



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 Period end date

Charity name: E5 Baby and Children Bank (Hackney Children and Baby Bank)

Charity registration number: 1192509

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need because of financial hardship or other disadvantage in particular through the provision of clothing, food and other support and assistance to pregnant women, babies, children and their caregivers.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Since its establishment in June 2020, the Hackney Children and Baby Bank has grown from a small community initiative to a successful local charity, which to date supporting over 4140 families including over 7832 children. The Baby Bank provides families in Hackney and surrounding boroughs with essential items, all sourced from community donations. These donations can be in the form of physical pre-loved donations or donation of funds or purchase of new items from our wishlists, including clean clothes, toys, nappies, and other essentials. We offer a friendly, non-discriminatory service to all families in need of our assistance. The Baby bank receives donations of baby and children's pre-loved clothes, toys, and other essential items from supporters in the surrounding area. The team of volunteers then sorts these donations and packs them into age-appropriate clothing and toy packs. This enables the baby bank to be able to provide families referred to the service items they need for their children. The team of volunteer drivers help ensure

		large bulky items such as cots reach families in need. The families accessing the baby bank face numerous hardships; women fleeing domestic violence who have to relocate at short notice leaving all their belonging behind, refugee families, single parent working families on low incomes simply unable to meet the cost of necessities for their children, mothers about to give birth who have no clothes or equipment for their baby and unemployed or homeless parents or those who are in debt or who are coping with substance misuse. The needs of some of the families are extensive and multi-faceted; our approach is to try and personalise the service as much as we can to meet the specific needs of our families. The following organisations are examples of those that refer families to the Baby Bank: The Children's Society, Bump Buddies; Hackney Playbus; Care for Calais; The Round Chapel Families Project; Hackney Children Centres; Hackney Migrant Centre; Hackney DWP; Barnados; Food Banks; Domestic Violence Prevention; Akwahbah Centre; Homerton Hospital Maternity Ward & Hackney Community Nurses, Hestia, Muslim Aid Group; Social Workers from Hackney; Refugee Centres; Family Action Support Group, Shoreditch Trust, Peabody Trust, Parental Substance Misuse, Social Action for Health, Chobham Academy, City & Hackney Perinatal Mental Health Team, Cornerstone Baby bank, Early Help Family Navigator Newham, Hackney Learning Trust, Lawrence House Surgery.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees, in making decisions concerning the Baby bank's activities, have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
	Para 1.38	n/a

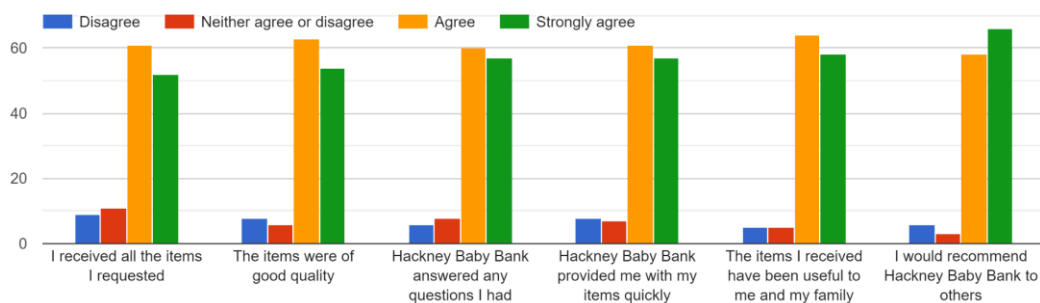
Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Baby Bank continues to be a charity run by the local community, for the local community. The organisation has two paid members of staff and a significant part of their roles are liaising with volunteers. Volunteers remain at the very heart of our organisation and the service could not be delivered without them. The volunteer group alone has brought the community together across age (Duke of Edinburgh students right through to our knitters in a retirement home), ethnicity, socio-economic group, etc.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Over the calendar year 2023, the baby bank has supported 1,452 families including 3,010 children. Demand increased over the year with families supported up 16% on 2022 and children supported up 40%. Monthly the baby bank has distributed an average of 233 clothing packs, 115 packs of nappies, 28 Moses baskets and cots, 187 toy packs, 196 hygiene kits and 22 tins of infant formula. During the year we surveyed both our referral partners and service users to gauge the charity's impact. Excerpts on the following page.

