



St Laurence's Church

The Parochial Church Council,
St Laurence, Foleshill

Annual Report and Financial Statement

1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025

Charity No 1202588

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	PCC St Laurence Foleshill
Registered charity number	1202588
Charity's principal address	142 Old Church Road Coventry CV6 7ED

The charity trustees who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Rev Gareth Iain Irvine	Vicar/Chair of PCC
Rev Jennifer Anne Irvine	Associate minister
Rev Kate Louise Elizabeth Pellereau	Associate minister
	PCC Secretary to 11/02/25
Rev Rebecca Henney	Curate
Christine Joan McKirdy	Churchwarden
	/ Safeguarding Officer
	/ Lay Chair of PCC
Ben James Verdon	Churchwarden

Elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Piers Anthony Denholm-Young
Millicent Anne Dews
Dawn Louise Flavell (until 11 May 2025)
Michelle Goodson-McDonald
James Edward Henney
Linda Lengden (from 11 May 2025)
Mary Taylor
Ayla Verdon (until 11 May 2025)

Co-opted members:

Margaret Patricia Locke-Wheaton	Treasurer
Laura Rachel Edmunds (from 11/02/25)	PCC Secretary

The trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Laurence Foleshill present their annual report.

Objectives and Activities

St Laurence Foleshill is a Church of England Parish Church in the Diocese of Coventry offering charitable services to the locality. We hold weekly Sunday services as well as family; children's and youth work; food poverty relief; pastoral support; and other Christian events, courses and ministries.

The Parochial Church Council of St Laurence Foleshill (PCC) has the responsibility for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We are a community called to:

- worship God
- grow as disciples of Jesus
- transform the communities of North Coventry in love

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church building and the church hall together with the surrounding grounds. The PCC is also responsible for maintaining a freehold property (house) in Gayer Street, Coventry that it owns, which is let out to tenants to provide additional income.

Achievements and Performance

The church works at the centre of the community in partnership with the local school, care home and other groups (such as Coventry Foodbank and Christians Against Poverty) who share our aims. The Hope Hub offers emergency food support in a warm, safe place with additional help (such as debt support) available and it is always busy. The Growing Faith Leader works with local primary schools and a neighbouring parish church and co-ordinates regular activities for families, children and youth (including food), along with a holiday events during school holidays. The staff team offers pastoral support in various ways to those within our community. St Laurence's Church is one of six Diocesan Mission Hubs across Coventry Diocese, supporting and resourcing leaders and churches in the development of discipleship, growing leaders and planting new worshipping communities, with a particular focus of regeneration of urban parishes in North and East Coventry. The church hall (that is the base for most activities) is also an affordable resource space for community groups to hire. We have a dedicated safeguarding lead, with regular training and support for all staff and volunteers in their work with children and vulnerable adults. We do everything we can to protect people from any form of abuse, neglect or harm of any kind.

Over the course of the year we have offered our normal range of services and activities. These include:-

- Weekly services enabling the community to meet together to worship, with Sunday Club for primary aged children and a monthly All-Together Family worship.
- Special services at Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest.
- Weddings, baptisms and funerals as required.
- Distributing emergency food parcels to those in need and also offering support, a warm safe space and signposting with food and drink, a charging point and Databank available (Hope Hub).
- Working with the local Church of England Primary School running after school clubs, stay and play sessions, supporting staff and hosting school assemblies in the church.
- After school activities for families (Connect).
- A monthly informal service of worship and prayer (Encounter) which welcomes members from other local churches across the Deanery and Mission Hub.
- School holiday events for families.
- Youth group that is a broad demographic reflective of the diversity within the local community.
- We are part of Coventry North Deanery.

Our hall users include:-

- Ladybird Pre-School Playgroup with places for 40 children.
- Cocaine Anonymous with an average of 10 individuals supported each week.
- Groups from BAME communities with 50-60 people in.

Highlights of the year are:-

- Our worshipping community comprised 49 adults and 49 children/young people.
- We celebrated 3 baptisms and 1 thanksgiving service for babies/young children.
- Two weddings were held in our church.
- One of our young people was confirmed.

