further £671,564 designated for backlog maintenance. The trustees will review the policy and progress towards meeting the target level of reserves annually.

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Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The charity meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations and grant funding.

The charity's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months (which includes the guaranteed funding from NCC) show that the charity should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account possible changes in trading performance and the potential impact on the charity of possible future scenarios arising from the impact of COVID-19. This also considers the effectiveness of available measures to assist in mitigating the impact.

Principal funding sources

The principle funding sources during the year were:

- A 10-year contribution agreement with Newcastle City Council provided £1,707,174 during the year.
- Property income generated £361,375 from letting of buildings, allotments and car parking charges.
- An insurance settlement for Fisherman's Lodge provided £450,000

Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

A corporate strategy for the next 10 years was completed by the Key Management Personnel and launched in spring 2021.

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Current Challenges and Opportunities

Urban Green Newcastle represents a radical change for managing parks and green space within the city. The intention is to find new ways of financing the improvements needed, and develop alternative management models, to provide exciting new opportunities and benefits for the people of the city.

However, achieving these ambitions is not without its challenges. The creation of the charity came as a direct result of the crisis in local government funding, when spending on parks, allotments and green space across the country had hit an all-time low. In Newcastle upon Tyne, council spending into the parks service had reduced by 90% over seven years, leading to job losses and a serious decline in management of the parks. Urban Green Newcastle has subsequently inherited a service with few effective systems in place, a backlog of maintenance requirements stretching back over more than 10 years, and a portfolio of assets which are in urgent need of investment.

Addressing these issues in the current economic climate will not be easy. Public finances continue to be under severe pressure, and the implications of the separation of the UK from the EU are unknown in terms of both longer-term funding and legislation. At the same time, the impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic have had a significant impact on the economy nationally, as well as the ability of the charity to raise income from running events and activities throughout 2020 and into 2021.

Meanwhile, the combined crises of climate change and wildlife extinction mean that the need for rapid action to address carbon emissions and environmental degradation has never been higher.

While these are serious challenges, there are reasons to feel positive about the future. As an independent charity, focussed solely on parks and allotments, we are able to take a holistic view of our estate. We can explore funding and establish new relationships and partnerships in a way which was not possible for the local authority. In addition, all funding generated from the parks and allotments will be reinvested back into them, with a focus on ensuring a more equitable share of investment and opportunity across all the estate.

At the same time, the series of lockdowns imposed by Covid-19 throughout 2020 demonstrated the value of local, publicly accessible green space, and raised its importance in the public and political consciousness in a way which has not been apparent for many years. It is unclear if and how this awareness might be translated into additional funding, but it should be possible to build upon the opportunities this might bring.

This is therefore an important time for Newcastle's parks and allotments. Public support and enthusiasm for our amazing green spaces have never been greater. While there will undoubtedly be considerable challenges over the next five years, there is huge opportunity, and great potential for the new charity. These have informed the priorities to be addressed through our aims and objectives between 2021 and 2026.

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Aims and key objectives for future periods

Aim 1: Value, care for and improve our parks and allotments

Urban Green Newcastle has inherited an estate which has been in decline for many years. All our parks and allotments require significant investment to bring them to an acceptable standard, and to start to improve. We are committed to reversing this decline and creating beautiful spaces which will be valued and loved by the people of Newcastle. Our success will be measured by the number of parks achieving Green Flag status, with the aim of reaching 15 awards by 2026.

Aim 2: Develop a rich, diverse and exemplary visitor experience across our estate

We are committed to improving this experience and increasing visitor numbers from an estimated 6 million per year in 2020 to 7 million per year in 2026. But it is not just about numbers; it is about the diversity of people visiting and enjoying our parks and allotments, and the quality of their experiences.

Aim 3: Provide opportunities for enhancing health and wellbeing across our estate

Our parks and allotments offer huge potential for enhancing the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the people of Newcastle. It has been estimated that this is worth £128 million in 2020 (Natural Capital Account for Urban Green Newcastle, Vivid Economics 2020). By 2026, we aim to improve this to a value of £165 million.

Aim 4: Seek opportunities to combat climate change and enhance the environment

We are facing unprecedented challenges regarding climate change and wildlife crisis. We have an opportunity to make a real difference across Newcastle within our parks and allotments. We can start by setting a target of reducing our emissions by 25% by 2026, with the aim of becoming carbon net negative as a charity by 2030, sequestering more climate change gases across our estate than generated by our activities.