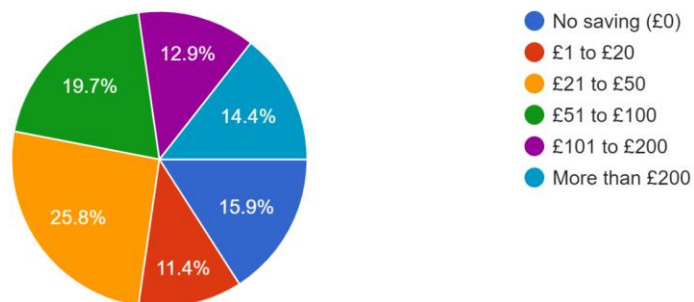
Service User Survey Responses

Based on the items you received from the Hackney Baby Bank do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

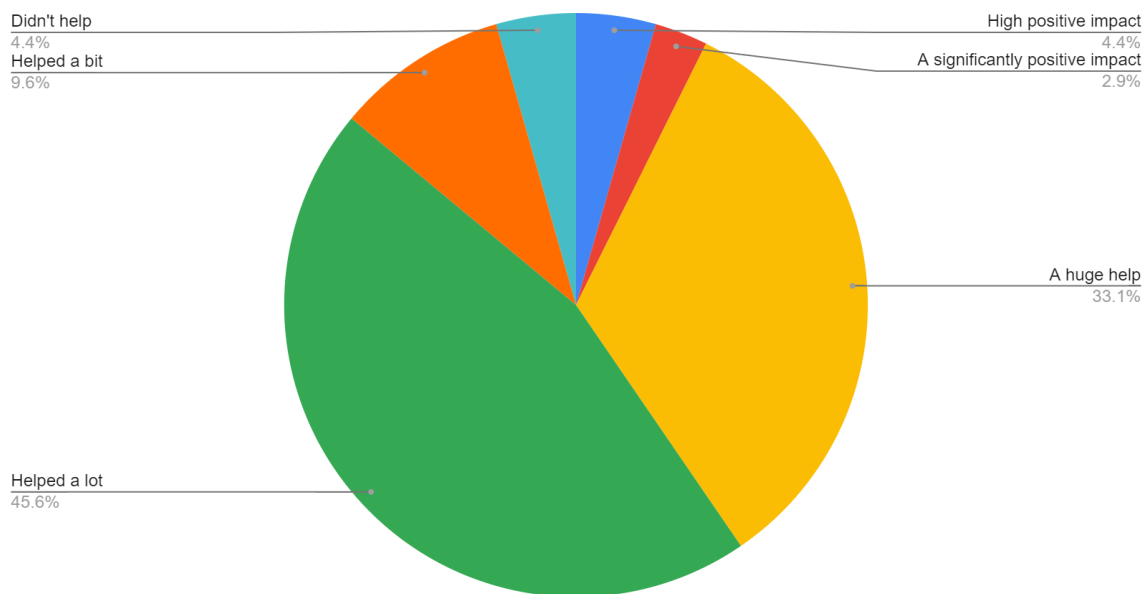


How much difference has this support made to your household savings?