- 17 funeral services were held in our church or led by our staff.
- The Hope Hub provided food parcels for 15 to 40 families/individuals a week (part funded by a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund).
- Hope Hub Christmas dinner served around 50 people, and 70 Christmas hampers were distributed (part-funded by grants from Love Christmas and Coventry General Charities).
- The youth group (around sixteen 11-14 year olds) continued to meet, with an optional Bible study. They arranged a Thrive event where a Double Decker bus visited our church car park for pizza and games and an invitation to join the weekly group. Some of the group went to Basecamp (an activities weekend with worship, prayer and Bible study) and to the Youth City Praise and Prayer.
- Little Stars has been restarted at St Laurence's School, together with an after-school Bible Club for Year 2 pupils.
- We piloted a Prayer Space during Advent at the school.
- Our Growing Faith Leader ran a stay and play group and a Christmas session at St Pauls Church. They also ran a WW2-themed session at Chetwynd Primary School.
- The Mission Hub co-ordinated regular North Coventry Leaders prayer meetings, a monthly meeting of local missionally minded leaders and also helped run a course for Church Planters.
- The Greenhouse group was paused.
- At Pentecost we visited Riley Square with chocolates, hot drinks and fliers with blessings on. Other outreach events were arranged in July and September.
- We continue to keep up to date on safeguarding training, DBS checks and other tasks required on the Safeguarding Dashboard. There were no safeguarding reports throughout 2025.
- The tenancy at Gayer Street was renewed for another year.
- The Deanery Synod met 3 times.

A Growing Faith Leader was appointed in September to work with St Laurence's school and St Pauls Foleshill and build on the work previously done by our Family Link Worker. All volunteers and staff have been safely recruited and appropriate safeguarding training has been completed.

Our plans for the future include:-

- Developing the work of our Growing Faith Leader
- Expanding the services of the Hope Hub
- The future of the Riley Square project is currently uncertain, so we continue to pray for what comes next.
- We hope to update the church heating system (the faculty to do this has been applied for).

We would like to thank our staff team and the large group of over 30 volunteers who contribute time and energy to help our activities run successfully. We would also like to thank our 14 regular donors, together with those who have given us one off donations and grants during the year. All this has enabled us to serve the local community in the many different ways described above.

Financial Review

Review of financial position at end of year

The total receipts of unrestricted funds were £106,710. This came from donations (£52,918 including Gift Aid), letting out our hall, weddings and funerals and other operating activities (£42,759), letting out the freehold house in Gayer Street (£9,690) and other investment income (£1,343). We also received £24,873 of restricted donations and grants (for our Hope Hub, Growing Faith Leader employment costs, fabric maintenance and poor fund) and £3,415 of restricted investment income (for fabric maintenance), making our total income for 2025 £134,998.

£83,456 of unrestricted funds and £23,019 of restricted funds were spent on the activities and achievements described earlier in this report (total £106,475). This included our £32,042 contribution to the diocese (the parish share that helps provide stipends and housing for the clergy) and our staff employment costs (£28,667).

The net result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £28,523. This was unusually high as we received a large one-off donation this year of £29,388.

We carry forward a cash balance of £43,578 unrestricted funds and £36,072 restricted funds totalling £79,650. The unrestricted funds are split between the general fund (£2,923), the designated capital projects and reserves fund (£38,018) which is earmarked for large projects and the designated Mission Hub Fund (£2,637) which is earmarked for the work of the Mission Hub.

Full details are in our Financial Statements in Appendix A.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months of unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to just over £25,000. This would be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £2,923 held in our general fund at the end of the year was much lower than this target. It is the PCC's hope to increase this over time, as and when funds are available. Once again our general expenses exceeded our income and we had to use £7,500 from the Capital Projects and Reserves Fund to cover our costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Laurence's the membership of PCC consists of the vicar, associate ministers and curate, the church wardens, the treasurer, the PCC Secretary and PCC members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The PCC met 5 times during the year. Some of our PCC members are paid staff or related to other PCC members or staff. Where there is a conflict of interest these PCC members withdraw from the discussion and decision making.

In between PCC meetings the standing committee (vicar, associate minister, curate, church wardens, treasurer, PCC secretary) make any significant decisions, reporting back next time the PCC meets.

The staff team (ordained staff, paid staff, plus a church warden/safeguarding lead) are responsible for day-to-day decisions.

Safeguarding

The PCC of St Laurence, Foleshill is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community and has made the following policy commitments:-

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

We have a dedicated safeguarding lead and regular training and support for all staff and volunteers.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at the PCC meeting on 16 March 2026.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name (s)

REV GARETH IRVINE	LAURA EDMUNDS
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

EX-OFFICIO Chair	PCC SECRETARY
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Date

16 th March 2026	16/3/2026.
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Appendix A

Independent Examiners Report, Statement of Financial Activities and Notes to the Financial Statements.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Receipts					
Incoming resources from donors	2	52,918	24,673	77,591	67,002
Incoming resources from operating activities	3	37,030	200	37,230	32,702
Income from property investments	4	9,690	-	9,690	8,555
Income from other investments	5	1,343	3,415	4,758	3,718
Other Income	6	5,729	-	5,729	-
Total Receipts		106,710	28,288	134,998	111,977
Payments					
Charitable giving	7	4,258	-	4,258	7,204
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	8	57,614	12,612	70,226	81,216
Expenditure on property investments	9	1,007	-	1,007	769
Church management and sundry administration	10	20,577	10,407	30,984	31,820
Total Payments		83,456	23,019	106,475	121,009
Excess of receipts over payments		23,254	5,269	28,523	(9,032)
Transfer between funds		(700)	700	-	-
Net movement in funds		22,554	5,969	28,523	(9,032)
Cash brought forward at 1st January		21,024	30,103	51,127	60,159
Cash carried forward at 31st December		43,578	36,072	79,650	51,127

