

DATE PALM EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Charity number: 1200681

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 13 October 2022 to 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities (public benefit)

The charity's object is the advancement of education for the public benefit. During this initial period the charity undertook preparatory steps only and carried out no charitable activities. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when planning the charity's future work.

Explanation of inactivity in the period

The trustees resolved not to commence public fundraising or make grants until essential start-up controls were in place. In particular: (i) the CIO's bank and payments facilities were still being onboarded and the trustees would not accept donations until lawful receipting and reconciliation were possible; (ii) key governance documents (financial controls, conflicts of interest register, grant-making/bursary policy, safeguarding and data protection procedures) were being finalised; and (iii) template agreements were drafted to ensure that any future grants to non-charitable delivery partners would be subject to robust restrictions, monitoring and clawback to protect the charity's funds. Accordingly, the trustees considered it prudent and in the charity's best interests to remain dormant for the period.

Achievements and performance

No charitable activities were undertaken during the period. The charity remained dormant.

Financial review

Total income: £0; Total expenditure: £0. The charity held no assets and no liabilities at the period end.

Reserves policy: As the charity had not commenced operations, no reserves were held. A reserves target will be adopted once operations commence.

Structure, governance and management

DATE PALM EDUCATIONAL TRUST is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution. New trustee induction covers

the Commission's core guidance, conflicts of interest, and financial controls. The trustees maintain a risk register which will be scaled as activity commences.

Plans for 2024

To commence charitable activities advancing education, including a small bursary scheme for learners and tightly controlled project grants to educational providers (with appropriate restrictions and monitoring). The trustees will publish eligibility criteria, application processes and grant conditions on the charity's website.

Trustee approval

The trustees of DATE PALM EDUCATIONAL TRUST approved the Trustees' Annual Report and Receipts & Payments accounts for the period 13/10/2022–31/12/2023 on **30/10/2025**, and authorised **Emran Ahmed (Trustee)** to sign and submit them.

Name: Emran Ahmed

Role: Trustee