



Annual Accounts
Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustee Board presents its annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022, which also incorporates the directors' report.

The trustees confirm the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the provisions of Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

The charitable company qualifies as a small company under The Companies Act 2006 section 383.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name:	Birmingham Voluntary Service Council, BVSC
Legal Form:	A registered charity and a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales
Registered Company Number:	00421688
Registered Charity No:	218795
Registered Office and Operational Address:	First Floor Livery Place 35 Livery Street Birmingham B3 2PB

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Officers

President:	The Lord Mayor of Birmingham
Chair:	Jonathan Driffill
Vice Chair:	Lisa Martinali
Second Vice Chair:	Amrick Singh Ubi
Treasurer:	David Harris

Co-opted Members

Jonathan Driffill
David Harris
Ricky Joseph

Member Representatives

Matthew Daniels	-	Age UK Birmingham
Matthew Forsyth	-	Sport 4 Life UK
Lisa Martinali	-	The Pioneer Group
Jackie Owen	-	Home from Hospital Care
Des Workman	-	Robin Day Centre
Dr Fathi Elsadig Jamil	-	Community Resource Information Centre

Network Representatives

Peter Rookes	-	Birmingham Council of Faiths
Amrick Singh Ubhi	-	Nishkam Centre

City Council Representatives

Councillor Mohammed Idrees
Councillor Ken Wood

Company Directors:

Matthew Daniels (Resigned 25/05/2022)
Jonathan Drifill
Matthew Forsyth
David Harris (Appointed 2/11/2022)
Cllr Mohammed Idrees
Fathi Jamil
Ricky Joseph
Lisa Martinali
Jackie Owen
Peter Rookes
Amrick Singh Ubhi
Cllr Ken Wood (Resigned 22/02/22)
Des Workman

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document:

BVSC is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered as a company limited by guarantee on the 17th October 1946 and as a charity on the 28th February 1964. The memorandum of association establishes the charity's objectives and powers and the charity is governed under its articles of association. The memorandum and articles of association were last updated on the 31st October 2006.

BVSC's Board of Management is appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The Board consists of the Honorary Treasurer, 6 representatives nominated from time to time by Affiliated Bodies and 2 representatives nominated from Birmingham City Council and 2 Voluntary Sector representatives. The Board of Management may co-opt up to 4 additional members. The Board elects its own Chair and meets quarterly. All board members will serve for up to three years with an option to be re-elected for a further three years, with one third retiring each year.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

There are five types of representatives that make up the trustees of BVSC's board:

Member Representatives:

There are six places for Member Representatives on BVSC's board. These trustees are appointed to the board through a nomination and ballot process through our membership. The maximum term for nominees is 3 years after which they can stand for re-election if they wish for a further 3-year term.

Co-opted Members:

These are individuals that are asked to join the board because they bring a specific set of skills to the board. The Member Representatives on the board can nominate and vote up to five co-opted members onto the board, with one position reserved for the Treasurer. Co-options are for a 3-year period with an option to be co-opted back on for a further 3 years.

Voluntary Sector Representatives:

There are two Voluntary Sector Representative places; these are selected by the Governance sub-group through an interview process, taking into account relevant networks in the city and the skills needed on the board.

Honorary Treasurer:

This trustee is voted onto the board at the Annual General Meeting, and can be recruited through a variety of avenues including personal approaches to individuals with the relevant skills.

City Council Representatives:

Birmingham City Council nominates two representatives onto the board on a yearly basis.

Induction and Training of Trustees:

Trustees have an induction to the organisation by senior managers and have the opportunity to meet with various staff to get an understanding of the organisation and what it does. A comprehensive BVSC Trustee induction pack is prepared for each trustee and an induction day planned. Each trustee is also asked to sign-up to a code of conduct. Trustees can identify areas of skills for development and BVSC sources any relevant training.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making:

The overall responsibility for the strategic direction of the organisation lies with the board. The board meets up to five times a year (including a strategic planning away day) and has a Governance sub-committee and a Finance and Personnel sub-committee. The board delegate some strategic and operational decision making to the Chief Executive Officer, who in turn delegates and works with a senior management team to implement these decisions. The board in negotiation with the CEO sets senior management pay.

The Charity:

BVSC is an umbrella organisation providing support to the Voluntary and Community sector in Birmingham and aims to work in partnership with all sectors to lead on and drive positive social change.

BVSC is an independent charitable company limited by guarantee; it has three wholly owned subsidiary companies, BVSC Enterprises Ltd – BVSC's social enterprise, TMC0 Birmingham and Solihull –a social enterprise was set up to support the delivery of the Talent Match programme, which has now finished and BVSC Management Services Ltd – currently dormant.

Risk Management:

Risk management is embedded across the organisation and managers are responsible for managing their projects, contracts, staff and other resources within the robust policies and procedures of the organisation. The board are responsible for approving revisions and amendments to existing policies and the development of new policies.

The board regularly reviews the budget, the action plan and risk assessment underpinning this budget.

A health and safety group regularly reviews the processes and practices of the organisation, ensuring compliance with statutory and legal regulations with regular reports to the Deputy Chief Executive and the board.

The senior management team work with the board to review environmental changes and their impact on the organisation, managing any emerging risks through strategic and business planning. The board have an away day during the year to consider the strategic direction of the organisation and to look at opportunities and how to maximise these and minimise threats.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objects of the Charity:

The objects for which BVSC is established is to promote for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the City of Birmingham without distinction of age, sex, race, creed or colour or of political, religious or other opinion all or any purposes for the general good of the community which now are or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable and in particular the advancement of education, the development of physical improvement and the furtherance of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

Public Benefit Statement: Objectives and Activities for Public Benefit

The principal activity of the charity is to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Birmingham, in particular the advancement of education, the development of physical improvement and the furtherance of health and wellbeing, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.

The trustees have referred to the guidance from the charities commission on 'Charities and Public Benefit'. The trustees are confident that BVSC's aims and activities of brokering volunteer opportunities, providing support to voluntary and community organisations and ensuring the influence of these organisations in the governance of the city (especially in the area of health, wellbeing of individuals, safety and education) and leading on partnership programmes to support people with complex needs, young people into employment and the elderly out of isolation are in accordance with the regulations on public benefit. These aims and activities advance education, develop physical improvement, improve health and helps to relieve poverty distress and sickness, detail of activities delivered that benefit the public is provided in the next section of the report.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance and Future Plans:

A message from our Chair Jonathan Drifill and our CEO Brian Carr:

We are pleased to bring you this report into how BVSC - in collaboration with a wide range of voluntary, community, faith, social enterprise, private and public sector partners - has been working to support Birmingham and its citizens during a year of real challenges.

In Birmingham, voluntary action in all its forms – from the work of local grassroots volunteers and neighbours through to the coordinated efforts of large, specialist service-based charities – has continued to be absolutely pivotal to the city's successful handling of the coronavirus crisis and its recovery efforts.

We are very aware that none of us have time to rest on our laurels. Voluntary groups (and the communities we serve) continue to face many challenges. The war in Ukraine has had a huge impact on the economy as it struggles to get back on its feet after the lockdowns. The cost of living crisis and the rising cost of energy is impacting the lives of citizens and organisations across Birmingham. As we move into this next period, we will continue to work with our partners across all sectors to do everything we can to support the sector and the citizens of Birmingham to face these challenges.

This report highlights some of the work BVSC has been engaged in during the past year. As will be obvious from the details that follow, none of this would have been possible without the support, hard work and commitment of our members, volunteers, staff, funders, partners, and trustees. We thank them all, and we thank you for your ongoing interest and support of Birmingham's voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector.

BVSC's Values Living our Values: Highlights of an Exceptional Year

Our work is under-pinned by a commitment to our organisational values:

Commitment: Supporting positive change through passion, innovation and social action.

Collaboration: Connecting individuals and organisations to work together to improve people's lives.

Inclusion: Empowering everyone to get involved in creating a fair and equitable Birmingham.

Integrity: Building trust through transparently working in the interests of our sector and our citizens.



Our Values in Numbers 2021/2022

**We worked with over 76
partners/networks across
Birmingham's VCFSE Sector**



Collaboration

Including :
No wrong Door Network
Engage for Good Networks
Early Help Leads
Neighbourhood Network Support
Vaccine programme
Research partnerships (cross sector)
Embedding VCFSE sector in the ICS

**12 Research and evaluation
projects delivered**

**125 - small voluntary and community
organisations supported with their
payroll, financial management and
HR**

**38 webinars delivered via
Business Development Network,
Energy and Environment Network
and other Engage for Good
Activities**

Our Comms::

- E-bulletin: 3987 subscribers
- @bvsc Twitter Followers:7,274
- Facebook: 1,653 followers
- Linked-in: 1,786 followers

Website: Average page views per month 47,000



Commitment



Inclusion

100 new members

**300 sign ups to funding
portal (in 2 months)**

**Over £10m paid
out in grants**

**220 Voluntary and
Community Sector
organisations supported -
£5.9m distributed in grants**

**Over 29,000 families and
individuals supported-
£4.3m distributed in
grants**



Integrity

**See trustees report below or visit www.bvsc.org for more
details**

Review of activities:

Driving Systemic Change for those facing Multiple Disadvantage:

The key driver for BVSC's Multiple Disadvantage work in 2021/22 was the Birmingham Changing Futures Together Programme (BCFT), aimed to improve services and systems for people experiencing multiple disadvantage in Birmingham.

Birmingham Changing Futures Together (BCFT) – Programme in Profile – Final year summary:

The system change priorities for the programme were:

1. Services for people experiencing multiple disadvantage are accessible at the right place, at the right time.
2. People who design and deliver services are reflective of the community they service, respectful of the value of lived experience and have the skills and empathy to work effectively.
3. Services are committed to long-term connection, collaboration, and change.
4. Birmingham is invested in a forward-thinking strategy that addresses, responds to and prevents multiple disadvantage.

BCFT Impact

The programme successfully put multiple disadvantage on the agenda in the city and challenged the status quo on how people were being supported by services. It demonstrated the benefits of services having volunteers and staff with lived experiences and of co-producing policies and processes with people who access services. Significant outcomes included:

- Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board dedicated a section of their strategy to multiple disadvantage.
- The Lead Worker Peer Mentor programme demonstrated significant cost savings and the LWPM legacy work created outputs such as podcasts and a toolkit that can continue to support lived experience employment beyond the lifetime of the programme.
- Programme legacy has been identified in the national roll out of peer support workers in NHS England Liaison and Diversion services, an action that was supported by evidence generated through the pilot delivered by Shelter and Birmingham Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust.
- The unique lived experience model has proved effective in both the design and delivery of services throughout Birmingham. This has also created a ripple effect in other areas of the country, with a view to replicate the lived experience model. The No Wrong Door approach has been piloted in Walsall.
- The programme has been instrumental in increasing understanding of multiple disadvantage in Birmingham, notably within West Midlands Police as a result of Inreach Outreach programme.
- Aspects of the programme, such as Lead Workers and a No Wrong Door approach have been included in local authority contracts
- Key programme partners such as Shelter and Birmingham Mind have incorporated learning from BCFT in their ongoing work, and Birmingham Mind were able to use

underspend from Lead Work Peer Mentor workstream to deliver a pilot that aimed to address the social and environmental determinants of poor mental health by supporting people accessing mental health services to access the wider support required.

