



Annual Accounts
Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st March 2023

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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 2023, 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).

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:	Lisa Martinali (Appointed Chair 23/1/23)
Chair:	Jonathan Drifill (Resigned 23/1/23)
Treasurer:	David Harris

Co-opted Members

David Harris
Ricky Joseph (Resigned 30/9/23)

Member Representatives

Matthew Forsyth	-	Sport 4 Life UK
Lisa Martinali	-	The Pioneer Group (until Jan 23)/St Pauls Trust (Feb 23)
Jackie Owen	-	Home from Hospital Care
Des Workman	-	Robin Day Centre

Dr Fathi Elsadig Jamil -	Community Resource Information Centre
Dawn Durrant -	Birmingham Centre for Arts Therapies
	(Appointed 23/1/23 / Resigned 14/9/23)
Matthew Daniels -	Age UK (Resigned 25/5/22))

Network Representatives

Peter Rookes	-	Birmingham Council of Faiths
Amrick Singh Ubhi	-	Nishkam Centre (Resigned 26/7/23)

City Council Representatives

Councillor Mohammed Idrees
Councillor Ken Wood

Company Directors:

Jonathan Driffill (Resigned 23/1/23)
Matthew Daniels (Resigned 25/5/22))
Dawn Durrant (Appointed 23/1/23 / Resigned 14/9/23)
Matthew Forsyth
David Harris
Cllr Mohammed Idrees
Fathi Jamil
Ricky Joseph (Resigned 30/9/23)
Lisa Martinali
Jackie Owen
Peter Rookes
Amrick Singh Ubhi (Resigned 26/7/23)
Cllr Ken Wood (Resigned 22/02/22 / Reappointed 25/7/23)
Des Workman

Chief Executive: Brian Carr

Company Secretary: Jasbir Rai

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Senior Statutory Auditor: Andrew Morris FCA

Independent Auditors: Dains Audit Limited
15 Colmore Row
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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 23rd January 2023, replaced by Articles of Association, bringing the governing document up to date with best practice and current ways of working.

BVSC's Board of Management is appointed at a General Meeting. There are provisions in the Articles of Association for a minimum of 8 board members and a maximum of 12 board members. At least 5 board members from member representative organisations, up to 5 board members co-opted to ensure the board has the right skills mix and 2 board members nominated by Birmingham City Council. The board elects its own Chair and Vice Chair and is responsible for appointing a Treasurer. 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 five places for Member Representatives on BVSC's board. These trustees are appointed to the board through a nomination and ballot process through our membership.

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.

Honorary Treasurer:

This trustee is selected by the board can be recruited through a variety of avenues including personal approaches to individuals with the relevant skills. The treasurer can be either a member representative or co-opted onto the board.

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 will be required to attend mandatory training on legal responsibilities including but not limited to Health and Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR. 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.

We are in the process of transitioning to the provisions in the new Articles of Association.

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 teamwork 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 Lisa Martinali 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 another year of real challenges.

Voluntary groups (and the communities they serve) continue to face an unprecedented array of challenges. Global unrest continues to have a huge impact on the economy, as does the ongoing after-effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The resultant cost of living crisis continues, and the rising cost of food and energy impacts the lives of citizens and organisations across Birmingham. This year has seen an added layer of uncertainty introduced into the mix with the announcement of Birmingham City Council's Section 114 notice and the arrival of government commissioners. We will be keeping a close eye on the potential impacts on local authority funded voluntary sector activity in the city, and we remain committed to working with all our partners across all sectors to do everything we can to support 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 be 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 in and support for Birmingham's voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector.

Our Vision

BVSC's vision is a Birmingham in which all people enjoy lives of inclusion, safety, wellbeing and fulfilment.

Our Mission

BVSC's mission is to support and advocate for a strong and influential voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector.

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.

Becoming an anti-racist organisation

In 2021 RACE Code consultants worked with BVSC to benchmark where we were with regards to race equality and provided us with a comprehensive report that ensures that we continue work on tackling race inequality within our organisation. We made a firm commitment to become a truly anti-racist organisation and completed the RACE Equality Code Assessment. This has given us the opportunity to join a network of other organisations, and attend Focus Group Sessions and Conferences, where best practice, progress, and any challenges can be shared.