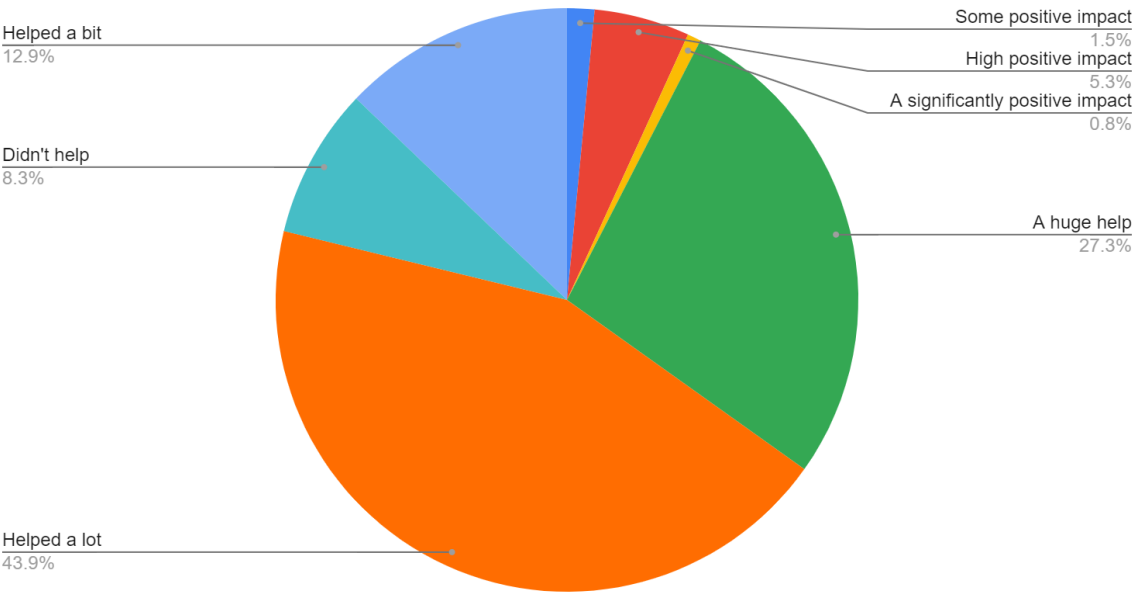
132 responses



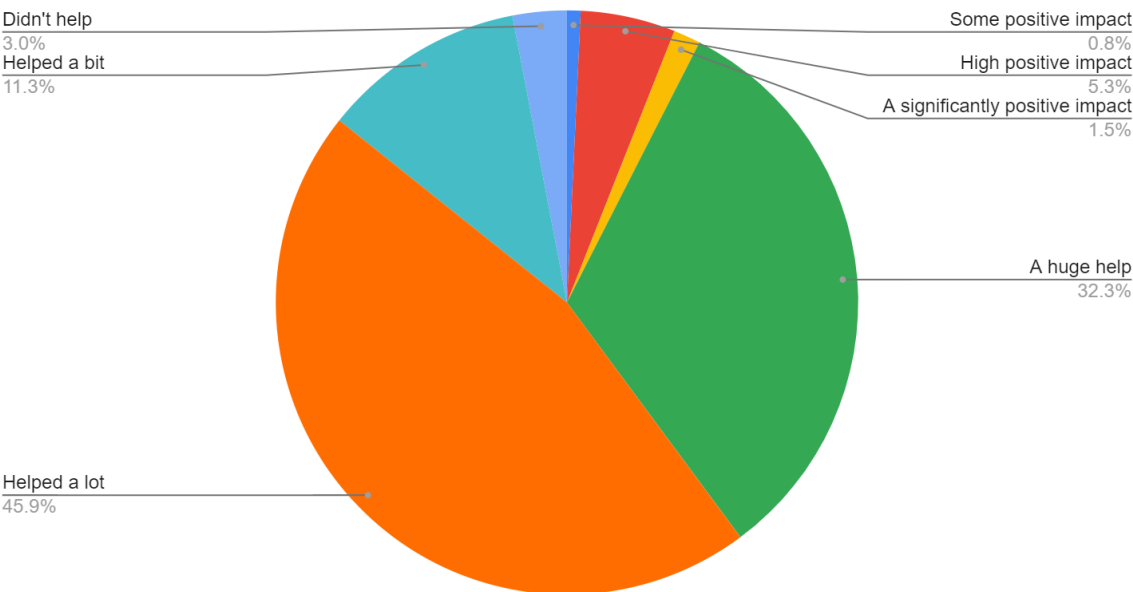
Has the items you received from Hackney Baby Bank had a positive impact on the following: [My confidence as a parent (or a parent to be)]



Has the items you received from Hackney Baby Bank had a positive impact on the following: [Increased money available for other essentials such as food]