Aim 5: Develop the resources and organisational capability to deliver our vision

We are a new organisation taking over an estate in poor condition. To fulfil our ambitions over the next 5 years, there is a lot to be put in place. We need to build a strong team of expert and motivated staff and establish efficient internal systems. We need to become financially secure as an organisation by increasing commercial and philanthropic income to £2 million per year by 2026.

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Activities planned to achieve aims

Value, care for and improve our parks and allotments

To achieve this, we will:

- Address the backlog of maintenance to improve the safety and appearance of parks and allotments.
- Establish management principles and plans for improving our parks, in partnership with key stakeholders and in consultation with local communities.
- Improve the quality of our allotments, in consultation with key stakeholders, to ensure that these are safe, welcoming spaces which promote the benefits of local food.
- Address the poor condition of buildings and structures across the estate and develop a programme of repair and investment.
- Work with partners and key stakeholders to facilitate improved long-term and sustainable management and maintenance across our estate and ensure statutory compliance.

Develop a rich, diverse and exemplary visitor experience across our estate

To achieve this, we will:

- Create vibrant and accessible parks, with improved facilities, a greater range of events and activities, and increased opportunities for recreation and play.
- Improve understanding of the stories and significance of our heritage assets, and implement a programme to both conserve them, and bring them to life.
- Build a creative arts and cultural offer across our estate which excites, stimulates, and provides an emotional connection for visitors.
- Encourage meaningful and fulfilling community engagement in activities and events, including the planning of parks.
- Raise understanding and awareness of our parks and allotments through improved communications, interpretation, and marketing.

Provide opportunities for enhancing health and wellbeing across our estate

To achieve this, we will:

- Facilitate opportunities for local food production and raise awareness and understanding of the benefits of healthy eating.
- Stimulate greater participation in physical activity and sports, including a wide range of opportunities to suit all abilities.
- Explore partnerships to promote mental health and wellbeing across parks and allotments.
- Increase opportunities for a rich and diverse volunteering offer.
- Establish a programme for education, training, and skills across all parts of the organisation.

Seek opportunities to combat climate change and enhance the environment

To achieve this, we will:

- Adopt and apply sustainability principles to all our activities and develop a carbon reduction plan.
- Explore options for renewable energy regeneration across the estate.
- Improve our woodland management, tackling the backlog of maintenance, creating plans, and embarking upon a tree planting strategy.
- Support the development of city-wide green infrastructure plans, in conjunction with Newcastle City Council and partners.
- Increase understanding of the biodiversity across our estate, improving habitat management and implementing strategies for vulnerable species.
- Strengthen the systems for flood management and improve waterway management across the estate.

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Develop the resources and organisational capability to deliver our vision

To achieve this, we will:

- Establish robust policies, systems and processes for the charity and its commercial trading elements.
- Create a positive, safe, and engaged culture in the workplace for staff, including proactive training and development.
- Ensure financial resilience and sound stewardship of resources, including the development of investment plans for commerce, property, and new facilities.
- Maximise fundraising by creating opportunities for sponsorship and philanthropic giving.
- Work with key partners, including Newcastle City Council, to secure gains for green infrastructure through local and regional policy and development.
- Establish effective systems for measuring and reporting performance across all aspects of the charity.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Urban Green Newcastle for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of MHA Tait Walker as auditors of the charity is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 4/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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J P Beirne
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Urban Green Newcastle

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Urban Green Newcastle (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements were 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Urban Green Newcastle

Opinion 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' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 14), the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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:

- Enquiries with management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing board minutes;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates; and
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Because of the field in which the client operates, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: Health and Safety; employment laws; and compliance with the UK Companies Act and Charities Act.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the event and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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 charity's trustees 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 5/10/2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Unaudited Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	101,551	93,182	194,733	172,445
Charitable activities	4	2,068,549	-	2,068,549	2,495,481
Other trading activities	5	3,615	-	3,615	50,831
Investment income	6	813	-	813	1,179
Other income	7	26,545	450,000	476,545	11,979
Total Income		<u>2,201,073</u>	<u>543,182</u>	<u>2,744,255</u>	<u>2,731,915</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	(1,047)	-	(1,047)	(21,098)
Charitable activities	9	(2,282,815)	(36,780)	(2,319,595)	(2,151,930)
Other expenditure	10	-	-	-	(751,000)
Total Expenditure		<u>(2,283,862)</u>	<u>(36,780)</u>	<u>(2,320,642)</u>	<u>(2,924,028)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(82,789)	506,402	423,613	(192,113)
Transfers between funds		5,085	(5,085)	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes		<u>(473,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(473,000)</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>
Net movement in funds		(550,704)	501,317	(49,387)	(269,113)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>(360,114)</u>	<u>92,512</u>	<u>(267,602)</u>	<u>1,511</u>
Total funds carried forward	23	<u>(910,818)</u>	<u>593,829</u>	<u>(316,989)</u>	<u>(267,602)</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 23.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2020 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	56,475	115,970	172,445
Charitable activities	4	2,495,481	-	2,495,481
Other trading activities	5	50,831	-	50,831
Investment income	6	1,179	-	1,179
Other income	7	11,979	-	11,979
Total income		<u>2,615,945</u>	<u>115,970</u>	<u>2,731,915</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	8	(21,098)	-	(21,098)
Charitable activities	9	(2,057,430)	(94,500)	(2,151,930)
Other expenditure	10	<u>(751,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(751,000)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(2,829,528)</u>	<u>(94,500)</u>	<u>(2,924,028)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(213,583)	21,470	(192,113)
Transfers between funds		10,019	(10,019)	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes		<u>(77,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>
Net movement in funds		(280,564)	11,451	(269,113)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>(79,550)</u>	<u>81,061</u>	<u>1,511</u>
Total funds carried forward	23	<u>(360,114)</u>	<u>92,512</u>	<u>(267,602)</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	17	104,586	69,114
Investments	18	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		<u>104,587</u>	<u>69,115</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	19	292,315	556,779
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,498,069</u>	<u>761,092</u>
		1,790,384	1,317,871
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(740,960)</u>	<u>(701,588)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,049,424</u>	<u>616,283</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		1,154,011	685,398
Pension scheme liability	22	<u>(1,471,000)</u>	<u>(953,000)</u>
Net liabilities including pension liability		<u>(316,989)</u>	<u>(267,602)</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted		593,829	92,512
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>(910,818)</u>	<u>(360,114)</u>
Total funds	23	<u>(316,989)</u>	<u>(267,602)</u>

The financial statements on pages 19 to 47 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 4/10/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



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J P Beirne
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(49,387)	(269,113)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	8, 10	22,702	6,203
Investment income	6	(813)	(1,179)
LGPS deficit on transfer		-	751,000
		(27,498)	486,911
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	19	264,464	(511,324)
Increase in creditors	20	358,697	181,476
Decrease (increase) in retirement benefit obligation net of actuarial changes	22	518,000	202,000
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income		(319,325)	424,064
Net cash flows from operating activities		794,338	783,127
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	6	813	1,179
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	17	(58,174)	(75,317)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(57,361)	(74,138)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of loans and borrowings	20	-	(19,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		736,977	689,989
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		761,092	71,103
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		1,498,069	761,092

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is: Ouseburn Parks Visitors Centre, Red Walk, Jesmond Dene, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE7 7BQ.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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 (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Urban Green Newcastle meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The balance sheet reports a deficient position at the year end (which means that total liabilities exceed total assets) by £316,989. This is due to the FRS 102 Pension Liability of £1,471,000. This liability is a long term liability and as explained further in Note 27 will not crystallise in the short term and for the reasons noted, will likely be removed at a future point when there are no active members remaining in the scheme.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

The charity forecasts have been prepared taking into account COVID-19. They support the ability of the charity to remain a going concern and be able to trade and meet their debts as they fall due. The full impact of COVID-19, the continued level of government support and the underlying trading assumptions used in forecasting are extremely judgemental and difficult to predict and could be subject to significant variation.

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Estimation uncertainty and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimations and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are considered to be no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies which effect the amounts recognised in the financial statements

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year as follows:

Depreciation is estimated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset.