- The No Wrong Door navigators demonstrated the need for advocacy to support people experiencing multiple disadvantage to access the necessary support and have a positive experience of this. More generally, the No Wrong Door approach has highlighted the need for partnership working to stop people experiencing multiple disadvantage from falling through the gaps between services, having to continually repeat their story and/or receive contradictory support.
- A new government funded programme for people experiencing multiple disadvantage, Changing Futures, has begun delivery across 15 areas of England. Therefore, the learning from BCFT is timely, and can support such areas to achieve their objectives.
- It has helped to support the commissioning, particularly frontline services, making services more accessible, clearer navigation, more transparent and designed with the individual in mind, tailored to the client's needs and not designed to suit the service.
- Third sector leadership of programme (through BVSC) enabled flexibility and innovation and meant that learning was held beyond the lifetime of the programme. For example, BVSC research can feed learning into future research projects and other BVSC programmes, such as the Rough Sleeper Initiative who have been able to incorporate the learning into delivery

BVSC's Multiple Disadvantage team worked alongside the BCFT programme building on the learning with programmes such as RSI and Supported Exempt Accommodation Quality Standard (SEAQS0

Birmingham Changing Futures Together – Key Outputs over the lifetime of the project:

- -Bridging Fund: hardship funds to support 298 individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage (MCN) eg maintain tenancies, replacement ID etc totalling £75k (average £250 per person)
- -Every Step: 171 people with lived experience engaged with BCFT in co-design and co-production activity
- -Lead Worker: 323 individuals experiencing high levels of multiple disadvantage engaged with and supported to access services across the city
- -No Wrong Door: Over 25 organisations supported to work together in a no wrong door approach, including PIE (Psychologically Informed Environments) training and access to cross-organisational data and case management sharing tool (iCAT)
- -Navigators: 1823 individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage engaged with and supported to access services across the city, 645 of those through the Navigator service

Rough Sleeping Initiative

Birmingham like many areas saw a reduction in the number of people sleeping on the streets in the late 1990's, this reduction was largely sustained through 2000 – 2012. Numbers then started increasing in Birmingham and nationally, hitting an official count peak in Birmingham of 91 in November 2018.

However there has been a significant reduction over the past 4 years, largely due to additional funding through the Rough Sleepers Initiative (RSI) and a more coordinated response.

The Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI), initially launched in March 2018, sought to reduce the levels of rough sleeping by working with local authorities to provide specialist services, tailored to local circumstances help vulnerable people off the streets; resulting in rough sleeping figure falling to 51 in 2019 and in 2020 it stood at 17.

The Rough Sleeping Initiative 2021/22 (RSI4) endeavoured to build on this, providing ongoing support to those who needed it and a route into settled accommodation. It also provided additional resource to continue supporting work to protect people sleeping rough from the [COVID-19](#) pandemic.

Birmingham received £1.4m under RSI4, an increase from the £788k on RSI3. This included several new interventions, some of which were a result of the considerable success of Birmingham's Protect programme which provided bespoke support to 35 of the City's most entrenched clients.

BCC has contracted BVSC since 2019 through RSI funding to work in collaboration with the Rough Sleeper Initiative providers, other rough sleeping homelessness service partners and the BCC Rough Sleeping Strategic Lead, to develop joint working protocols, enhance partnership work and management of risks; and where possible develop service improvements and practice in line with overall rough sleeping strategy of the city (Rough Sleeping Addendum 2021).

Taking learning from BCFT and adopting the ethos of No Wrong Door Network, there is improved partnership working between providers including co-locating services and sharing resources, and a commitment to providing opportunities for people with lived experience.

In addition front facing homeless services in the City have committed to working in a trauma informed way to support rough sleepers and those presenting with complex needs. Trauma Informed training is being rolled out across services with the aim of providing staff with a greater understanding of trauma and associated behaviours so that they are better equipped to support individuals. Training also covers resilience and vicarious trauma so that staff can recognise signs of 'burnout' and put measures in place to safeguard their own wellbeing.

Over the past 12 months there has been a focus on coordination of faith-based organisations who provide a street feeding service to the homeless community. Following a mapping exercise, it was identified that there were often multiple different groups operating in the same area on the same evening. This led to food wastage, conflicting offers of assistance from organisations who were not aware of commissioned services and drew more individuals onto the streets. There was also a mistrust from organisations of commissioned services and the Council.

Working closely with The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS), WMCA, Lets Feed Brum and Colmore BID, an On Street Support Forum was established. A On Street Support Handbook was produced providing information on what commissioned services are available and how to refer into them. There were also offers of training for volunteers to ensure that everyone working with homeless individuals has a basic understanding of Safeguarding, Data Protection, First Aid and Food Hygiene. The Forum meets regularly to share resources and best practice and is open to all faith-based, voluntary and community groups. They are also involved in TAWS' wider work around food poverty.

The Government has a target to achieve 'zero rough sleeping by the end of the Parliament' (2025). There is now recognition within the sector and DLUHC that there may never be a night when not a single person is sleeping rough in the whole of England. This raises the question as to what success may look like and how it is measured.

The approach is to look for occurrences of rough sleeping to be in the first place prevented, and if rough sleeping does take place, that it be 'Rare, Brief and Non-recurring'. RSI funding for 2022-25 seeks to continue with many existing and effective services as well as make improvements and invest in prevention in others.

Through RSI funding BVSC will continue to assist in the development of rough sleeping services to ensure that services are maximising their impact and effectiveness in reducing rough sleeping and street-based activity; and prevent and resolve homelessness through the provision of good quality, advice and identification of appropriate accommodation solutions.

Supported Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards (SEAQS)

Birmingham has the largest Exempt Supported housing sector in the country. With greater and more effective scrutiny this could be an asset, enhancing the offer of accommodation for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Quality Standards alongside the 'Charter of Rights' aim to support this complex issue.

Working in partnership with Birmingham City Council, the BVSC SEAQS Team has developed a set of endorsed quality standards to assess and evaluate exempt accommodation providers and their managing agents. The three standards relate to Leadership and Management, Referral Assessment and Supervision, Residents.

These standards aim to improve the quality, accessibility and quantity of good accommodation offered in the city. By creating more suitable quality accommodation, it will improve both outcomes for those in crisis, but also prevent people who are currently stable from deteriorating and support their recovery.

The intention is to create a 'new normal' of quality accommodation for a group that is currently offered accommodation of varying quality. This will be achieved by focusing on driving out any poor-quality offer by not awarding them the standards, whilst protecting the market position of those providers that best meet the requirements of individuals requiring accommodation.

The Exempt Accommodation Team have been continuing to promote their Quality Standards and Charter of Rights, encouraging landlords and managing agents to become accredited.

The Charter is intended to ensure residents who are accessing or living in non-commissioned exempt accommodation are aware of what they should expect from their housing provider and their living environments. It aims to ensure residents can increase their confidence about speaking up if they need clarity or feel that they are not being treated fairly. It also aims to give residents access to a tool that will help them understand both their experiences and concerns and communicate these to the relevant individuals or organisations.

The team is also working more closely with the Housing Transition Team as well as Birmingham City Council workstreams such as the Supported Housing Team, the Community Safety Team, and the Adult Social Work Team to ensure assessment of the quality standards is given a 360-degree perspective.

BCC will be adopting a council wide approach to commissioning, placing conditions on use of exempt accommodation based on their adherence to the quality standard and Charter. Landlords and managing agents are required to engage with the Exempt Accommodation Team around this before the end of September 2022 in order to continue receiving referrals from the City and partners.

Currently there are 41 who are actively engaged with the Quality Standards with providers having implemented or updated policies and procedures that were not already in place.

Birmingham City Council have submitted their bid for the Supported Housing Improvement Programme for next 2 years, which the SEAQS falls within.

Domestic Abuse needs assessment

BVSC were successful in securing funding from BCC to carry out Domestic Abuse assessment of need, mapping exercise, review of the DA Strategy in Birmingham.

Key Achievements:

- The Domestic Abuse needs assessment work will have a Strategic impact and has already influenced commissioning of new services identified through the assessment eg commissioning work around learning disability and domestic abuse.
- Engaged with over 100 survivors, and approx. 300 professionals to assist in the compilation of the reports.

Providing resources to support community development:

Following the pandemic when events and training courses (except online) were cancelled, delegates are now returning to BVSC events (both online and face to face) and BVSC has enjoyed high levels of bookings and attendance across all areas of the business. BVSC events included:

- Engage for Good Funding & Business Development weekly webinars
- Engage for Ukraine meetings
- Engage for Good Environment and Energy Network meetings
- 'Sharing the Cake' community development practitioners' webinars
- Business Breakfast: Reducing violence in Lozells and Newtown
- BVSC Accelerator Programme
- How to Run Great Community Meetings webinar series
- Embedding the VCFSE sector into Birmingham and Solihull's Integrated Care System sessions
- 'Space to Think' webinars

Engaging the sector for good

The Strategic Partnership programme is progressing with workstreams being developed. Engage for Good has been instrumental in establishing / participating in networks and forums including:

- Business Development Network and Webinars – run on Mondays at 1pm and attracting an audience of 30+ each week.
- Business Development surgeries – monthly providing small organisations the opportunity to discuss funding needs / applications
- Energy and Environment Network – running monthly attracting an audience of organisations from across the sector
- Employment and Skills Network – a monthly webinar attracting interest from organisations working on employability
- Birmingham Race Inequality Group (BRIG) – BVSC supporting the group and leading work on the VCFSE mini summit
- Social Prescribing – an ad hoc forum to discuss the potential of a City-Wide approach
- Real Living Wage campaign – leading work across the sector to promote the Real Living Wage

Through Engage for Good we have launched the Engage for Funding portal. This provides organisations (with a turnover below £1million) with access to a portal of funding opportunities. Since its launch in February over 300 organisations have signed up to use the portal. We are aligning use of the portal with membership and have seen an increase in both individual and organisation membership of BVSC over the past month.

Communities and Older Adults

Making Birmingham a better place to grow older:

Ageing Better was a 6 year program to reduce isolation in older adults, and was extended for a year to the end of this year.

Ageing Better - Programme lifetime achievements:

10,000 Birmingham Citizens of all ages work together within communities to support older adults out of loneliness and social isolation – Achieved 11,278.

2,500 older adults (50+) who are lonely and or socially isolated are able to overcome barriers to engage in community activity and overcome their loneliness / isolation – Achieved 3898.

50 older adults with lived experience of loneliness and isolation are involved in programme co-production and co-design – Achieved 46 (contractor paused referral in as group remained stable throughout and a number of experts remained throughout the programme).

100 older adults help design and run 100 activities that help older adults overcome isolation and loneliness – Achieved 5649 older people and 1860 activities.

We supported the creation of 656 networks (community group / activities) of which 345 received funding through the AB fund/ The AB Fund distributed £501k across the city during the life of the programme.

The work with Birmingham City Council's Adult Social Care directorate has strengthened during the year

The ten Neighbourhood Network Schemes (NNSs) across the city support the voluntary, community and faith organisations in each constituency which support adults. This year the council carried out a procurement process for the NNS and also the strategic support function. BVSC was successful in keeping the contract for Development and Support which is for five years (and possibly seven years) starting in April 2022. This enables BVSC to continue to support the commissioning team and the social work teams and the NNSs. This includes providing support at the NNS steering groups and funding panels and to individual NNS leads over challenges they are facing. In addition, BVSC hosts regular meetings to enable the NNS leads to come together to hear about initiatives that could be beneficial to local citizens, to share successes and challenges and to identify areas of potential collaboration. NNS schemes have been shortlisted for a number of awards this year including the European Social Service Awards and the Municipal Journal.

In July 2022 the Neighbourhood Network Schemes were also shortlisted in the Health and Social Care category at the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards, the most prestigious award in local government. Representatives from Adult Social Care, each of the ten NNS teams, BVSC and the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Scheme were all invited to the LGC awards in London. Competition this year was extremely tough in the Health and

Social Care category with the judges commenting on the tenacity and sheer excellence demonstrated throughout the entire shortlist.

Unfortunately Neighbourhood Network Schemes did not win this year, but judges commented that they demonstrate:

An impressive change management approach at scale, developing community strength through community power.

We are delighted to announce that the Prevention and Communities Commissioning Team have won the Locality 'Keep it Local' Award for the work around NNS. They were nominated by Northfield Community Partnership and BVSC was invited to the awards evening.