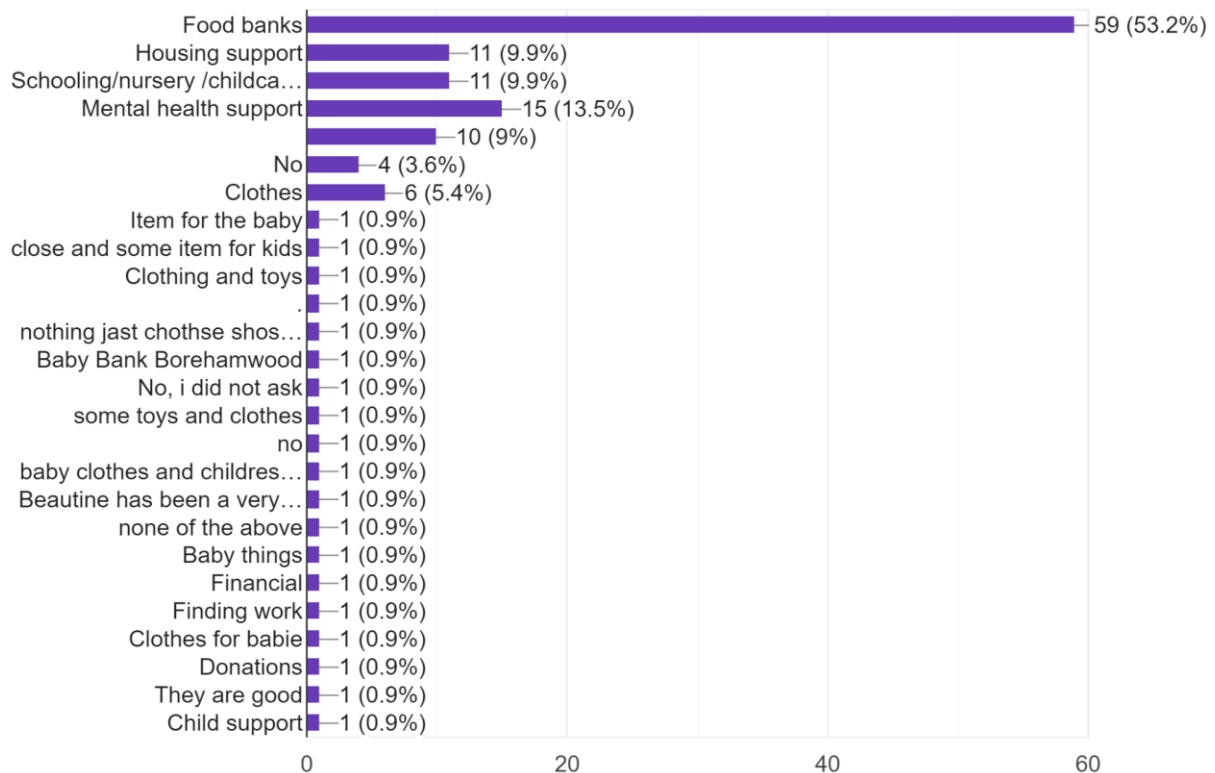


Has the items you received from Hackney Baby Bank had a positive impact on the following: [Reduced stress levels by knowing support is available]



Did you receive additional support from the Hackney Baby Bank in accessing any of the following services:

111 responses



Referral Partner Survey Response excerpts:

HCBB is without a doubt the best baby bank I've come across in my 4 years as a family support worker. They are swift, efficient, consistent and friendly. A lot of the mums we work with are vulnerable and we are anxious to refer them to services where they may not be looked after properly but every time they go to HCBB we get incredibly positive feedback. We aim to work in a trauma-informed way and so we try not to refer mums to services where they might be turned away and try to only refer to services where mums will have a dignified and respectful experience. This is HCBB!
The Magpie Project.

I am very happy with the services provided by HCBB, they are making a huge difference in the women and children's life's, giving them independence and hope. Being able to use these services mean women and children don't have to worry about clothing their children or the expenses it can cost to purchase new items like cots or prams. This gives women so much financial freedom meaning they don't have to rely on perpetrators of abuse for their babies/children's basic needs.
Hestia

All clients are very happy when they here they can get clothes for their baby/child at no cost. It takes away a concern from pregnant women who are worrying about how they will buy things for the baby. Mums of toddlers are also very happy to know they can get clothes especially when the season changes
Shoreditch Trust

You will support families no matter what borough as long as they can get to you . Thank you for that as our families get moved to temporary accommodation all over the place and other boroughs do not offer this so it has been a lifeline for families

A parent who does not take her children out much because of her mental health said that the arts equipment and felt tips you gave her were what her daughter spends hours doing she loves drawing and creating so much and the donations you had given her gave her more opportunities for that at home .