BVSC Anti-racist Statement

BVSC is committed to being an anti-racist organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory manner, but actively working on driving out racist and discriminatory behaviours. BVSC is an organisation which prides itself on promoting inclusion, honesty and transparency with staff, our partners and organisations across the sector. We are actively reviewing and implementing initiatives which are taking us further along our journey as an anti-racist organisation. These initiatives include but are not limited to:

- Setting up the BVSC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) working group driven by a cross section of staff across BVSC
- Driving change from the top down via the Board of Trustees and appointing a Board EDI Champion
- EDI a standard Board agenda item for meetings every 2 months
- Actively implementing the RACE Code - an accountability framework based on four key principles: reporting, action, composition, and education
- Developing an EDI Strategy for BVSC

- Creating a psychologically safe environment for staff to discuss race and other EDI matters.
- Reviewing key BVSC policies through an anti-racist lens
- Creating a bespoke awareness and education programme aimed at bringing to life lived - experience of racism.
- Establishing EDI champions across the organisation who will be able to have conversations with staff about all things EDI.

The 2021 Census results revealed that Birmingham now has a demographic where ethnic minorities make up the majority of the population of the city. At BVSC we are committed to reflecting this demographic in our workforce by taking positive action to ensure more Black, Asian and other ethnic minorities are represented in our staff.

We are taking positive action to ensure our recruitment practices reflect our commitment to eliminating unconscious bias. These include and are not limited to:

- Introducing an in-depth Equalities Monitoring Forms capturing information about the makeup of our candidates to all BVSC roles. These Equalities monitoring forms can be compared to the Census data for Birmingham to ascertain if BVSC are attracting candidates reflective of the Birmingham area. This information will be used by HR and made available to the EDI group to inform changes in the recruitment process.
- Capturing EDI Data for all BVSC staff and Board of Trustees to make informed decisions around the composition of our workforce.
- Expanding the Values interview pool across the organisation. Having a larger pool of interviewers reduces the risk of unconscious bias influencing the makeup of the organisation.
- EDI focused question added as standard to interview questions.
- All adverts now containing a statement as standard to communicate our commitments as an organisation, and to encourage applicants who may not meet all the criteria to apply.
- Undertaking a review of all employee salaries to ensure that pay scales for our ethnic minority staff match those of non-minority staff.
- Being a Living Wage Employer ensuring all our staff are paid fairly.

Moving forward, BVSC will look to partner with organisations who demonstrate an equal commitment and intention to delivering active anti-racist practice. We recognise that this will look different within organisations with whom we work, however it will become a prerequisite of partnering with us. We ask that organisations can articulate their pro-active efforts towards achieving racial equity either within their organisation, or externally in the environment. We request that this is undertaken in a way that is proportionate to the size and scope of the organisation.

Review of activities:

Sale of 138 Digbeth:

Over the past ten year we have been in negotiations to sell our base at 138 Digbeth. We were based in the middle of a re-development and had no choice but to engage with the developers. In June 2022 we sold our building and moved into leased premises at Livery Place. We couldn't take our fixtures and fitting with us so we donated as much as we could to voluntary and community organisations across the city, everything from cupboards, desks, chairs, tables, conferencing equipment, the kitchen cabinets and an organisation even had the kitchen sink. Practically everything was recycled into the sector.

So what next.....

We have been looking for a building in a central location to create a hub for the sector and BVSC, we were lucky enough to purchase Latham House in 2023. Work has now started on developing this building, to create a hub for the sector, to create space for collaboration, networking, showcasing the amazing work the sector does and to create something new and exciting to meet the needs of the sector post covid and all the changes, challenges and opportunities that brought.