The contract provides support to the 44 commissioned Prevention and Communities grant holders. This also includes bespoke advice and also hosting meetings so the grant holders share experiences and get to meet with the commissioning team. The grants are due to be recommissioned from October 2023 and so BVSC has supported the commissioning team to do some indepth work identifying the current priorities and creating the business case and reports to be approved by the council and designing the specification and application to go live in spring 2023.

BVSC has some responsibility for capturing what works and sharing good practice as well as helping to share this. BVSC Research has worked closely with the commissioning team to create a five year evaluation structure for the NNS programme. We have worked with Steph Vial Hall to run the first of two cohorts to support NNS practitioners to build their skills with a second to run in the New Year.

In addition, the community development practice hub has run regular "Share the Cake " sessions on line and in person to connect community development workers across the city. It has hosted the Alongsiders programme, also bringing practitioners from a range of VCFSE organisations to develop skills and strengthen networks. Another successful programme has been the Great Community Meetings which will be repeated in the New year.

Finally, transport has continued to be a key barrier for citizens. BVSC jumped at the opportunity to work with the Combined Authority on developing a set of proposals for a funding stream. Work will continue in the New Year to work with Community Transport providers across the region and identify ways to improve visibility and access for citizens.

Health and Social Care

Embedding Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector into the Integrated Care System (ICS)

Working with partners in NHS Birmingham & Solihull, we are leading on a programme of work to embed the VCFSE sector into Birmingham and Solihull's Integrated Care System (BSol ICS). In December 2021 we held the first round of 5 place-based meeting for Birmingham, with Warwickshire & Solihull Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA) supporting place-based discussions/developments for Solihull.

The second round of meetings took place early March 2022, focusing on developing the overarching **VCFSE Leadership Alliance (Dynamic Network)** the single point of contact into the health and care system for the VCFSE sector. We are delivering a range of activities for this programme up to March 2023 in line with and the inaugural VCFSE Leadership Alliance (Dynamic Network) meeting took place in July.

As part of this programme, we will also be including work around **Population Health Management** and supporting the delivery of 5 training sessions for VCFSE organisation. There are also discussions around **citizen involvement** as part of the Integrated Care Partnership which will be supporting.

Non-digital engagement – Public Health

Work undertaken from April 2021-March 22 with Public Health and their commissioned community providers around non-digital engagement. Resources and Toolkits were created to support non-digital engagement activities, along with 1:1 support to providers where needed. During March 22 the scope was extended to include providers not commissioned through Public Health and we delivered a number of sessions for those in receipt of funding through Commonwealth Games legacy funding. Evaluation/Reporting is in process with BVSC Research, to be submitted to Public Health in August 2022.

Covid Vaccination Programme

We supported work around the vaccination programme for Birmingham and Solihull, in particular focus on West Birmingham, where we commissioned a number of community providers to support engagement around the vaccination uptake. The first round of commissioning took place during the summer of 2021, then a further round of commissioning took place January to end March 2022. We are in the process of completing a report of the most recent work with BVSC Research – to be submitted to the funder and shared widely. We are still awaiting funds to be transferred by BCWB CCG which has been escalated.

Early Help & Route 2 Wellbeing Birmingham portal

Early Help mapped assets (undertaken by the Community Connectors) have been migrated to the Route 2 Wellbeing Birmingham portal during end 2021/early 2022, with a huge range of services available supporting children, families and young people to find local support. A [new Early Help landing page](#) was launched on the portal in May 2022.

Social Prescribing

Through the [National Academy of Social Prescribing](#) (NSAP), we have been supporting the [Midlands Regional Social Prescribing team](#) around elements of the Learning Together programme since April 2021, with a new agreement in place up to end March 2023

Relationships are being developed with other Local Infrastructure Organisations across the Midlands and sharing learning.

Personalised Care Co-production Framework (PCCF)

In early 2021, we completed a short-term project to support the Personalisation team at Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group (BSol CCG) to co-produce a Personalised Care Framework for use across different NHS pathways. This work was undertaken with a diverse group of citizens with lived experience of personalised care and/or co-production. Existing frameworks were identified along with boundaries to their current use to form recommendations for future adapted use. The recommendations were strongly underpinned by audio recordings of participants' stories.

Compassionate City Charter / Compassionate Communities

We are part of the Compassionate City Network for Birmingham, building partnerships and supporting developments around care, dying, death and bereavement across Birmingham. We were involved with Birmingham gaining Compassionate City Charter status in March 2022 – the first city in the UK. Planning is underway to take forward different strands of work under the Charter. We are also involved with BRHUmB – the research hub for end of life

and palliative care in the West Midlands, which is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

Personal Health Budgets and end of life care - April -Sept 2021

September 2021 saw the culmination of BVSC Health and Care involvement in Phase 2 of the Personal Health Budget and End of Life Care Project (PHB) which had been running since October 2019. Over the two and a half years of the project BVSC brought a unique approach and insight as the only non-medical organisational partner.

The last 6 months saw an additional 50 hospice patients and their families benefit from BVSC's involvement in the Project. Our perseverance in applying personalised care to all participants; persistence in seeking equity of opportunity for all individuals and all four hospice partners; rapidity of purchase and delivery; and inclusion of our diverse health and culture network partners delivered for example: tailored complementary therapy sessions; a hair-dresser who specialised in Afro-Caribbean hair; a wedding breakfast with 12 hours notice; and a fishing trip to a patient who was homeless.

Although we were disappointed not to be included in future developments of the PHB Project the lead hospice – John Taylor (now part of the Birmingham Hospice Partnership) indicated there would be further opportunity to work together where BVSC could deliver added value by building on its strategic community and social enterprise networks; exploring new ways of working with providers and partners; and encouraging community engagement in a stage of life which is often unknown or ignored – but deeply effects both health and economy.

Digital Inclusion Co-production Framework

Building on, and learning from the co-production work undertaken for the Personalised Care Co-production Framework, we are leading on a project supporting the BSol ICS's agenda around Digital Inclusion. The project will run from April 2022 to March 2023. Through the project BVSC will fund up to five VCFSE partner organisations to develop a Co-production Framework for future engagement activities focusing on digital health and care services. The partner organisations will recruit diverse groups across Birmingham and Solihull, to represent citizens with lived experience from seldom seen, seldom heard communities.

Integrated Care System Musculoskeletal transformation pathway and Route 2 Wellbeing portal

New project commencing with partners in the ICS to further develop the portal, with focus around signposting as part of the Musculoskeletal transformation pathway, but also on the longer-term and sustainability of the portal. Project Plan agreed – awaiting contract and funds. Will be completed by end March 2023.

Supporting employment for young people

Kick start

The Kickstart Scheme was set up by the government in summer 2020 to provide funding to create new jobs for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit who were at risk of long term unemployment. BVSC was granted Kickstart employer status in April 2021 and we were approved to set up 18 employment opportunities. We established ourselves quickly to provide opportunities for organisations across the sector who were not eligible for funding or did not have the capacity to apply for funding themselves and set up all 18 vacancies – 4 within BVSC and the remaining across other organisations. We successfully filled 14 of the 18 vacancies before the deadline for filling all approved vacancies passed in March 2022.

All 14 of our participants on the scheme completed their placements and feedback from the employers was positive stating that each one of them had added value to their respective organisations and positions.

Following completion of their 6-month placements participants moved onto the following:

- 1 participant was accepted onto an apprenticeship with BVSC
- 4 participants went onto secure full time permanent employment
- 2 secured part time employment for a fixed term period with their kickstart employer
- 1 continues to provide services as a consultant on an adhoc basis
- 2 continued into further education
- 3 were not certain of what they would move onto

Early help for Birmingham families

Three years ago, the Council and partners set up Birmingham Children's Partnership (BCP) to help tackle many years of failing children's services. One of the main aims of the BCP was to establish a system wide approach to Early Help in the City. This has been successful, through a nationally leading transformation and response to Covid-19. The original 2020 BCP business case was considered by the Council's Policy and Reserves Committee in February 2020, signed off by partners in March 2020, and the design and first year of funding was formally agreed by the Modern Council Delivery Board on 6 April 2020.

A further year's funding for a citywide approach across the full ten localities was agreed in February 2021, to cover the period April 2021 – March 2022.

The locality area's are outlined below:

Locality	Lead Organisation
Edgbaston	Gateway Family Services
Erdington	Compass-Support (Pioneer Group)
Hall Green	Green Square Accord
Hodge Hill	Family Action
Ladywood	Birmingham Settlement
Northfield	Northfield Community Partnership
Perry Barr	Spurgeons
Selly Oak	Malachi Community Trust
Sutton Coldfield	Spurgeons
Yardley	Barnardo's

Each locality has a voluntary sector organisation, which is commissioned (technically this is a grant agreement) via BVSC to be the locality area lead. Each locality also has a team of Birmingham Children's Trust early help workers, 80 in total across the 10 localities. There is a slightly different BCT team arrangement in Northfield, with the BCT lead in that locality delivering a SEMH 'Pathfinder' approach to early help. There is therefore at the core of each locality a partnership between BCT and VCS organisations.

To achieve these goals our approach is founded on the principals of modern children's services:

- Working together to establish Early Help
- Locality working and co-production
- Relational practice with children and families

- Data informed and targeted support
- Building capacity to tackle latent demand
- Integrated provision and commissioning

Early Help Business Case 21/22

Each of the key areas of transformation and the associated case for change is set out below:

1. **Locality teams** – new model of voluntary sector and Birmingham Children's Trust staff jointly leading Early Help in ten localities, connecting multi-agency professionals around the family and building Early Help capacity and social capital to reduce demand to acute services.
2. **Schools, further education and nurseries** – Placing schools at the centre of Early Help, developing a team around the education setting and enabling with shared data, shared case management and a clear offer.
3. **Community Connectors** – Developing our understanding of community resources in each locality, and training professionals across the system to connect vulnerable families to the community assets that will help them to be more resilient.
4. **Mental health and wellbeing** – Whole-school approach and much greater capacity to support children and young people following the trauma of COVID-19, including through education settings and online.
5. **Evaluation & Culture** - Bringing our vision and values to life through communications, change leadership, training and development – and crucially enabling the transformation to have reach across the children and families' system. Independent evaluation to understand the Early Help return on investment for each partner, and ethnographic insight into what it's like growing up in Birmingham.

The Early Help model for children and families

The services and support involved in early help is incredibly complex. The first layer (in green below) around the child includes their family, friends, environment and community. We then have universal services (in blue) such as schools, health visiting, libraries and GPs. And other services (in pink) that often provide early help such as the police, health, social care, housing and job centre plus.

This diagram illustrates how practice in each locality and how each organisation in BCP is coming together to support and help build resilience for a family, based on local support.



Key Deliverables for VCS lead organisations

All families who are supported, are recorded on ECINS
Daily screening of cases with the Birmingham Children's Trust Team Manager,
Application of correct use of the Right Help Right Time thresholds policy for all cases.
Minimum of one weekly allocation meetings take place with the wider early help partnership team, that will in due course become more multi-agency.
Community connector training programme for the locality has weekly opportunities for all children and family's professionals to understand how early help is working and can then use the knowledge of community organisations to support families.
Regular (monthly/bi-monthly) steering group meetings see terms of reference.
Regular locality team meetings pulling together VCS, BCT, and other partners.
To work with BVSC to show the work of the early help system, and to ensure equality and performance locally and in reporting to the Early Help Board
To coordinate and manage a locality-based community grants programme in partnership with NNS colleagues, funding dependant.