Tyne & Wear Pension Fund - The present value of the Tyne & Wear Pension Fund defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the new cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Income and endowments

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.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Transferred assets

The parks and allotments managed by the charity are done so under 125 year leases granted by Newcastle City Council (NCC). As these spaces remain the property of the Council, no value has been recognised upon granting of the leases in the accounts of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
IT equipment	3 years straight line
Office equipment	4 years straight line
Parks and allotments fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Buildings fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Prepayments and accrued income relates to amounts paid in advance of services / goods being received and income received in advance of goods / services being provided respectively.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

There is a designated unrestricted income fund in respect of backlog maintenance. This is due to Newcastle City Council providing the charity with £570,000 for each of its first 5 years for backlog maintenance and is to be ring-fenced in the accounts accordingly.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Hire purchase and finance leases

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The entity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The contributions payable are charged to the income and expenditure account.

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

The entity also operates a defined benefit pension scheme for employees.

Typically defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognised in the Statement of Financial Position in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date minus the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is measured using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future payments by reference to market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses are charged or credited to other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Changes in the net defined benefit asset or liability arising from employee service are recognised in profit or loss as a current service cost where it relates to services in the current period and as a past service cost where it relates to services in the prior periods. Costs relating to plan introductions, benefit changes, curtailments and settlements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they occur.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General £	Restricted £		
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	25,150	24,132	49,282	56,475
Grants, including capital grants	56,681	69,050	125,731	115,970
Covid related grants	19,720	-	19,720	-
	<u>101,551</u>	<u>93,182</u>	<u>194,733</u>	<u>172,445</u>

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Food Nation	-	2,960
Heritage Lottery Fund - Walker Park	19,378	71,672
Leazes Park	-	20,000
Tree Planting Fund	-	1,338
Havannah Nature Reserve	3,000	20,000
Shop stock donated by NCC	-	14,748
Donations received by Pets Corner	-	38,221
Other donations received less than £1,000	-	3,506
Brandling Park Refurbishment	45,672	-
Hadrian Trust	1,000	-
Jesmond Dene Appeal	1,068	-
Heaton Park Playground	23,064	-
General unrestricted donations	25,150	-
General unrestricted grants	25,050	-
Covid related grants	19,720	-
CJRS income (furlough)	31,631	-
	<u>194,733</u>	<u>172,445</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Contribution Agreement	1,707,174	1,707,174
Property Income	361,375	361,375
	<u>2,068,549</u>	<u>2,068,549</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2020 £
Contribution Agreement	2,012,852	2,012,852
Property Income	482,629	482,629
	<u>2,495,481</u>	<u>2,495,481</u>

A Contribution Agreement is in place with Newcastle City Council whereby they pay the charity an agreed sum each year to assist with the costs of the first 10 years of the management of the parks and allotments. After this 10 year period, there is no funding guaranteed from the Council.

Property income consists of money receivable from tenants of the allotments and other spaces managed by the charity.

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Events income	-	-	26,710
Retail income	1,715	1,715	24,121
Sponsorship income	1,900	1,900	-
	<u>3,615</u>	<u>3,615</u>	<u>50,831</u>

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6 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	General	2021	2020
	£	£	£
Interest receivable on bank deposits	813	813	1,179

7 Other income

	Unrestricted		Total	Total
	General	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Other income	26,545	450,000	476,545	11,979

Other income includes £450,000 insurance income in respect of a fire at Fisherman's Lodge prior to the property being transferred to Urban Green and £22,545 relating to services and contracts.

8 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	funds	2021	2020
	General	£	£
	£		
Fundraising trading costs;			
Fundraising	289	289	-
Costs of trading activities	758	758	21,098
	1,047	1,047	21,098

Expenditure on raising funds includes Ouseburn Visitor Centre and some advertising costs.

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2021	Total 2020
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Marketing and publicity	9,830	1,890	11,720	114,492
Sundry expenses	46,025	66	46,091	23,553
Vehicles and other travel and subsistence expenses	22,032	59	22,091	35,364
Wages and salaries	822,251	17,676	839,927	663,191
Governance costs	36,334	-	36,334	37,883
Employers NI	71,944	1,603	73,547	52,275
Employers pensions	94,386	390	94,776	213,642
Property costs	243,537	2,210	245,747	163,120
VAT advice and IT support	1,800	-	1,800	13,089
Legal and professional	149,059	-	149,059	181,577
Direct expenses	785,617	12,886	798,503	653,744
	<u>2,282,815</u>	<u>36,780</u>	<u>2,319,595</u>	<u>2,151,930</u>

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Direct costs	1,723,448	-	1,723,448	1,419,893
Support costs	-	559,367	559,367	694,154
Governance costs	-	36,334	36,334	37,883
	<u>1,723,448</u>	<u>595,701</u>	<u>2,319,149</u>	<u>2,151,930</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £36,334 (2020 - £37,883) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 11 for further details.