I know lots of parents last year were grateful for toys around Christmas and birthdays as they were struggling to provide presents for their children

Thank you Baby Bank for all that you do . You always respond quickly and answer emails and support our families .We don't know what we would do without you .

Early Years Community Worker (Hackney Play bus)

Hackney Baby Bank is an invaluable service. They provide essential items for the most vulnerable clients using our service. The difference that it makes to lives of families is incredible. Every client that I have referred to Hackney Baby Bank has been so grateful for the items received. Hackney Baby Bank are reliable and efficient, always fast to contact families for support. We are very lucky to work with Hackney Baby Bank and I am especially thankful that they continue to support families outside of Hackney as other boroughs do not have services like yours. Little Village often close their referrals early in the week and as I do not work on Mondays, this can be quite difficult for me to refer to them.

Interim Safeguarding Specialist Midwife

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As at the year end the E5 Baby Bank's financial position consisted of cash of £89,525.36 The baby bank's income has consisted solely of donations and grants to date. The funds are part ringfenced for covering the salary of the baby bank's two grant funded employees and the project to create the baby bank's own dedicated premises. Unrestricted funds will be utilised for purchasing items where donations fall short of demand, such as nappies, wipes, formula, lightweight strollers. Please refer to the accounts for further detail.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charitable reserve was created in 2020 given this was the first financial year of the charity's operation. This amount was deemed suitable by the trustees based on average monthly cost of essential items (nappies, wipes, soap, toothpaste etc) if the charity was to be unable to meet demand through donations. The reserve was increased during 2023 in reflection of the charities obligations with regards to employee salaries and rent. The reserve amount is reviewed by the trustees for suitability and will be increased if deemed necessary.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	E5 Baby and Children Bank
Other name the charity uses	Hackney Children and Baby Bank
Registered charity number	1192509
Charity's principal address	174 Homerton High Street London E9 6AG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Beautine Wester			
	2	Esther Bolter			
	3	Lisa Giffen			
	4	Sarah Mitchell			
	5	Elissa Gerrand		until 24/11/2023	
	6	Samantha Campbell		From 20/10/2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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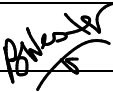
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)	Dayanthi Beautine Wester	Lisa Giffen
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
	Date	30/03/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
E5 Baby and Children Bank

No (if any)
1192509

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/1/2023

To

Period end date
12/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Unrestricted charitable donation or grant	46,941	-	-	46,941	-
Choose Love grant - ringfenced for wages and salaries	-	25,000	-	25,000	-
Winter Toy Appeal 2023 - ringfenced for Winter Toy Appeal	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bank interest	166	-	-	166	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	47,107	26,000	-	73,107	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,107	26,000	-	73,107	-
A3 Payments					
Winter Toy Appeal Expense 2022		4,185		4,185	
Winter Toy Appeal Expense 2023		981		981	
Spend on Fixtures & Fittings for premises - Shelving etc		500		500	
Premises costs		6,204		6,204	
Fundraising costs	725	-		725	
Cost of Supplies - Nappies, Wipes, Formula etc	12,135	-		12,135	
Event costs	491	-	-	491	-
Insurance	274	-	-	274	-
Bank charges & Fees	60	-	-	60	-
Payroll	5,513	26,879		32,392	
Independent examiner fee	280	-		280	
Online fees - domain name etc	503	-		503	
Volunteero - Volunteer management system fee	953	-		953	
Employee expenses	746	-		746	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,680	38,749	-	60,429	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,680	38,749	-	60,429	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,427	- 12,749	-	12,678	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end	57,281	19,567	-	76,848	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	82,708	6,818	-	89,526	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		82,708	6,818	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	82,708	6,818	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
E5 Baby and Children Bank (Hackney Children and Baby Bank)

On accounts for the
period ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1192509

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **31/12/2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

15/03/2023

Name:

Robert Couser

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA – ICAEW

Address:

Couser Accountants Limited, 162 Kingsquarter, Maidenhead, SL6 1AW

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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