KPI's

- Support 10,000 families a year city wide as recorded on ECINS
- Complete 1000 early help assessments - city wide
- To run over 50 training events for each locality per year on how early help is working, (minimum one per week, per locality)
- To report monthly to BVSC on activity, developments, learning,
- Increase the number of Early Help Assessments in the locality by all partners
- Family outcomes measured from the Early Help Wheel to show distance travelled

Early Help Key Achievements:

- Over 2000 Early Help Assessments have been completed since April 21
- The total number of Family Connect Forms (FCF) received into the 10 localities between April 2021 and March 2022 is 38,857
- 22,000 households received financial support from the Household Support Fund since December 2021, with 13,150 of these applications resulted in families asking for more help and a FCF being triggered.
- Supported over 19955 children, young people and families through digital, signposting and brief interventions, that otherwise would not have received help, reducing demand to acute services.
- From June – August 2021, we have delivered intervention to 3500 individuals requesting an Early Help Intervention
- 7,200 families have received financial assistance in 2021, resilience funding, supermarket vouchers prior to the household support fund
- 7,000 young people have access Kooth mental health support
- 8,000 families have received help from a programme of community grants in 2020
- 1,112 families have accessed on-line parenting support training since July 2020
- The Community Connectors and the EH teams have delivered 2179 early help promotion sessions on the Early Help System since April 2021, reaching 24,664 professionals.
- Community Connectors have mapped over 3,500 community groups across the city and a user-friendly data base is now being developed to help partners and families can access this information

BVSC Grant Making

Throughout the pandemic, BVSC delivered grant making activities to both the sector and individuals that needed support. During this year we built on that and delivered a number of

programmes, that saw £10m come into BVSC and then go out to VCFSE organisations and families and individuals in hardship. Programmes delivered during the year included:

Holiday Activities Fund

Birmingham City Council have received funding from the Department for Education to run a Holiday and Food activities programme during the summer and Christmas 2021. In partnership with StreetGames UK (SG) and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council (BVSC) the City Council are running a grant programme to meet the programme objectives. Applications were invited from the voluntary, community, charitable and social enterprise sectors to provide services in support of this programme. Funding was also available through the City Council for Statutory and private sector providers to support the programme. The total value exceeded £8m.

Birmingham Holiday Activities 2021 sought to address holiday hunger, inactivity, isolation and learning loss, by children:

- Having access to safe, non-stigmatising places to go for positive activity
- Eating more healthily over the school holidays
- Spend time with friends and being more active during the school holidays
- Taking part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and wellbeing along with their wider education attainment
- Being safe and not to be socially isolated
- Being ready to return to school, college or to move on to work
- Supported with healthy recipes and cooking on a budget
- Have the opportunity to continue participating in sport and physical activity beyond the holidays
- Be signposted and supported (where required) to early help/family local services

The key outcomes of the programme:

- Food – served in line with school meal standards
- Physical Activity – minimum of 1 hour per session / day for all young people
- Enrichment – fun, engaging, enriching activities for all young people.

BVSC delivery

Process:

- Developed bespoke grants application and assessment process which included engagement with independent assessors
- Development of financial monitoring spreadsheet which included core scheme information
- Development of Condition of Grant , financial monitoring form and grant payments process
- Successful applicant received 80% of grant up front with the final 20 % paid following successful delivery and production of satisfactory financial monitoring returns
- Undertake financial monitoring 'visits' on a sample of all the projects.
- Quality Assurance on the programme delivery was undertaken by SG.

Grants

- Applicants could apply to deliver summer programme , winter programme or both
- 94 organisations were successful covering 99 schemes of which 60 covered both summer and winter

- Grants of £3.2m were approved and final spend was £3.1m (some underspends were returned and one organisation returned were unable to deliver)
- Grants ranged from £1800 to £277,00
- Where applicants were just short of the approval threshold support was provided by SG to get them up to the required standard and were subsequently approved
- Only a handful of applications were rejected

Stronger Communities -Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants

Stronger Communities is a programme of work to ensure BCC, and Birmingham's citizens, maximise the benefits of hosting the Commonwealth Games in a way that builds cohesion, inclusion, and civic pride and uses the Games as a turning point in uniting the city's population and tackling inequalities.

Key deliverables:

Workstream 1: A city Connected by Inclusive Heritage Trails: development of an interconnected network of heritage trails that navigate through Birmingham's history, shaped through honest and diverse stories of settlement.

Workstream 2: We Made Birmingham: Small grants projects to record and share stories of heritage, community activism and migration from Birmingham's diverse communities.

Workstream 3 Getting Communities Talking: Delivering small community grants to enable women from particularly marginalised communities to forge long-term connections with others in their communities and develop English language skills and confidence by creating spaces, opportunities and connections for dialogue and interaction across perceived divides of language, culture, ethnicity, race, age.

Workstream 4: Birmingham Peace Garden Proposal: This project will deliver 2 strands of work:

- 1 The development of a programme of commemoration and celebration events to coincide with the Games and involving audiences from all communities, ages and organisations across the city.
- 2 Bringing together a community partnership to be part of consultation, involvement and options-appraisal for the longer-development of the Peace Garden and producing a plan which BCC and its partners and stakeholders can use to guide longer-term development activity and approaches.

Workstream 5: Inspiring Future Leaders: The leadership development programme will be designed for those from under-represented backgrounds and will be provided by the BAME LEAP Partnership consisting of current and retired CEOs, NLEs, Executive Principals, Solicitors, Ofsted Inspectors, School Business Managers, School Improvement and Challenge Advisors.

The following grants were awarded under the work streams:

Workstream 1 – Heritage Trails = Total Award £140,000

1 Lead Organisation awarded £40,000

20 Small Grants at £5,000 each

Workstream 2 – We Made Brum = Total Award £110,000
2 Lead Organisations awarded £10,000 each
19 Small Grants at £5,000 each

Workstream 3 – Getting Communities Talking = Total Award £105,000
28 Small Grants awarded of £3750 each

Workstream 4 = 1 Lead organisation awarded £70,000

Workstream 5 = 1 Lead Organisation awarded £70,000

In total 72 Grants awarded to the value of £495,000

Delivery on these work streams started this year and will continue into next financial year.

Early Help Lead Agency Grants

£1.77m was paid to 9 organisations covering ten localities to support families and young children across Birmingham, BVSC supported and worked in partnership with these organisations, see report above for more details.

The 9 Early Help lead agencies were also awarded a further £0.5m to support the delivery of the Household Support Fund round one. See below for more information.

Household Support Fund Round One

Birmingham City Council were awarded £12m Household Support Fund from Departments of Work and Pensions. BVSC worked with sector and the Council to distributed £4.2m of this through an application process via the Early Help local lead agencies. They carried out assessments and made applications for families and individuals who were eligible for support. Over 28,000 Household Support Fund applications received from the lead agencies were processed by BVSC to support families and individuals in hardship.

BVSC Research: Conducting Valuable Research and Analysis:

BVSC Research is a directorate within BVSC that delivers research and evaluation *with, for and about* the voluntary, community faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector. We are committed to delivering high quality, relevant and accessible research and evaluation and in sharing local, regional and national intelligence about issues that impact the sector and the communities they serve.

Partnerships

We work in partnership with a range of organisations, academic institutions, and key stakeholders in Birmingham and beyond to ensure that our work is relevant, timely and accessible. These partnerships are integral to our work and we are hugely grateful to all the people who have worked with us over the past twelve months.



Networks

We are active members in a number of local and national networks, where we continuously highlight the importance of involving, and valuing the contribution of, the voluntary and community sector and the communities they serve in research.

Networks



Core City Infrastructure
Research, Evaluation &
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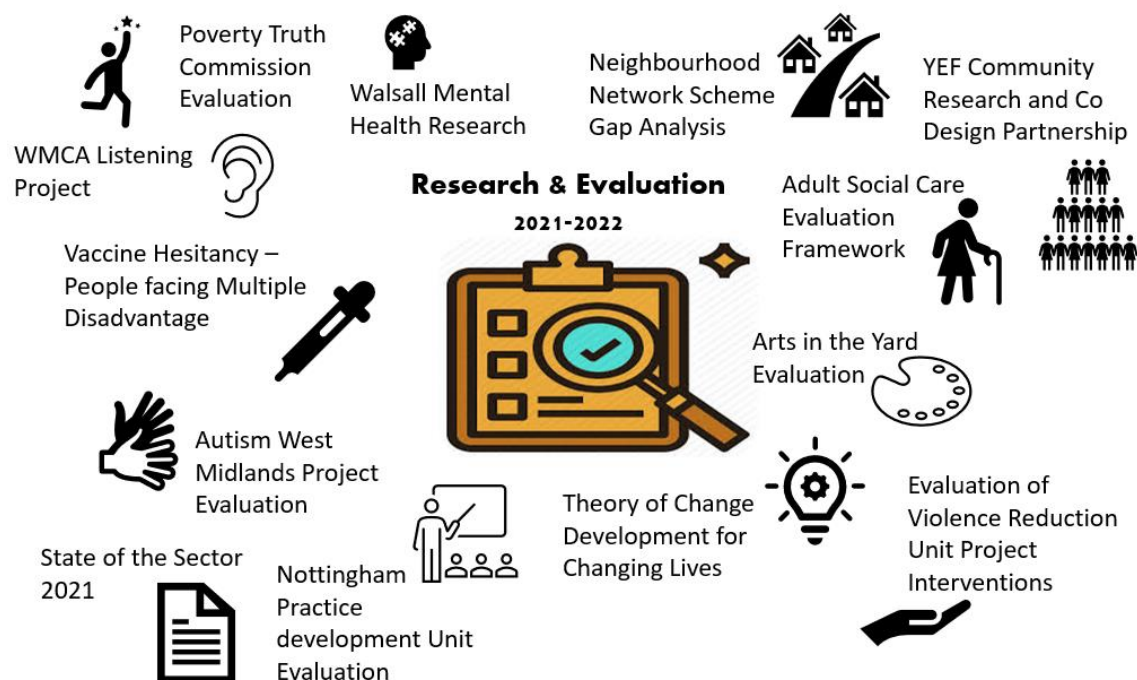
West Midlands Health &
Social Care Research
Network

Voluntary Sector Studies
Network

Research & Evaluation Activity

In 2021-2022 we completed **18 different research or evaluation** projects. All our published reports can be found on our website here:

[BVSC Research Unit | Birmingham Voluntary Service Council](#)



Learning

During 2021-2022 we were involved in delivering a number of learning events and conferences including:



Part of the planning group for the 2021 Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Research Conference (VSSN) in September 2021



Planning and facilitation of the WM Health and Social Care Research Conference in October 2021



Delivery of 4 'Space to Think' webinars, aimed at leaders or aspiring leaders in the sector. 97 individuals attended one or more session.



Design, planning and facilitation of NIHR funded 'Valuing the Role of the VCFSE Sector in Research workshop

BVSC's Commitment to Diversity Equality and Inclusion

During the year BVSC made a commitment to The Race Code and carried out the assessment with The Governance Forum, an action plan was produced, and a lead has been

appointed to work across the organisation to implement this action plan. Some of the key activities will be to produce baseline information, to set targets for the whole organisation, ensure all our processes and delivery have a focus on race and to monitor progress. This information once embedded will be shared with our stakeholders.

A Locally Trusted Organisation

In 2021/22 BVSC continued to support Big Local Partnerships: Welsh House Farm Big Local; and Creative Civic Change and Birchfield Big Local. During the year BVSC supported Welsh House Farm and Birchfield Big Local to develop their plans to the end of the programme. These plans were approved by the Local Trust.

Conferences at BVSC offers affordable venue hire right in the heart of Birmingham

Office space

In 2021/2022, we opened up BVSC's building. We also supported the sector in partnership with ACIVICO funded by Birmingham City Council, to open up community assets when the lockdowns ceased. A number of on line support sessions were delivered to organisations with some 1-2-1 sessions where needed.

BVSC's conferencing

BVSC's conferencing service started to slowly pick up, sales of £69k were achieved. with a donation gift aided to the charity of £10k.

We had 8 tenants, small voluntary and community organisations that we supported back into their fully managed office space within 138 Digbeth.