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10 Other expenditure

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
LGPS pension deficit transferred	-	751,000
	-	751,000

Newcastle City Council has agreed to guarantee Urban Green Newcastle's admission to the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund. The Council agreed to make good any deficiency on the Tyne and Wear Local Government Pension Fund at 1 April 2019, in the event of the cessation of the scheme and the repayment of any Section 75 liability, in respect of the funding of the pension benefit accrued at 1 April 2019 and those eligible employees who transferred from the Council to Urban Green Newcastle.

The figures presented in the financial statements are calculated under FRS 102 for inclusion in Urban Green Newcastle's accounts. These FRS 102 actuarial calculations of the pension liability as at 1 April 2019 have used different assumptions to those employed by the Council. As a result the pension liability includes an opening liability (which in effect is covered under the guarantee offered by the Council) and movement in the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) amounting to £751,000. The additional movement in the SoFA, relating to the period since transfer of the employees from the Council, is £518,000. The total cumulative charges through the SoFA is £1,471,000 and is included in the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021.

Further information is given in Note 22.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

11 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Governance costs	Support costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Advertising and Marketing costs	-	6,159	6,159	111,657
Premises costs	289	14,201	14,490	5,015
Travel and Subsistence	-	(1,553)	(1,553)	11,231
Telephone, internet and computer costs	-	43,025	43,025	11,231
Office costs	-	33,623	33,623	12,114
Insurance	-	92,025	92,025	63,218
Staff costs	24,962	302,013	326,975	328,151
Legal and professional costs	11,083	51,484	62,567	46,988
Support services	-	18,390	18,390	142,432
	<u>36,334</u>	<u>559,367</u>	<u>595,701</u>	<u>732,037</u>

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Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs			
Wages and salaries	22,130	22,130	22,130
Social security costs	2,569	2,569	2,589
Pension costs	263	263	380
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	5,250	5,250	7,750
Other fees paid to auditors	-	-	509
Legal fees	5,833	5,833	4,190
Other governance costs	290	290	335
	<u>36,335</u>	<u>36,335</u>	<u>37,883</u>

The charity allocates costs direct to activities as far as possible and then it identifies the remaining costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are apportioned between the key charitable activities undertaken in the year. The basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs is set out as follows:

Direct to governance: Audit fee, independent examination fees, other accountancy fees and bank charges.

Direct to charitable activities: All other expenditure incurred.

The wage costs of the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Assistant have been split 20% governance and 80% charitable activities. No other expenses have been apportioned between the two funds mentioned above.

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12 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2021 £	2020 £
Audit fees	5,250	7,750
Other non-audit services	-	509
Depreciation of fixed assets	22,702	6,203
LGPS pension liability transferred	-	751,000

13 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

V M Keen

£Nil (2020: £335) of expenses were reimbursed to V M Keen during the year.

J P Beirne

£5,000 (2020: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to J P Beirne during the year.

J Beirne invoiced Urban Green Newcastle for the admin and management resource.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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14 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	862,057	685,321
Social security costs	76,116	54,864
Pension costs	95,039	214,022
LGPS deficit transfer	-	751,000
	<u>1,033,212</u>	<u>1,705,207</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Management	4	4
Parks and Allotments	13	13
Enterprise	5	1
Operations	4	2
	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2021 No	2020 No
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £228,264 (2020 - £184,211).