Activities delivered during the year:

1. BVSC Grants

Project	Description
Commonwealth Games Legacy Work (BCC)	Grants awarded ranging between ~£3k and ~£70k to 74 grant holders across the city. Bringing communities together to talk about and share their experiences of Birmingham in the build up to the Commonwealth Games and capturing the feedback and thoughts of residents from a variety of communities of the Games itself. Specific activity included development of a Peace Garden, a number of walking tours across the city, and production of a short film of residents sharing their experiences.
Addressing Homelessness (Shelter)	Small grants of ~£20k and ~£5k working with organisations in and around 3 defined areas of the city (Erdington, Handsworth and Sparkhill) who are working in the specified communities. Working with organisations to raise awareness of housing issues and homelessness in the communities and groups they are already supporting with other matters.
Engage for Ukraine (BCC)	Small grants of ~£20k and ~£5k working with organisations in and around 3 defined areas of the city (Erdington, Handsworth and Sparkhill) who are working in the specified communities. Working with organisations to raise awareness of housing issues and homelessness in the communities and groups they are already supporting with other matters.
Hardship Grants Community Fund – HSF (BCC)	Individual grant giving to eligible households in the city who are facing hardship. £200 grant awards to support households with costs associated with food and energy. BVSC engaged a network of VCFSE and statutory partners across the city to identify suitable households and work with them to complete an application for funding using an online portal.

Redundancy & Retraining – Elevate (Centre for Ageing Better)	Run an open and transparent process to identify a suitable delivery partner for a pilot project. and provide monitoring and support to the appointed delivery partner. Activity focuses on over 50s being made redundant from long term roles in the manufacturing and automotive sectors.
Compassionate Communities (BCC)	Appointing delivery partners across the city to support the promotion of open communications about end-of-life stages. Supporting delivery partners to identify community assets and undergo training.
Workforce development – Covid recovery (BCC)	Consultation and development of a toolkit for workers across the VCFSE sector, but especially those in the health & social care sector to identify, manage and reduce employee burnout, initially the context of working under covid-19 restrictions but increasingly in relation to higher demand due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Information provided by **Rosa Spawton-Rice** – Head of Grants and Partnerships

2. BVSC Research

Research and evaluation

During 2022-2023, we delivered fifteen research and evaluation projects. These are summarised in the table below:

Project	Description
Poverty Truth Commission Evaluation (Ongoing)	We are the Learning and Evaluation partner on the PTC until Summer 2024. We have provided an interim report showing an understanding of the project evolution during the first stage of the PTC, to assist the continued development and to identify barriers. A summary of topics and ideas raised by community commissioners was produced, with a focus on the types of issues and problems faced by community commissioners, and a report reflecting on the initial Theory of Change.
YEF Community Research & Co-Design Partner	This was a long-term project, which finished in December 2022 which was aimed at reducing youth violence in a specific location in Birmingham. In its final year, community researchers were trained, and then deployed to carry out research to inform co-design of an action plan. A co-design report was completed, in conjunction with a steering group convened of community partners, citizens and stakeholders. This report included an action plan, budget and risk register for the ongoing work within the community, with a particular focus on strategic development and the strategic landscape, and sustainability.
Walsall Mental Wellbeing	This evaluation consisted of process evaluations exploring early impact and learning of the four main programmes funded by the Better Mental Health Fund. Case studies from citizens were also collected from participants in the smaller grant funded activities, and programme output data on individual outcomes and beneficiary reach were analysed.
DigiKick Evaluation Partner	We are the long term (3 year) Learning Partner for DigiKick's National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) Reaching Communities grant. Two separate workshops with DigiKick staff, a set of organisational values, and a strategic workplan have been produced. Developing values and setting out a really clear strategy were designed to help DigiKick find an ideal vision for the future and a clear road map of how to get