Cost-effective business solutions for growing organisations

We have in place a highly effective team of individuals – all experts in their own fields – with experience and knowledge of the not-for-profit sector, and an understanding of the issues, risks and challenges that smaller organisations face.

Payroll and Finance

Our Payroll and Finance Services are well established and highly valued by a variety of local organisations. We provided 46 organisations with payroll services and 76 clients accessed our finance services. These services are well received, and we are getting an increase in demand, primarily through word of mouth.

HR Consultancy

This year we provided HR consultancy services to a three external organisations, support is provided on an adhoc basis or a via a trainer fee and tailored to the organisation's needs.

Get in touch!

If you're considering outsourcing any of your back office functions, please get in touch for an informal chat. We'll listen carefully to your needs and make honest recommendations for you and your organisation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Going Concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue to operate in the foreseeable future. They therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details can be found under the Accounting Policies.

Financial Review

In the statement of financial activities, (SOFA) BVSC reports a surplus of £595k in the year, which is made up of a surplus in unrestricted funds of £20k and a surplus of £575k in restricted funds before transfers.

The surplus in restricted reserves is made up of increases and decreases in funding held for specific activities note 19 gives a breakdown of all these projects. Some projects utilised reserves brought forward from the previous year and some held funding in reserves at the end of the year for delivery of activities in the coming year.

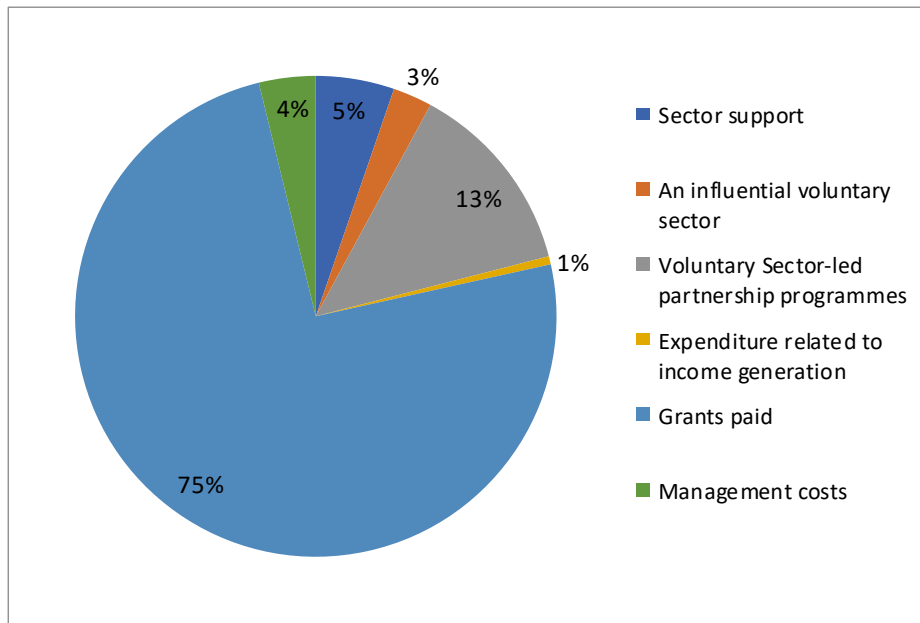
The year saw a slow recovery from the pandemic, our building opened and we delivered some conferencing activities and welcomed back our tenants. The biggest single activity during the year was that of grant making. We distributed significant funds to organisations in the Voluntary and Community sector in Birmingham and we distributed significant resources to families and individuals suffering hardship. Most of this because of the on-going impact of the lockdowns and the pandemic. The grant making activities accounted for over £10m of our income and expenditure during the year.

There is one post balance sheet event that needs to be noted, BVSC sold its building to developers that we had been negotiating with for over 14 years. The sale and the decamp from 138 Digbeth happened in the first quarter of 2022/2023 and will be fully reported in next years accounts. The funds received from the developer have been ring fenced to invest for the future of BVSC as a resource for the sector.

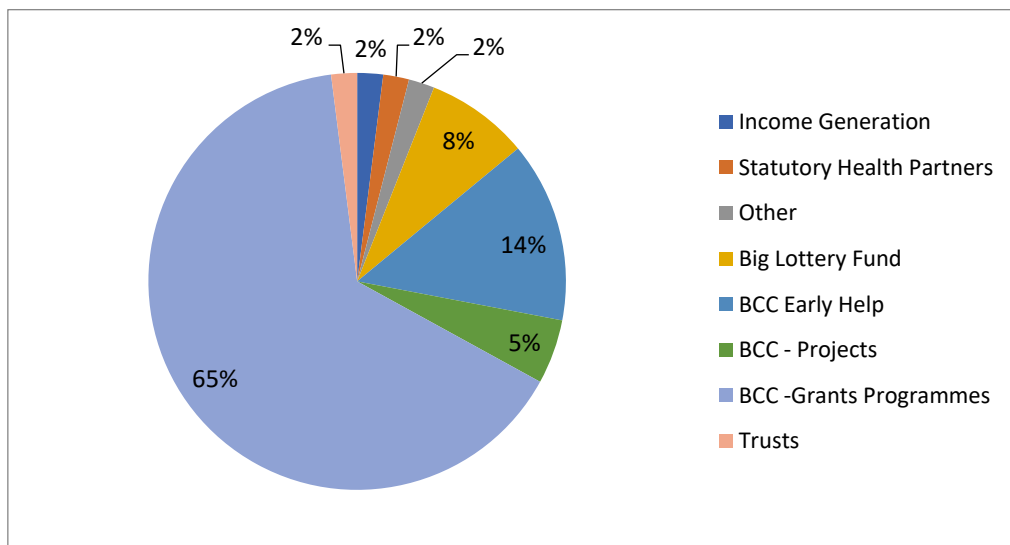
Incoming Resources and Resources Expended:

The charts below give a breakdown of how BVSC spent its income to deliver its aims and objectives and who funded BVSC during the year.

Expenditure on Activities during the year:



Sources of Income:



Review of the Performance of Subsidiaries:

BVSC Enterprises (company registration number 1660160) started to delivery when lockdowns were stopped, we delivered £69k worth of conferencing activities during in the year.

The Enterprise board has four directors; two nominations from BVSC's board of management, BVSC's CEO and one director with a specific emphasis on business/entrepreneurial skills and experience, there is currently two vacancies. With the sale of 138 Digbeth, we will be reviewing out conferencing activities in 2022/2023.

BVSC KickStart Limited (formerly Talent Match Birmingham and Solihull Limited) (company registration number 09112870)

Talent Match Birmingham and Solihull Limited was incorporated on the 2/7/14 to support the delivery of the Talent Match programme. At the beginning of the year the company was renamed KickStart Limited and used to deliver placements under the government Kickstart scheme.

The board is made up of the two directors.

BVSC Management Services Limited (company registration number 3130064) is a dormant company.

Reserves Policy:

BVSC's reserves policy is to maintain at least three months unrestricted expenditure as free reserves; this should enable the charity to continue in the short term should there be a problem with any funding.

Free unrestricted reserves needed to cover 3 months of unrestricted expenditure in 2022-2023 is £171k. Current level of free unrestricted reserves are £218k this is higher than three months unrestricted expenditure for 22/23. The uncertain environment which impacted by the Ukraine war, the cost of living crisis and the forecast recession, the board deem it prudent to leave the reserves at this level.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

BVSC refreshed its strategic plan for 2022/2023:

BVSC STRATEGIC STATEMENT
<i>Our Vision and Mission:</i>
We are passionate about making a positive difference to the lives of people in Birmingham and we believe that the key to this is found in our communities. We advocate for and support cross-sector social action initiatives which are informed by the lived experience of local people. Our vision is a Birmingham in which citizens are fully included in co-designing their journey to a better, stronger future. Our mission is to achieve this by supporting and advocating for a vibrant, resilient voluntary sector in the city. Our passionate and dedicated staff team leads on the three key areas of our work, which are:

- **Being a helpful membership organisation** - Providing infrastructure, training, research, consultancy, volunteering, and practical and strategic support to our members and partners.
- **Being a trusted partner** - Developing, leading, and supporting effective people-centred collaborative approaches across the public, private and third sectors.

Being a values-driven organisation - Offering constructive advocacy and representation services in order to ensure that the unique and diverse contribution of the voluntary and community sector is recognised, valued, and celebrated.

Our Values:

All our work is under-pinned by a commitment to our organisational values, which are:

- **Commitment** - Supporting positive change through passion, innovation and social action.
- **Collaboration** - Connecting individuals and organisations to work together to improve people's lives.
- **Inclusion** - Empowering everyone to get involved in creating a fair and equitable Birmingham.
- **Integrity** - Building trust through transparently working in the interests of our sector and our citizens.

Our Strategic Aims:

1: Citizens are empowered to make a positive difference.

2: Voluntary groups have access to the knowledge and resources needed to achieve their aims.

3: The voluntary sector is influential as a force for positive change.

4: BVSC is an independent, effective, inclusive and sustainable organisation.

Key Strategic Objectives 2022-23:

1: To ensure citizens are empowered to make a positive difference, we will... Increase the level of all types of volunteering in Birmingham. Increase the level of co-production and codesign across the city within VCSE activity and within partner organisations. Deliver a meaningful volunteer offer that supports volunteering at both a strategic and operational level within Birmingham. Support equity of outcomes for all our citizens delivered through the VCSE and other partners. To support the development of a VCSE sector that meets the needs and aspirations of all our citizens.	2: To ensure voluntary groups have access to the knowledge and resources needed to achieve their aims, we will... Enable the establishment of new VCSE organisations that meet the needs of citizens in Birmingham. Increase the effectiveness and impact of individual VCSE organisations across the city. Provide robust evaluation for service level activity within the city. Provide and enable investment opportunities into individual VCSE organisations. Promote the voice of individual organisations where they meaningfully echo the challenges and opportunities facing communities. Support organisations to effectively meet new and existing challenges facing the city. Facilitate the sharing of learning, best	3: To ensure the voluntary sector is influential as a force for positive change, we will... Maximise social transformation and outcomes in Birmingham. Ensure VCSE effectively utilises data and learning to maximise its impact within Birmingham Promote effective system change within Birmingham. Support the sector to speak with an effective 'collective voice' to influence change in the city. Deliver effective integration of VCSE activity with other sectors within the city. Increase investment into the VCSE. Promote the VCSE as an increasingly valued partner by other parts of the Birmingham system. To support the development of innovation within Birmingham's VCSE. Create cohesive cross sector leadership and delivery.	4: To ensure BVSC is an independent, effective, inclusive and sustainable organisation, we will... Deliver an effective asset structure that underpins and supports BVSC's objects and sustainability. Actively build an inclusive organisation. Deliver year on year growth of investment into BVSC Transform BVSC's internal and external operations to effectively meet the post covid environment. Maximise our staff resource and capacity
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	practice and policy issues Build research and evaluation capacity and understanding across the VCFSE in Birmingham	Increase the reach and impact of research and evaluation in the sector	
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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors 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 company and the group and of the surplus or deficit of the company and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group 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 company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS:

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006

AUDITORS

The directors, having been notified of the cessation of the partnership known as Dains LLP, resolved that Dains Audit Limited be appointed as successor auditor with effect from 1st April 2022. The auditors, Dains Audit Limited, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustee Board and signed in their behalf:



Chair Jonathan Drifill

Date 21/12/22

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL (A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries ('the group') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 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 group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are 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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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.
- 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 group 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 in relation to which 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; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 group's or the parent charitable company'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 group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

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



Andrew Morris FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

Date: *21st December 2022.*

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING
THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

