



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 Period start date To 31/12/2025 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 has supported over 6750 families including over 12,800 children. The Hackney Children and Baby Bank provides families in need living in Hackney and surrounding boroughs with much-needed items. We provide clothes and shoes, nappies, buggies, Moses baskets and bedding, toys and books, toiletries and other essentials, 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. We offer a friendly, inclusive service to our families

		and work closely with local agencies to signpost other services. We organise events, support and information sessions for parents and parties and outings for the children we support. The families accessing the Baby Bank face a wide range of hardships. • women fleeing domestic violence who have to move at short notice, leaving all their belongings behind • refugee families who have uprooted their lives • survivors of trafficking and modern day slavery • single parent working families on low incomes • mothers about to give birth with no clothes or equipment for their baby • mothers with multiple pregnancies • unemployed or homeless parents and those struggling with their mental health 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.
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	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
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 three 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	
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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	Since its establishment in June 2020, the baby bank has supported 6,750 families including over 12,800 children. From inception to Dec25 the baby bank has distributed 12,240 clothing packs, 10,386 toy packs, 6,615 packs of nappies, 1,609 moses baskets & cots, 10,051 hygiene kits, 1,724 buggies and much more. The baby bank has also: • provided school shoes, backpacks and stationery • organised parties for our children • Provided hundreds of toys for Hackney Winter Toy Appeal • provided budgeting and employability skills sessions for service users • raised funds to employ paid staff • won a Mayor of Hackney's Civic Award (2021) • run health and wellness classes for women • provided laptops for parents returning to study • extended our network of referrers to reach a wider group of families
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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 £101,173 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. 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 remains unchanged in 2025. The purpose for holding reserves is to ensure the charity can meet financial demands associated with employee salaries and rent and to ensure that there is a reasonable buffer to allow the charity to adapt to any changes in financing . The reserve amount is reviewed by the trustees for suitability and will be increased if deemed necessary.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000
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)		
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	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	Lisa Giffen			
	3	Sarah Mitchell			
	4	Julia Thackray			
	5	Margaret Mary Therese Watmough			
	6	Frances Oyineze			
	7	Elena Strbac			
	8	Bola Ibilola			
	9	Jessica Boardman			
	10	Jennifer Morgan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Sarah Mitchell

Julia Thackray

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Finance Trustee

Chair of Trustees

Date

25/03/2026



Charity Name Hackney Children and Baby Bank	No (if any) 1192509
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
grant	53,925	-	-	53,925
premises costs		20,000		20,000
Winter Appeal	-	5,000		5,000
Restricted grants	-	5,085		5,085
Winter Warmer Appeal 2025	-	3,045		3,045
Back to School Appeal 2025	-	490		490
for wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
ringfenced for wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
ringfenced for premises project	-	-	-	-
wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	232	-	-	232
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,157	33,620	-	87,777
(see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,157	33,620	-	87,777

A3 Payments

Winter Appeal 2024 Expense	-	-	-	-
Back to School 2024 Expense	-	-	-	-
Winter Appeal 2025 Expense	-	2,999		2,999
Back to School 2025 Expense	-	555		555
Restricted grant spend	-	8,445		8,445
Spend on Fixtures & Fittings in premises - Shelving etc	100	-	-	100
Premises costs	23,251	20,000	-	43,251
Fundraising costs	1,864			1,864
Formula etc	9,678			9,678
Event costs	626			626
Insurance	432			432
Bank charges & Fees	66			66
Payroll	-	41,251		41,251
Independent examiner fee	300			300
Online fees - domain name etc	451			451
system fee	975			975
Employee expenses	690	-	-	690
misc expenses	3,454	-	-	3,454
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	41,887	73,250	-	115,137

A4 Asset and investment

	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	41,887	73,250	-	115,137
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	12,270	- 39,630	-	- 27,360
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,709	1,709	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	84,533	44,000	-	128,533
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	95,094	6,079	-	101,173

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		96,095	6,079
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	96,095	6,079
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
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			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due
			-
			-
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name
	Sarah Mitchell
	Julia Thackray

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**Last year
to the nearest £**

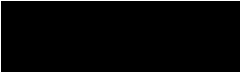
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**Endowment
to nearest £**

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**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

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When due

Date of approval
18/3/2026
29/04/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
E5 Baby and Children Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1192509

Set out on pages

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(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 year ended **31 / 12 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Robert Couser

Date:

13/05/2026

Name:

Robert Couser

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

ICAEW

Address:

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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.