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31st December, 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Monetary Assets					
Cash at bank		43,578	36,072	79,650	51,127
Total Monetary Assets		43,578	36,072	79,650	51,127
Investment Assets (at Market Value)					
Cave Legacy CB3005792-001	13	-	82,902	82,902	86,355
Cave Legacy CB3005709-001	13	-	8,968	8,968	8,754
Total Investment Assets		-	91,870	91,870	95,109
Total Cash and Investment Assets	14	43,578	127,942	171,520	146,236
Assets Retained for Church Use					
37 Gayer Street		155,000	-	155,000	155,000
Other Assets					
Gift Aid Recoverable		850	-	850	1,303
Sundry Debtors		1,625	-	1,625	5,321
Other Liabilities					
Sundry Liabilities		600	-	600	350
Payroll Taxes and Pensions		389	-	389	110

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 March 2026:



Rev GARETH IRVINE

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

1: Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value and at market value in respect of the investment assets . They comply with the Charity Commissioner’s Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. All incoming resources and resources expended are accounted on the receipts and payments basis.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

Fund Accounting

General funds comprise the accumulated surplus or deficit on the income and expenditure account. The funds are for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the Parish.

Designated funds comprise funds that have been set aside at the discretion of the PCC for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restricted conditions imposed by donors.

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2: Incoming resources from donors				
Planned giving	14,081	-	14,081	21,366
Tax recovered on giving	4,086	-	4,086	5,724
Loose plate collections	980	-	980	277
Grants, legacies and donations	33,413	24,673	58,086	32,336
Link worker support	-	-	-	7,024
Other	358	-	358	275
	52,918	24,673	77,591	67,002

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
3: Incoming resources from operating activities	£	£	£	£
Hall and other lettings	25,909	-	25,909	24,346
Recharged expenses	3,235	200	3,435	3,679
Fees due to the PCC	7,886	-	7,886	4,677
	37,030	200	37,230	32,702

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
4: Incoming Resources from Property Investments	£	£	£	£
Gayer Street	9,690	-	9,690	8,555

The property is currently used rented out to a private tenant and generates income for the church. A valuation carried out by the PCC in 2020 indicates its current open market value is £155,000.

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
5: Incoming Resources from Investments	£	£	£	£
CBF funds (dividends)	-	2,705	2,705	2,564
Interest received on bank accounts	1,343	710	2,053	1,154
	1,343	3,415	4,758	3,718

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
6: Other Income	£	£	£	£
Employment Allowance	5,729	-	5,729	-

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
7: Charitable giving				
Cost of Charitable Fundraising	285	-	285	429
Overseas Christian Mission	1,273	-	1,273	2,200
Overseas Christian Relief	900	-	900	1,100
Small Gifts	-	-	-	1,275
Home Mission & Church	1,800	-	1,800	2,200
	4,258	-	4,258	7,204

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
8: Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Advertising	128	-	128	118
Church hall expenses (inc. utilities)	5,076	1,511	6,587	9,658
Church maintenance expenses (inc. insurance)	1,646	3,993	5,639	5,741
Church running expenses (inc. utilities)	5,743	-	5,743	9,319
Clergy expenses	1,812	-	1,812	1,771
Costs to PCC (Weddings / Funerals) inc. DBF	4,171	-	4,171	2,758
Evangelism	2,422	-	2,422	2,577
Hope Hub	68	6,863	6,931	8,111
Major repairs to church building	-	-	-	6,808
Music and worship	1,923	-	1,923	1,348
Other	835	245	1,080	627
Parish Share	32,042	-	32,042	30,502
Teaching and training	290	-	290	436
Website	144	-	144	84
Youth and children	1,314	-	1,314	1,358
	57,614	12,612	70,226	81,216

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
9: Expenditure on property investments				
Gayer Street	1,007	-	1,007	769

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
10: Church management and administration				
Office expenses	1,591	46	1,637	1,956
Office salaries	18,306	10,361	28,667	28,824
Bank charges	147	-	147	117
Staff training	183	-	183	573
Examiner's Fee	350	-	350	350
	20,577	10,407	30,984	31,820

11: Analysis of staff costs and staff numbers	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure includes staff costs as follows :		
Salaries	24,784	25,296
National Insurance (employer contribution)	1,997	892
Pensions (employer contributions)	1,744	2,105
Total Staff Costs	28,525	28,293

The average monthly headcount was 3 people (2024 :2) and the average monthly full time fulltime equivalent employees (including part-time staff) was 2 (2024:1). No staff were paid at higher rate than £60,000 per annum during the year or previous year. The charity contributes to a workplace pension scheme.