NOTE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME				
Donations and legacies	18,849	-	18,849	109,836
Income from charitable activities:				
3 Grants and contracts receivable	-	13,969,969	13,969,969	6,324,096
4 Income from other trading activities	188,534	-	188,534	95,422
5 Other income	61,137	-	61,137	42,015
TOTAL INCOME	268,520	13,969,969	14,238,489	6,571,369
EXPENDITURE				
6 Expenditure on raising funds	173	-	173	3,725
7 Expenditure on charitable activities	250,297	13,394,619	13,644,916	6,190,881
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	250,470	13,394,619	13,645,089	6,194,606
13 Net gains/(losses) on investments	2,007	-	2,007	1,503
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	20,057	575,350	595,407	378,266
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER TRANSFERS	20,057	575,350	595,407	378,266
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	20,057	575,350	595,407	378,266
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	668,851	1,346,908	2,015,759	1,637,493
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	688,908	1,922,258	2,611,166	2,015,759

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

Company Registration: 00421688

NOTE		GROUP		COMPANY	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
	FIXED ASSETS				
11	Intangible Assets	6,269	31,364	6,269	31,364
12	Tangible Assets	616,457	650,184	616,457	650,184
13	Investments	6,646	4,639	6,747	4,740
	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>629,372</u>	<u>686,187</u>	<u>629,473</u>	<u>686,288</u>
	CURRENT ASSETS				
14	Debtors	576,466	284,251	583,299	294,731
	Cash at Bank & in Hand	<u>1,943,684</u>	<u>1,710,589</u>	<u>1,920,893</u>	<u>1,687,852</u>
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,520,150</u>	<u>1,994,840</u>	<u>2,504,192</u>	<u>1,982,583</u>
	LIABILITIES				
15	Creditors-Amounts falling due within 1 year	<u>538,356</u>	<u>665,268</u>	<u>526,908</u>	<u>657,522</u>
	NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,981,794</u>	<u>1,329,572</u>	<u>1,977,284</u>	<u>1,325,061</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>2,611,166</u>	<u>2,015,759</u>	<u>2,606,757</u>	<u>2,011,349</u>
21	NET ASSETS	<u>2,611,166</u>	<u>2,015,759</u>	<u>2,606,757</u>	<u>2,011,349</u>
	THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
19	Restricted Income Funds	1,922,258	1,346,908	1,922,258	1,346,908
20	Unrestricted Income Funds	<u>688,908</u>	<u>668,851</u>	<u>684,499</u>	<u>664,441</u>
21	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,611,166</u>	<u>2,015,759</u>	<u>2,606,757</u>	<u>2,011,349</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies regime.

Approved on behalf of the Board :



Chair Jonathan Driffill

Date:
21/12/2022

The notes on pages 42 to 74 form part of these accounts

**BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(a)	262,776	821,823
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Investment income		-	-
Bank Charges		<u>(23,381)</u>	<u>(2,746)</u>
		(23,381)	(2,746)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		<u>(6,300)</u>	<u>(41,783)</u>
		(6,300)	(41,783)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing		<u>233,095</u>	<u>777,294</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		<u><u>233,095</u></u>	<u><u>777,294</u></u>

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

(a) Reconciliation of deficit of income to net cashflow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds for the year	593,400	376,763
Investment income	0	(0)
Bank Charges	23,381	2,746
Amortisation/Depreciation charges	65,122	51,012
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(292,215)	64,458
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>(126,912)</u>	<u>326,844</u>
	<u>262,776</u>	<u>821,823</u>

(b) Reconciliation of net cashflow to movement in net funds/debt

(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	<u>233,095</u>	<u>777,294</u>
Movement in net funds and debt in the year	233,095	777,294
Net funds and debt at 1 April 2021	<u>1,710,589</u>	<u>933,295</u>
Net funds and debt at 31 March 2022	<u>1,943,684</u>	<u>1,710,589</u>

(c) Analysis of net funds/debt

	2021	Cashflow	2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,710,589	233,095	1,943,684
	<u>1,710,589</u>	<u>233,095</u>	<u>1,943,684</u>

GENERAL INFORMATION

BVSC is a charity and private company limited by guarantee, company registered no 00421688, registered charity no 218795, registered address First Floor, Livery Place, 35 Livery Street, Birmingham, B3 2PB.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention amended for the revaluation of investment assets and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards. The accounts have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of

Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)- Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 –Section 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

BVSC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2. Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements include the financial statements of the parent company and of its wholly owned subsidiary undertakings, BVSC Enterprises Limited, BVSC Kickstart Limited (formerly TMC0 Birmingham and Solihull Limited) and BVSC Management Services Limited. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis.

1.3. Company Status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are voluntary and community organisations in Birmingham. The trustees and directors of the company are listed on page 3 and 4. In the event the company is wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

1.4. Income and Expenditure

A separate summary income and expenditure account dealing with the results of the company has not been prepared as permitted by the Companies Act 2006.

All income is recognised when the charitable company has entitlement to the income and it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Government grants in support of the Coronavirus response are credited to the Consolidated statements of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred

Expenditure is recognised when there is a liability that has been incurred for a period of activity. The costs of delivering activities are made up of direct costs and shared costs which include support costs. Direct costs are charged against specific activities, shared costs are apportioned to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds are those costs attributable to income generation and trading activities, expenditure on charitable activities are direct support costs of delivering the charities objectives.

1.5. Intangible assets

Amortisation is calculated to write off the intangible assets over their estimated useful lives. For the ICAT system, which has been purchased as part of the delivery of the Birmingham Changing Future programme, and will be written off on a straight line basis over 63 months to the end of the project.

1.6. Tangible assets

Depreciation is calculated to write off the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives. The valuation of Freehold Buildings is depreciated on a straight line basis, over its expected useful life of 50 years. The cost of Equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their expected useful of 3 years.

Under the transitional rules of FRS 102, the revaluation of the Freehold Buildings made in 1998, has not been updated.

1.7. Investment Policy

No powers have been delegated to managers for the investment of funds, at present all investment decisions are referred back to the Board of Trustees.

Investments in listed company shares are remeasured to fair value at the balance sheet date with reference to readily available market prices. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8. Grant Making Policy

Grants are made to organisations in accordance with the arrangements and conditions set out in the funding agreements for specific projects and programmes.

1.9. Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used in accordance with BVSC's charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees and have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds received for a specific purpose or activity which has been specified by the donor.

1.10. Financial Instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.11. Cash at Bank and In Hand

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of no more than 24 hours.

1.12. Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charges to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.13. Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at settlement amount, prepayments are recognised at the amount prepaid.

1.14. Liabilities and Provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payments for goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

1.15. Pension Scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The costs of the company's contributions to the pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period in which they become payable. There are no unpaid or prepaid pension contributions to the defined contribution pension scheme at the balance sheet date (last year no unpaid or prepaid pension contributions).

2. NET INCOME FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES

The charity has three wholly owned trading subsidiaries which were incorporated in the UK. BVSC Enterprises limited, a private limited company, registered no 01660160, provides conferencing facilities primarily to the voluntary sector.

BVSC Management Services Limited, a private limited company, registered no 3130064, is a dormant company.

BVSC KickStart Limited formerly Talent Match Company Birmingham and Solihull Limited, a private company, registered no 09112870, provides support to deliver the Kickstart placement programme.

All three companies are registered at First Floor, Livery Place, 35 Livery Street, Birmingham, B3 2PB. These subsidiary accounts are consolidated into the group.

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2022

	BVSC	BVSC	BVSC		
	Enterprises	KICKSTART	Management	2022	2021
	Limited	Limited	Services	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Turnover	69,251	53,921	0	123,172	1,110
Cost of sales	(10,398)	(53,921)	0	(64,319)	(767)
Gross Profit	58,853	0	0	58,853	343
Interest receivable		0	0	0	0
Administration	(48,700)	0	0	(48,700)	(2,958)
Gift aid to BVSC	(10,153)			(10,153)	0
Operating (Loss)/Profit	0	0	0	0	(2,615)

The assets and liabilities of the subsidiaries were:

	£	£	£
Assets	6,125	1,169	0
Liabilities	(1,594)	(1,169)	(21)
Net assets/(liabilities)	4,531	0	(21)

Representing:

Share capital	100	0	1
Profit and loss account	4,431	0	(22)
Shareholders' funds	4,531	0	(21)

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2022

NOTE

3. Grants and Contracts Receivable - Restricted Funds

	2022 Incoming Resources £	2021 Incoming Resources £
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	668,585	936,030
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	447,753	939,306
BIG Lottery: covid support	-	64,216
BIG Lottery: covid support IT (capitalisation of cost IT equipment)	-	41,783
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	86,491	136,435
Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income	9,744	7,000
Birmingham City Council Covid Recovery	86,514	125,376
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	200,000	160,000
Business Support Coordination	30,000	-
Change Into Action	22,572	28,278
Commonwealth Games	560,000	-
Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants	450,039	-
Creative Civic Change	38,353	37,641
Domestic Abuse - Mapping	69,960	-
Early Help -Children and Families	2,035,142	3,142,100
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	136,094	-
Health - VCS support	121,980	1,052
Health Engagement Grants	26,700	-
Holiday Activity Fund	3,315,480	
Hope Station	-	25,140
Household Support Fund	4,974,995	-
Housing First	63,280	182,458
Integrated Care System Kickstart	25,350	-

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	54,366	-
Level Apps	-	637
Living Wage -engagement and awareness (Barrow Cadbury)	4,000	-
Mental Health Transitional Worker	38,315	38,315
Neighbourhood Network Support	128,000	97,433
NHS Volunteering Covid Project	-	60,500
NVCA funding covid impact engagement	-	9,500
PCC - Peer Mentors	-	13,000
PCC- Mapping	-	27,893
PCC-Funding Officer	-	30,452
Personal Health Budget	27,782	60,733
Research	220,108	91,505
Roots to Wellbeing	-	4,000
Sector Support - to open building after covid	23,960	-
Telephone Trees	21,000	7,000
Use IT (ESF funded project)	-	7,710
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	83,406	29,831
West Midlands Combined Authority Tool Kit	-	18,772
	<u>13,969,969</u>	<u>6,324,096</u>

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2022

NOTE

4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Consolidated trading subsidiary income	66,351	-	66,351	887
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	9,494
Room hire	-	-	-	-
Rental income	45,508	-	45,508	19,478
Business solutions	76,675	-	76,675	65,563
	<u>188,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,534</u>	<u>95,422</u>

5 OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Book and 'Update' income	27,299	-	27,299
Reimbursement of cost from Beorma Redevelopment	20,665	-	20,665
Other income	13,173	-	13,173
	<u>61,137</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,137</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Book and 'Update' income	15,569	-	15,569
Reimbursement of cost from Beorma Redevelopment	20,700	-	20,700
Other income	3,959	1,787	5,746
	<u>40,228</u>	<u>1,787</u>	<u>42,015</u>

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6 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Consolidated trading subsidiary expenditure BVSC Enterprises	173	-	173	3,725
BVSC KICKSTART	-	-	-	-
	<u>173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>3,725</u>

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2021

NOTE

7 RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - Restricted Funds

Charitable Activity	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grants to Individuals and Organisations (Note 7d)	Support Costs (Note 7a) £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Accessible Social Investment for B'ham (Barrow Cadbury Connect Fund)	17,700		-	17,700	450
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	726,646		61,044	787,690	849,628
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	616,733		83,940	700,673	788,004
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together (ICAT)	-		-	-	25,095
BIG Lottery: Covid support	-		-	-	62,415
BIG Lottery: covid support IT (capitalisation of cost IT equipment)	13,928		-	13,928	-
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	103,077		4,989	108,066	136,770
Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income	9,154		-	9,154	3,277
Birmingham City Council Covid Recovery	51,667	30,002	8,750	90,419	83,363
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	172,433		15,000	187,433	153,213
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Secondment	2,758		-	2,758	-
Building Grant	-		5,800	5,800	5,800