15 Auditors' remuneration

	31 March 2020 £	2020 £
Audit of financial statements	5,250	7,750
Other fees paid to auditors	-	509
	<u>5,250</u>	<u>8,259</u>

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16 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

17 Tangible fixed assets

	Building fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Parks and allotments fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2020	16,729	22,995	31,773	3,820	75,317
Additions	28,229	16,778	9,925	3,242	58,174
At 31 March 2021	44,958	39,773	41,698	7,062	133,491
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2020	1,235	2,571	1,912	485	6,203
Charge for the year	4,359	10,391	6,355	1,597	22,702
At 31 March 2021	5,594	12,962	8,267	2,082	28,905
Net book value					
At 31 March 2021	39,364	26,811	33,431	4,980	104,586
At 31 March 2020	15,494	20,424	29,861	3,335	69,114

The parks and allotments managed by the charity are done so under 125 year leases granted by Newcastle City Council. As these spaces remain the property of the Council, no value has been recognised upon granting of the leases in the accounts of the charity.

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18 Fixed asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

On 7 March 2019, the charitable company subscribed to a £1 share, being 100% of the share capital, for its trading subsidiary company Newcastle Parks Enterprise Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The company has remained dormant since incorporation through to the year ended 31 March 2021. It has however opened a bank account which has incurred bank charges of £54. Such costs have been recognised in the charity accounts and no consolidated accounts are being prepared.

19 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	142,083	422,005
Prepayments	11,386	6,517
Accrued income	138,844	91,672
Other debtors	<u>2</u>	<u>36,585</u>
	<u>292,315</u>	<u>556,779</u>

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20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	260,926	34,699
Other taxation and social security	23,338	17,506
VAT	126,352	104,329
Other creditors	9,707	14,915
Accruals	215,898	106,075
Deferred income	104,739	424,064
	<u>740,960</u>	<u>701,588</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2020	424,064	-
Resources deferred in the period	104,739	424,064
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(424,064)</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred income at year end	<u>104,739</u>	<u>424,064</u>

Deferred income has arisen in the year as a result of income being received or invoiced in advance of performance conditions and therefore revenue recognition being met. This includes funding for the year to 31 March 2022.

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21 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Other		
Within one year	16,218	14,504
Between one and five years	17,607	25,914
	<u>33,825</u>	<u>40,418</u>

22 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £95,039 (2020 - £214,022).

Contributions totalling £6,886 (2020 - £9,396) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

Defined benefit pension schemes

Reconciliation of scheme assets and liabilities to assets and liabilities recognised

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Fair value of scheme assets	1,818,000	1,461,000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	<u>(3,289,000)</u>	<u>(2,414,000)</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme deficit	<u>(1,471,000)</u>	<u>(953,000)</u>

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Defined benefit obligation

Changes in the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	2021
	£
Present value at start of year	2,414,000
Current service cost	60,000
Interest cost	56,000
Actuarial gains and losses	760,000
Benefits paid	(12,000)
Contributions by scheme participants	11,000
Present value at end of year	<u>3,289,000</u>

Fair value of scheme assets

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	2021
	£
Fair value at start of year	1,461,000
Interest income	34,000
Actuarial gains and losses	287,000
Employer contributions	37,000
Contributions by scheme participants	11,000
Benefits paid	(12,000)
Fair value at end of year	<u>1,818,000</u>

Analysis of assets

The major categories of scheme assets are as follows:

	2021	2020
	%	%
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2
Equity instruments	55	55
Government bonds	2	4
Property	8	9
Corporate bonds	20	15
Other	11	15
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

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Return on scheme assets

	2021 £	2020 £
Return on scheme assets	321,000	(42,000)

The pension scheme has not invested in any of the charity's own financial instruments or in properties or other assets used by the charity.

Principal actuarial assumptions

The principal actuarial assumptions at the statement of financial position date are as follows:

	2021 %	2020 %
Pension accounts revaluation rate	2.70	1.90
Discount rate	2.10	2.30
Future salary increases	4.20	3.40
Future pension increases	2.70	1.90
Inflation	2.70	1.90

Post retirement mortality assumptions

	2021 Years	2020 Years
Current UK pensioners at retirement age - male	21.90	21.80
Current UK pensioners at retirement age - female	25.10	25.00