One trustee was remunerated a total of £13,468 for services provided to the charity (2024 : £nil).

12: Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions (2024: nil)

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

13: Investment Funds

Cave Legacies :

CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund CB30055792-001 :

	2025		2024	
	Units	£	Units	£
Investment value at 1st January	3,735	86,355	3,735	84,422
Dividends received		2,399		2,343
Increase/(decrease) in value during the year		(3,453)		1,933
Transfer to savings account		(2,399)		(2,343)
Investment value at 31st December	3,735	82,902	3,735	86,355

CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund CB30055709-001 :

Investment value at 1st January	5,871	8,754	5,871	8,498
Dividends received		305		219
Increase/(decrease) in value during the year		214		256
Transfer to savings account		(305)		(219)
Investment value at 31st December	5,871	8,968	5,871	8,754

CBF Church of England Investments : These investments are held in the name of the Coventry Diocesan Trustees.

As the church has the beneficial interest in the assets and dividends of this investment, they are fully recognised in the accounts.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

14: Movement of Cash and Investment Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Unrealised losses on Investments £	Balance at 31/12/2025 £
Restricted Funds						
Church Fabric Mainten'ce	99,511	6,951	(3,993)	50	(3,239)	99,280
Growing Faith Leader	-	18,862	(8,907)	950	-	10,905
Poor Fund	538	1,055	(245)	450	-	1,798
Christmas Project	-	1,100	(871)	-	-	229
Hope Hub	18,615	320	(9,003)	-	-	9,932
Children's Fund	6,548	-	-	(750)	-	5,798
Total Restricted Funds	125,212	28,288	(23,019)	700	(3,239)	127,942
Designated Funds						
Capital Projects Fund	16,130	29,388	-	(7,500)	-	38,018
Missions Hub	1,424	4,000	(2,787)	-	-	2,637
Unrestricted Funds	3,470	73,322	(80,669)	6,800	-	2,923
Total Cash and Investment Funds	146,236	134,998	(106,475)	-	(3,239)	171,520

	Balance at 01/01/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Unrealised gains on Investments £	Balance at 31/12/2024 £
Restricted Funds						
Church Fabric Mainten'ce	101,592	6,388	(10,658)	-	2,189	99,511
Poor Fund	235	1,578	(1,275)	-	-	538
Hope Hub	4,812	20,700	(8,802)	1,905	-	18,615
Children's Fund	6,823	-	(275)	-	-	6,548
Total Restricted Funds	113,462	28,666	(21,010)	1,905	2,189	125,212
Designated Funds						
Capital Projects Fund	31,130	-	-	(15,000)	-	16,130
Missions Hub		4,415	(2,991)	-	-	1,424
Unrestricted Funds	8,487	78,896	(97,008)	13,095	-	3,470
Total Cash and Investment Funds	153,079	111,977	(121,009)	-	2,189	146,236

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31st December, 2025

Description of Restricted and Designated Funds :

Restricted Funds :

Church Fabric and Maintenance Fund : These funds provide for the upkeep of the church building.

Growing Faith Leader Fund : These are funds provided to employ a Growing Faith Leader.

Hope Hub : The Hope Hub provides practical support to people in crisis in the local area.

Poor Fund : These funds are provided to support people in poverty in the local community.

Children's Fund : These funds are provided for work with children and young people.

Christmas Project : These funds are provided for a Christmas dinner and Christmas hampers for those in need at Christmas

Designated Funds :

Capital Projects : Funds designated by the PCC towards future capital projects

Mission Hub : Funds designated by the PCC to support the work of the mission hub.

Statement of Financial Activities (Prior Year)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts					
Incoming resources from donors	2	41,900	25,102	67,002	64,545
Incoming resources from operating activities	3	32,702	-	32,702	38,899
Income from property investments	4	8,555	-	8,555	6,790
Income from other investments	5	154	3,564	3,718	3,081
Total Receipts		83,311	28,666	111,977	113,315
Payments					
Charitable giving	7	5,929	1,275	7,204	3,961
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	8	61,731	19,485	81,216	72,074
Expenditure on property investments	9	769	-	769	2,973
Church management and sundry administration	10	31,570	250	31,820	34,024
Total Payments		99,999	21,010	121,009	113,032
Excess of receipts over payments		(16,688)	7,656	(9,032)	283
Transfer between funds		(1,905)	1,905	-	-
		(18,593)	9,561	(9,032)	283
Cash brought forward at 1st January		39,617	20,542	60,159	59,876
Cash carried forward at 31st December		21,024	30,103	51,127	60,159

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Laurence, Foleshill

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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20th February, 2026