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Change Into Action	13,282		1,140	14,422	27,968
Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants	31,035	308,907	5,800	345,742	-
Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants	171		-	171	-
Creative Civic Change	38,313		3,994	42,307	15,863
Domestic Abuse - Mapping	49,272		8,784	58,056	-
Early Help -Children and Families	95,335	1,896,339	20,500	2,012,174	3,112,784
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	94,582		10,834	105,416	-
Health - Voluntary sector support	19,017	32,000	-	51,017	10,257
Health Engagement Grants	-	16,000	-	16,000	-
Holiday Activity Fund	84,126	3,139,935	47,872	3,271,933	-
Hope Station -community project	-		-	-	23,226
Hope Station -community project	1,914		-	1,914	-
Household Support Fund	112,327	4,683,691	47,500	4,843,518	-
Housing First	47,072		3,250	50,322	122,971
Integrated Care System	4,943		-	4,943	-
Kickstart	66,041		-	66,041	-
Level Apps	-		-	-	788

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Mental Health Transitional Worker	21,851		4,748	26,599	38,357
Neighbourhood Network Support	85,205		10,000	95,205	97,368
NHS Volunteering Covid Project	-		-	-	49,558
NVCA funding covid impact engagement	-		-	-	9,500
Personal Health Budget	45,450		2,500	47,950	70,864
Police & Crime Commissioner-Funding Officer	265		-	265	33,479
Police & Crime Commissioner-Mapping	2,000		-	2,000	11,236
Police & Crime Commissioner-Peer Mentors	-		-	-	28,813
Research	186,549	62,001	5,182	253,732	60,246
Roots to Wellbeing	-		-	-	4,000
Roots to Wellbeing	3,400		-	3,400	-
Sector Support - to open building after covid	12,320		3,000	15,320	-
Telephone Trees	21,665		2,800	24,465	-
Use IT (ESF funded project)	-		-	-	7,710
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	106,698		10,295	116,993	21,003
West Midlands Combined Authority Tool Kit	-		-	-	15,726
Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager	1,093		-	1,093	-

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Total Resources Expended on Charitable Activities

2,858,022	10,168,875	367,722	13,394,619	5,869,732
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7a ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

Charitable Activity	Management £	Accommodation Costs £	Finance Costs £	Human Resources £	IT £	Total 2022 £
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	13,430	17,092	15,261	9,157	6,104	61,044
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	18,467	23,503	20,985	12,591	8,394	83,940
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	1,098	1,397	1,247	748	499	4,989
Birmingham city Council Covid Recovery	1,925	2,450	2,188	1,313	875	8,750
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	3,300	4,200	3,750	2,250	1,500	15,000
Building Grant	-	5,800	-	-	-	5,800
Change Into Action	-	-	1,140	-	-	1,140
Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants	1,276	1,624	1,450	870	580	5,800
Creative Civic Change	879	1,118	999	599	399	3,994
Domestic Abuse - Mapping	1,932	2,460	2,196	1,318	878	8,784
Early Help -Children and Families	4,510	5,740	5,125	3,075	2,050	20,500
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	2,383	3,034	2,709	1,625	1,083	10,834
Holiday Activity Fund	10,532	13,404	11,968	7,181	4,787	47,872

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Household Support Fund	10,450	13,300	11,875	7,125	4,750	47,500
Housing First	715	910	813	488	325	3,250
Mental Health Transitional Worker	1,045	1,329	1,187	712	475	4,748
Neighbourhood Network Support	2,200	2,800	2,500	1,500	1,000	10,000
Personal Health Budget	550	700	625	375	250	2,500
Research	1,140	1,451	1,296	777	518	5,182
Sector Support - to open building after covid	660	840	750	450	300	3,000
Telephone Trees	616	784	700	420	280	2,800
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	2,265	2,883	2,574	1,544	1,030	10,295
Totals	79,373	106,819	91,338	54,118	36,077	367,722

Support costs are allocated to projects on a mixture of time spent and number of staff.

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Charitable Activity	Management	Accommodation Costs	Finance Costs	Human Resources	IT	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	18,467	23,503	20,985	12,591	8,394	83,940
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	18,480	23,520	21,000	12,600	8,400	84,000
Birmingham city Council Covid Recovery	1,650	2,100	1,875	1,125	750	7,500
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	3,410	4,340	3,875	2,325	1,550	15,500
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	1,422	1,810	1,616	970	646	6,464
Building Grant	-	5,800	-	-	-	5,800
Change Into Action	-	-	1,140	-	-	1,140
Early Help -Children and Families	33,833	-	47,393	2,000	4,803	88,029
Housing First	5,451	6,938	6,195	3,717	2,478	24,779
Mental Health Transitional Worker	3,134	3,988	3,561	2,137	1,424	14,244
Neighbourhood Network Support	1,599	2,035	1,817	1,090	727	7,268
NHS Volunteering Covid Project	687	874	780	468	312	3,121
PCC-Funding Officer	1,264	1,609	1,437	862	575	5,747

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PCC-Mapping	1,100	1,400	1,250	750	500	5,000
PCC - Peer Mentors	1,144	1,456	1,300	780	520	5,200
Personal Health Budget	1,100	1,400	1,250	750	500	5,000
West Midlands Combined Authority Tool Kit	882	1,123	1,003	601	401	4,010
Totals	93,623	81,896	116,477	42,766	31,980	366,742

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7b RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - Unrestricted Funds

Activity	2022	2021
	£	£
Business Solutions	69,714	58,649
Tenants	859	5,608
Training	-	432
Membership and Communications	16,856	23,901
Team Challenge	-	8,858
Strategic work	18,680	19,712
Management and Administration	10,791	10,430
Building negotiations costs	35,725	32,700
Accommodation costs	69,134	53,346
Finance, HR, IT	24,599	17,203
Conferencing costs not charged to subsidiary	<u>3,939</u>	<u>90,310</u>
Total Resources Expended on Charitable Activities	<u>250,297</u>	<u>321,149</u>

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7c RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expenditure		
Staff costs	1,722,052	1,580,614
Running costs	29,933	53,966
Computer costs	74,275	54,591
Room hire/catering	50,957	11,389
Professional fees/consultancy	40,066	32,873
Publicity/publications	35,376	31,091
Cleaning	46,748	24,617
Maintenance and repairs	30,502	18,237
Depreciation	65,121	51,013
Heat/light/rates	28,754	33,562
Insurance	16,954	9,481
Bank charges	23,381	2,746
Sub-contracts with partners	570,482	788,737
Other direct delivery costs	711,517	557,175
Grant payments	10,168,875	2,913,833
Volunteer expense	5,104	4,742
Governance	24,819	22,214
Total Resources Expended	<u>13,644,916</u>	<u>6,190,881</u>

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7d RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GRANT PAYMENTS

			2022
			£
Grants Programme	No of grants to individuals	No of grants organisations	Grants paid
Commonwealth Legacy Grants		72	308,907
Health and Social Care Grants		8	32,000
Micro Grants Programme		14	30,002
Vaccine Engagement Grants		11	16,000
Early Help Lead Agencies		9	1,772,554
Resilience Fund Payments to Individuals and Families	1,292		123,785
Holiday Activities Fund		94	3,139,935
Household Support Fund	28,256		4,183,691
Household Support Funds - Lead Agencies Grants		9	500,000
Research Grants		3	62,001
Total	29,548	220	10,168,875

			2021
			£
Grants Programme	No of grants to individuals	No of grants organisations	Grants paid
Early Help Community Grants		170	740,892
Early Help -Grants to Local Lead Agencies		10	1,172,800
Grants to Individuals and Families	7,903		990,141
Police and Crime Commission -Mapping		2	10,000
Total grants paid			2,193,833

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8 STAFF COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	1,462,291	1,380,585
Redundancy Costs	7,040	14,656
Social Security Costs	142,064	133,390
Pensions	68,549	64,874
	<u>1,679,944</u>	<u>1,593,505</u>

Redundancy costs relate to the payment to two staff as a result of their projects finishing and one post as a result of restructuring in a team.
 No payments were outstanding as at the 31st March 2022.

Directors and trustees received no benefits, expenses or remuneration during the year

One employee received emoluments in the band of £70,000-£80,000 (last year one employee in the band of £70,000-£80,000).

The trustees consider key management personnel comprised of the CEO and the Deputy CEO. The total amount employee benefits received by key management personnel is £143,079 (last year £144,171).

9 NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

Net Income is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation and amortisation	65,122	51,012
Auditor's remuneration - audit fee	8,075	6,625

10 AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees, not including Directors during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Senior managers	9	7
Project Staff	25	33
Corporate services and income generation	14	11
Total number of staff	<u>48</u>	<u>51</u>

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11 INTANGIBLE ASSETS	IT Software
GROUP AND COMPANY	£
Cost or Revaluation at 31 March 2021	131,740
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>131,740</u>
Depreciation at 31 March 2021	100,376
Charges for the Year	25,095
On Disposals	-
Depreciation at 31 March 2022	<u>125,471</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2022	<u>6,269</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	<u>31,364</u>

12 TANGIBLE ASSETS	Equipment	Freehold Property	Total
GROUP AND COMPANY	£	£	£
Cost or Revaluation at 31 March 2021	99,205	935,095	1,034,300
Additions	6,300	-	6,300
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>105,505</u>	<u>935,095</u>	<u>1,040,600</u>
Depreciation at 31 March 2021	43,118	340,998	384,116
Charges for the Year	25,201	14,826	40,027
On Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation at 31 March 2022	<u>68,319</u>	<u>355,824</u>	<u>424,143</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2022	<u>37,186</u>	<u>579,271</u>	<u>616,457</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	<u>56,087</u>	<u>594,097</u>	<u>650,184</u>

Analysis of land and buildings:

If land and building had been included in the accounts at historical cost the equivalent figures at 31 March 2022 would have been:

	Land	Buildings	Total
Freehold at cost	193,804	699,552	893,356
Depreciation based on cost	-	279,820	279,820
Net book value based on cost	<u>193,804</u>	<u>419,732</u>	<u>613,536</u>

The net book value of land and buildings at 31 March 2022 represents freehold property used for charitable purposes. The building was sold in the first quarter of 2022/2023.

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13 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021	Disposals	Gain/(loss) in the year	2022
	£			£
UK Listed Investments				
1075 Aviva Plc 25p Ordinary Shares (Original Cost £1,231)	4,389	-	2,007	6,396
	4,389	-	2,007	6,396
Unlisted investments	250			250
Group	4,639	-	2,007	6,646
Shares in Wholly Owned Subsidiary Companies:				
BVSC Enterprises Limited	100	-	-	100
BVSC Management Services Limited	1	-	-	1
Company	4,740	-	2,007	6,747

14 DEBTORS (FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	467,754	238,043	467,754	233,986
Other debtors	108,712	46,208	106,986	46,208
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	-	8,559	14,537
	576,466	284,251	583,299	294,731

15 CREDITORS (FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	9,833	6,692	-	-
Other creditors	711	1,745	690	690
*Funds held on behalf of Voluntary Organisations	64,775	64,775	64,775	64,775
Taxation & social security	89,537	101,587	89,537	101,587
Accruals & deferred income*	373,500	490,469	371,906	490,470
	538,356	665,268	526,908	657,522

* Funds held on behalf of external organisations includes funds for organisations for which we administer the payroll, organisations that we provide accounting services for and some trust funds.

The funding is the responsibility of the external organisations.

These funds have been included in the Cash at Bank and in hand on the balance sheet.

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16 DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income:

	BBLP	Early Help	WMCA Research	Total
	£	£	£	£
2021 b/fwd.	22,993	343,913	25,000	391,906
Released - 2022	(22,993)	(343,913)	(25,000)	(391,906)
 2022 c/fwd.	 -	 -	 -	 -

17 PAYMENTS TO OR ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

No Trustees of the charity received any emoluments during this or the preceding year. No out of pocket expenses were paid to trustees during the year, (Nil paid in 2021). Trustees' liability insurance has been obtained as part of the overall insurance cover - no details are available as to the separate cost of this.