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23 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Unrestricted Fund	(784,037)	1,631,073	(1,952,878)	994,458	(111,384)
<i>Designated</i>					
Backlog Maintenance Pension	423,923	570,000	(285,984)	(36,373)	671,566
	-	-	(518,000)	(953,000)	(1,471,000)
	<u>423,923</u>	<u>570,000</u>	<u>(803,984)</u>	<u>(989,373)</u>	<u>(799,434)</u>
Total Unrestricted	<u>(360,114)</u>	<u>2,201,073</u>	<u>(2,756,862)</u>	<u>5,085</u>	<u>(910,818)</u>
Restricted					
Northumbrian Water Limited	49,500	-	(15,540)	-	33,960
Food Nation	1,674	-	(299)	-	1,375
Heritage Lottery Fund - Walker Park	-	19,378	(19,378)	-	-
Leazes Park	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Tree Planting Fund	1,338	-	-	-	1,338
Havannah Nature Reserve	20,000	3,000	-	-	23,000
Fishermans Lodge	-	450,000	-	-	450,000
Heaton Park Playground	-	23,064	(1,528)	(5,085)	16,451
Jesmond Dene Appeal	-	1,068	(35)	-	1,033
Hadrian Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Brandling Park Refurbishment	-	45,672	-	-	45,672
	<u>92,512</u>	<u>543,182</u>	<u>(36,780)</u>	<u>(5,085)</u>	<u>593,829</u>
Total restricted	<u>92,512</u>	<u>543,182</u>	<u>(36,780)</u>	<u>(5,085)</u>	<u>593,829</u>
Total funds	<u>(267,602)</u>	<u>2,744,255</u>	<u>(2,793,642)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(316,989)</u>

There is a designated fund in respect of backlog maintenance. This is due to Newcastle City Council providing the charity with £570,000 for each of its first 5 years for backlog maintenance and is to be rign-fenced in the accounts accordingly.

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Northumbrian Water Limited - To support and grow volunteering and to grow the fundraising capacity and capability.

Food Nation - To create orchards at Walker and St. Lawrence's Parks

Heritage Lottery Heritage Fund - Walker Park - Project to enhance the parks appeal to a broad range of users through the provision of improved facilities and the restoration and enhancement of existing fabric.

Leazes Park - To provide improved play facilities in the park.

Tree Planting Fund - Various grants to support tree planting across our parks.

Havannah Nature Reserve - Grants to install a path across the south grassland/heathland area at Havannah and Three Hills Nature Reserve.

Fisherman's Lodge - To repair Fisherman's Lodge in Jesmond Dene.

Heaton Park Playground - To provide improved play facilities in the park.

Jesmond Dene Appeal - To provide improved facilities in the park.

Hadrian Trust - To support Urban Green Clean and other volunteering work.

Brandling Park Refurbishment - To provide improved facilities in the park.

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24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2021
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	104,586	-	-	104,586
Fixed asset investments	1	-	-	1
Current assets	524,989	671,566	593,829	1,790,384
Current liabilities	(740,960)	-	-	(740,960)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,471,000)	-	(1,471,000)
Total net assets	<u>(111,384)</u>	<u>(799,434)</u>	<u>593,829</u>	<u>(316,989)</u>

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total funds at 31 March 2020
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	69,114	-	-	69,114
Fixed asset investments	1	-	-	1
Current assets	801,436	423,923	92,512	1,317,871
Current liabilities	(701,588)	-	-	(701,588)
Pension scheme liability	<u>(953,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(953,000)</u>
Total net assets	<u>(784,037)</u>	<u>423,923</u>	<u>92,512</u>	<u>(267,602)</u>

25 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2020	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>761,092</u>	<u>736,977</u>	<u>1,498,069</u>
Net debt	<u>761,092</u>	<u>736,977</u>	<u>1,498,069</u>
	At 1 April 2019	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2020
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>71,103</u>	<u>689,989</u>	<u>761,092</u>
Net debt	<u>71,103</u>	<u>689,989</u>	<u>761,092</u>

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26 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

North East Theatre Trust Limited

(Urban Green Newcastle has a director in common with North East Theatre Trust Limited.)

North East Theatre Trust Limited invoiced Urban Green Newcastle £7,000 (gross) (2020 - £12,000) for the admin and management resource.

HealthWORKS Newcastle

(Urban Green Newcastle has a trustee in common with HealthWORKS Newcastle)

During the year, HealthWORKS Newcastle invoiced Urban Green Newcastle £4,572 (2020 - £5,079) for contributions towards the 'Building a New Heritage' project. This amount was paid in full during the year.

In addition, HealthWORKS Newcastle paid Urban Green Newcastle £300 (2020 - £nil) for the provision of Christmas activities.

Northumberland Wildlife Trust

(Urban Green Newcastle has a trustee in common with Northumberland Wildlife Trust)

The Northumberland Wildlife Trust hold a lease at Prestwich Carr and as such pays an annual rent of £1,000 to Urban Green Newcastle. This amount was repaid in full during the year.

Also in 2021, Urban Green Newcastle invoiced Northumberland Wildlife Trust £9,000 (2020 - £nil) to undertake habitat creation work. This amount is included within trade debtors at the year end.

Newcastle City Council

(There are Councillors on the Board of Urban Green Newcastle.)

As at 1 April 2019, the management of a number of parks and allotments within Newcastle upon Tyne was transferred by the Council to Urban Green Newcastle. Under the terms of the asset transfer agreement the charity entered into a 125 year lease. No value has been attached to the assets on lease given the restrictive use of the assets under the terms of the lease. To assist with this, a contribution agreement was entered into with Urban Green invoicing Newcastle City Council for £1,304,359 gross during the year (2020 - £2,898,794). Of this amount, £nil (2020 - £483,372) is included within deferred income at the year end.

Newcastle City Council also collect car parking income, charitable donations and rental income on behalf of the charity. During the year, amounts totalling £236,937 (2020 - £148,246) were collected.

A further £450,000 (2020 - £nil) was received in the year as a result of insurance proceeds for a property now managed by Urban Green. In addition to this, section 106 grants of £48,672 (2020 - £20,000) have also been recognised.

Grants were also provided by the Council totalling £10,000 (2020 - £20,000) in addition to event sponsorship of £nil (2020 - £3,120), training costing £nil (2020 - £10,944), licence fees £765 (2020 - £nil) and consultancy services £280 (2020 - £nil).

During the year, the council invoiced Urban Green Newcastle £873,971 (2020 - £835,396) for various services including repairs and water rates.

At the year end £210,648 (2020 - £396,658 trade debtors) is included within trade creditors.

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Ninkasi Pubco Limited

(Urban Green Newcastle has a trustee in common with Ninkasi Pubco Limited)

During the year, Ninkasi Pubco Limited provided Urban Green Newcastle with room hire and refreshments totalling £nil (2020 - £1,350). This amount had been paid in full at the year end.

Greenan Blueaye Limited and Ninkasi Pubco Limited

(Urban Green Newcastle is related to both Greenan Blueaye Limited and Ninkasi Pubco Limited by way of having directors in common.)

Greenan Blueaye Limited and Ninkasi Pubco Limited occupy land and buildings which are leased to and managed by Urban Green Newcastle. They are charged rent at a rate of £14,698 per annum (2020 - £14,962) under normal commercial terms. At the year end, £7,371 is included within trade debtors (2020 - £nil).

Newcastle Parks Enterprises Limited

(Subsidiary of Urban Green Newcastle.)

During the year, Urban Green transferred £500 to Newcastle Parks Enterprises Limited to enable them to open up a bank account. This bank account subsequently attracted charges of £54. As these are the only transactions within the subsidiary the decision has been taken to not prepare consolidated accounts and instead recognise the £500 as petty cash and the £54 as bank charges within the accounts of Urban Green.

27 Non-adjusting events after the financial period

Whilst the charity continues to account for the defined benefit pension scheme assets and liabilities in accordance with FRS 102 (and reports the actuary calculated figures within the accounts) the intention was that the charity should have a guarantee with the Council that the pension scheme will be subsumed should a cessation event occur. A cessation event is where the charity has no active employees left in the defined benefit pension scheme, which would trigger the Section 75 'exit' debt to become immediately payable by the charity.

The intention of the Council and the charity is that the historic liabilities of the defined benefit pension scheme would be covered by the Council and that the charity would only fund the cost of participating in the scheme until such time the active members were consulted and their participation in the scheme ended.

There is a legal deed, which was signed on XX Julember 2021 by the Council and the charity, that confirms that at that point there are no active members remaining in the scheme that the Council will subsume the defined benefit pension scheme assets and liabilities, and the charity will no longer need to account for this within its financial statements beyond that point.

Until such a time that all employees of the charity that are active members of the defined benefit pension scheme leave the scheme, then the charity will continue to account for the FRS 102 defined benefit pension scheme.