18 OPERATING LEASES

At 31st March 2022, the group had future minimum lease payments under non cancellable leases as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
< 1 year	404	809
1-5 years	404	404
	<u>808</u>	<u>1,213</u>

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RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust to be applied for for specific purposes.

	<u>Movement in Funds</u>			
	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Accessible Social Investment for B'ham (Barrow Cadbury Connect Fund)	15,764	-	(17,700)	(1,936)
BIG Awards for All	9,317	-		9,317
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	143,271	668,585	(787,690)	24,166
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	455,812	447,754	(700,673)	202,893
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together (ICAT)	6,268	-	-	6,268
BIG Lottery: covid support	1,801	-	-	1,801
BIG Lottery: covid support IT (capitalisation of cost IT equipment)	41,783	-	(13,928)	27,855
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	5,531	86,491	(108,066)	(16,044)
Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income	3,723	9,744	(9,154)	4,313
Birmingham city Council Covid Recovery	42,013	86,514	(90,419)	38,108
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	6,787	200,000	(187,433)	19,354
Birmingham Governors Network	3,403	-	-	3,403
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Secondment	-	-	(2,758)	(2,758)
Building Grant	156,600	-	(5,800)	150,800
Business Support Coordination	-	30,000		30,000
Change Into Action	15,218	22,572	(14,422)	23,368
Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants	-	560,000	(345,742)	214,258
Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants	-	450,039	(171)	449,868
Creative Civic Change	21,778	38,353	(42,307)	17,824
Domestic Abuse - Mapping	-	69,960	(58,056)	11,904

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Early Help -Children and Families	29,316	2,035,142	(2,012,174)	52,284
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	(11,309)	136,094	(105,416)	19,369
Health - VCS support	49,587	121,980	(51,017)	120,550
Health Engagement Grants	-	26,700	(16,000)	10,700
Holiday Activity Fund	-	3,315,480	(3,271,933)	43,547
Hope Station	1,914	-	(1,914)	-
Household Support Fund	-	4,974,995	(4,843,518)	131,477
Housing First	111,871	63,280	(50,322)	124,829
Housing First Personalisation Fund	7,666	-	-	7,666
Integrated Care System	-	25,350	(4,943)	20,407
Kickstart	-	54,366	(66,041)	(11,675)
Level Apps	4,392	-	-	4,392
Living Wage -engagement and awareness (Barrow Cadbury)	-	4,000	-	4,000
Mental Health Transitional Worker	69,353	38,315	(26,599)	81,069
Neighbourhood Network Support	46,858	128,000	(95,205)	79,653
NHS Volunteering Covid Project	10,942	-	-	10,942
PCC - Peer Mentors	11,020	-	-	11,020
PCC- Mapping	9,426	-	(2,000)	7,426
PCC-Funding Officer	8,737	-	(265)	8,472
Personal Health Budget	(586)	27,782	(47,950)	(20,754)
Research	44,117	220,107	(253,732)	10,492
Roots to Wellbeing	5,661	-	(3,400)	2,261
Sector Support - to open building after covid	-	23,960	(15,320)	8,640
Telephone Trees	7,000	21,000	(24,465)	3,535
Use IT (ESF funded project)	-	-	-	-
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	8,828	83,406	(116,993)	(24,759)
West Midlands Combined Authority Tool Kit	3,046	-	-	3,046
Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager	-	-	(1,093)	(1,093)
	1,346,908	13,969,969	(13,394,619)	1,922,258

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UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Opening Balance £	<u>Movement in Funds</u>		Transfers £	Unrealised gain (loss) £	Closing Balance £
		Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £			
Unrestricted funds	668,851	268,520	(250,470)	-	2,007	688,908
	668,851	268,520	(250,470)	-	2,007	688,908

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Notes to Restricted Reserves:

Accessible Social Investment for B'Ham - Barrow Cadbury funding through the Connect Fund to improve the awareness of and engagement with the various forms of Social Investment opportunities within the Voluntary and Community Sector. This work came to a halt due to the pandemic and the funding was re-purposed to support a BAME let consortium to develop and capacity build them to access funding and get established.

BIG Lottery- National Lottery Community Fund - Ageing Better - funding to develop a vision and strategy for the Aging Better program to support older people who are isolated. This program was extended for a year to the end of March 2022, to support older people through the impact of the pandemic.

Big Lottery - National Lottery Community Fund: Birmingham Changing Futures Together:- An eight year program to be delivered with a partnership of organisations delivering services to beneficiaries with multiple and complex needs, gathering evidence of best practice with the ultimate aim of bringing about systems change. This year is the penultimate year.

Big Lottery - National Lottery Community Fund: : Birmingham Changing Futures Together – ICAT - capital spend on the ICAT IT system to support the delivery of the Birmingham Changing Futures programme, this will be amortised to the income and expenditure account over the lifetime of the programme.

BIG Lottery-- National Lottery Community Fund : Covid Support – Funding to support the Voluntary and Community sector through the impact of COVID and to support BVSC infrastructure to better provide that support.

BIG Lottery-- National Lottery Community Fund : Covid Support IT – Funding for capital spend on IT to support BVSC to support the sector, this will be depleted through depreciation charges over the lifetime of the IT equipment.

Birchfield Big Local Partnership: BVSC is the accountable Body/local trusted partner for the partnership to deliver services and improve the Birchfield local area. The partnership is funded by the Local Trust who is funded through the BIG Lottery.

Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income- Funding raised by the Birchfield Partnership to support the local community in Birchfield.

Birmingham City Council Covid Recovery – Funding from Birmingham City Council to support the Voluntary and Community Sector to recover from the impact of COVID.

Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership- Funding to enabling more effective public/third sector engagement, strategic alignment and collaboration in Birmingham. A New Integrated Programme of Strategic Support & Development for Voluntary and Community Sector.

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Birmingham Governor Network - A network providing support to school governors, the funding is held for the network and BVSC provides financial and database services to the committee of the network.

Birmingham Parent Carer Network Forum – a seconded post, employed by BVSC working with the network.

Building Grant – ESF grant for the extension of the building, depreciation is charged to this fund over the economic life of the building.

Change into Action - An initiative with West Midlands Combined Authority for donations through Just Giving to support individuals who are homeless.

Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants – a grants program to build stronger communities in light of the Commonwealth Games that were being hosted by Birmingham in 2022.

Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants – grants programme to support the sector to recover from the pandemic.

Creative Civic Change – BVSC became the Local Trusted Organisation for the is collaborative project between the Birchfield Big Local and Welsh House Farm Big Local partnerships.

Domestic Abuse Mapping –funding from BCC to carry out Domestic Abuse assessment of need, mapping exercise, review of the DA Strategy in Birmingham

Early Help -Children and Families-Funding from BCC to support families and vulnerable children through ten Voluntary Sector led local lead agencies , community grants to organisations and resilience grants to families and young adults. This support was already being developed by the Birmingham Children's Partnership but was fast tracked in response to the pandemic.

Exempt Accommodations Quality Standards - Birmingham has the largest Exempt Supported housing sector in the country. With greater and more effective scrutiny this could be an asset, enhancing the offer of accommodation for individuals experiencing homelessness. The Quality Standards alongside the 'Charter of Rights' aim to support this complex issue.

Health – Various funding to develop and engage the the voluntary and community sectors in Birmingham with health, including the Integrated Care System.

Health Engagement Grants – to small organisations to support vaccine uptake.

Holiday Activity Funds – Grants programme to support Voluntary and Community sector organisations to provide holiday activities and food for vulnerable children in the summer holidays and the Christmas holiday period.

Hope Station – is a community run radio station set up in response to the pandemic, BVSC supported the project by supporting applications and providing finance support whilst the project established itself.

Household Support Fund – Funding from BCC to support people/families in hardship with small grant payments.

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Housing First - Funding to support homelessness across the West Midlands using the principles of the Housing First model. These resources were used to support the homeless communities through the pandemic.

Levol Apps - A ESF funded international initiative to develop toolkits to manage Volunteers that can be used across Europe.

Living Wage – engagement and awareness – funding from Barrow Cadbury Trust to engage the sector on being Living Wage employers.

Mental Health Transitional Worker - funding secured to support the work of Birmingham Changing Futures Together.

Neighbourhood Network Support - To provide support to neighbourhood network schemes across Birmingham, this funding and the network were used to co-ordinate support across Birmingham during the lockdowns.

NHS Volunteering Covid Project – Funding to support the NHS with volunteers during the pandemic.

PCC-Funding Officer -Funded by the Police Crime Commissioners office to support voluntary and community organisations to access funding to address guns, gangs and violence and to address elderly isolation. Additional funding was secured to map the sector.

PCC- Mapping – funding secured to map the sector

PCC - Peer Mentors- The Police and Crime Commission have part funded the position of two Peer Mentors to support them to support people under the BCFT that are homeless, have mental health issues, are at risk of re-offending or substance misuse.

Personal Health Budget Project: Funding to support individuals to use their personal budgets to access end of life care.

Personal Health Budget – a pilot project to support people with end of life care.

Research - Research function in BVSC, funded by various funders and income generation, there has been significant development of research projects during the year- please see the Trustees report for information. .

Roots to Well Being – The portal for GPs to access third sector services for their patients was adapted and developed to provide support through the pandemic to those who needed it most.

Sector Support -to open building after covid – funding from BCC to work with ACIVICO to support the sector to open community buildings safely after lockdowns ceased.

Telephone Trees – Funding to develop and coordinate the set up of 10 telephone trees. Telephone Trees project will disseminate key information, provide peer support and social contact to overcome the barriers around lack of access to digital communications. In turn this will improve and boost emotional resilience, increase support networks and provide an ‘early warning’ system to identify potential crisis points in communities.

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Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership- We became the Local Trusted Organisation of the Welsh House Farm project funded by the Local Trust, a community led partnership approach to support the local residents to address local issues.

West Midlands Combined Authority Tool Kit -funding to develop the 'Commitment to Collaborate' toolkit.

Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager - a secondment to support youth violence prevention.

NOTE

21 ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	-	6,269	6,269
Tangible Fixed Assets	437,802	178,655	616,457
Fixed Asset Investments	6,646	-	6,646
Net Current Assets	<u>244,460</u>	<u>1,737,334</u>	<u>1,981,794</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>688,908</u>	<u>1,922,258</u>	<u>2,611,166</u>

31st March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	-	31,364	31,364
Tangible Fixed Assets	451,801	198,383	650,184
Fixed Asset Investments	4,639	-	4,639
Net Current Assets	<u>212,411</u>	<u>1,117,161</u>	<u>1,329,572</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>668,851</u>	<u>1,346,908</u>	<u>2,015,759</u>

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22 Pension

Employees have the option to join the company's defined contribution pension or have contributions made directly to their private pension scheme. There are no unpaid or prepaid pension contributions as at the balance sheet date. Pensions are allocated to unrestricted expenditure or to restricted expenditure depending upon where the salary costs for individual staff have been charged.

23 Related Party Transactions

During the year Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) sold services to: BVSC Enterprises Limited. At the balance sheet date, £Nil (2021 - £14,537) remained payable to BVSC and £8,559 (2021 - £nil) remained payable in respect of a gift aid donation. £56,025 expenditure was recharged from BVSC to BVSC Enterprises to cover costs incurred by the charity in supporting the delivery of BVSC Enterprises activities.

The Talent Match Birmingham and Solihull Limited company was renamed BVSC Kickstart in the year to help with the placements for the Kickstart project, in 2022 no balance was outstanding to BVSC. Income of £53,921 was recharged from BVSC to BVSC KickStart to cover the direct costs of the placements.

24 Post Balance Sheet Events

On 6th June 2022, the charity completed the sale of its property, with a net book value of £579,271 at 31st March 2022, for net proceeds of £3,500,000.