	there.
Forward Carers Small Grants Evaluation	Forward Carers asked BVSC Research to evaluate the process of their small grant-giving programme, to assess the effectiveness of the approach they took. This information has been used by Forward Carers to fine tune their processes. The report also took a deep dive into three of the organisations who were given grants, exploring the impact of these projects for Carers.
ICS 10 Yr Strategy	The Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care Partnership has been developing a 10 Year Integrated Care Strategy. Engagement activities have taken a variety of forms, and this report includes a summary analysis and collation of all this feedback with a clear breakdown of opinions, views, insights and learning. The report also identifies any gaps in reach and key recommendations.
ICS Neighbourhood Integration (ongoing to Sept 2023)	Neighbourhood Integration (NI) is an approach that seeks to provide more effective, more appropriate support to individuals at home. This evaluation will be used to gauge early thoughts from the test sites, incorporate initial data from the Business Intelligence Team and make recommendations based on the pilot period. It will be used to help direct further performance and evaluation activity during the full roll-out.
Household Support Fund Evaluation	Two reports for two funding rounds of the Household Support Fund grant making scheme were completed, with a third to support funding round 3 to commence in March. The reports evaluated the effectiveness of the approach taken in administering the different funding tranches. The individual evaluations have iteratively informed the approach taken for subsequent funding rounds.
Covid Engagement Report	West Birmingham Covid Vaccination Engagement Partnership was in receipt of additional funding to support targeted community engagement with high impact activities in areas where uptake of the first or second dose of the covid vaccine remained low. This report analysed local organisations' responses to a citizen survey in order to capture good practice and recommendations for future engagement.
NNS Evaluation (Phase 1 – January – March 2023)	An evaluation of the Neighbourhood Network Schemes has been commissioned, to begin in April 2023. Initial setup work has been commissioned separately to analyse the effectiveness of the proposed citizen census approach. A report will be created following consultation with stakeholders.
ICS Long Covid Community Engagement	Birmingham Community Healthcare are allocating small grants to 25 organisations to run engagement activities to ascertain community awareness of long covid and any barriers to accessing the long covid service. This report will comprise analysis of data from surveys completed by citizens, analysis of feedback from attendee questionnaires and intelligence and feedback from each of the organisations.
ICS Citizen Engagement Framework	The development of an outline framework and a model of citizen representation to be used in BSOL ICS governance arrangements. This will build on good practice in citizen representation. The report will include a summary of good practice and service requirements and suggest recommendations for the model's development.
CDPH Community and Older Adults	This evaluation seeks to understand what activity/action came about as a result of participation in the Alongsiders network and what difference it has made to citizens. It will look at what barriers there

	were for practitioners in terms of involvement and what resource is required to help overcome these barriers.
Digital Inclusion Report	Ageing Better in Birmingham commissioned an independent evaluation of the Carers Digital Inclusion project, that was delivered by DigiKick for Forward Carers. The evaluation provided evidence about whether the project had achieved its outcomes and identified the impact it had on citizens. The evaluation also made recommendations to inform future work.
Vision for Volunteering	The facilitation of consultation events comprising workshops with citizens, the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector and partners about creating a Vision for Volunteering for the city. A draft vision and action plan have been created to form the basis of an ongoing strategy for the city.

Activity over the year also centred on completing activity for a series of State of the Sector 2022-2023 Insight reports:

Project	Description
Volunteering	In-person event held with approx. 60+ delegates to explore current issues regarding volunteering (developed in conjunction with the Vision for Volunteering work).
Staff wellbeing	In-person event held with approx. 40+ delegates, exploring current issues regarding staff wellbeing in the sector (including impact on recruitment/retention of staff)
Race Inequality	On-line event held in partnership with Birmingham Race Impact Group, exploring issues of race equality in the sector (delivered in partnership with Engage for Good)
Finance and Funding	On-line event exploring issues of finance and funding facing the sector in the aftermath of the pandemic and during the COL crisis.
Cost of Living Crisis	In-person event held with over 100+ delegates exploring the impact of COL on VCFSE organisations and the communities they serve. (Delivered in partnership with Engage for Good)

During 2022-2023 we worked in partnership with a range of partners to address the 'research readiness' of the VCFSE sector. These pieces of work have been funded/are being funded through the University of Birmingham, NIHR, and/or the Clinical Research Network.

Project	Description
NIHR Events Support	Two events held to explore the 'Research Readiness' of the VCFSE sector: exploring barriers to engaging in research and identifying ways in which to address these barriers. Written report highlighting key learning has also been supported by the directorate.
UOB Centre for Urban Wellbeing: Community Engagement	Commencing in March 2023, this project will focus on community engagement: providing participants (academics, community organisations based in the West Midlands, community members, research users) with opportunities to engage with and influence policy focusing on: Digital health technologies; Mental health inequalities and Disability; Workplace Health and Good Work; Healthy Environments/places.
CRN Innovation Grant (with UOB)	Due to commence in March 2023, this work is to develop a Regional Community Research Hub which will bring together best practice in research and create a central repository for good

	practice
UOB Building Participatory Research (Phase 1)	This project aimed to build capacity and knowledge exchange in participatory research and education among social care researchers and voluntary and community sector organisations (VCSOs) in Birmingham
UOB Building Participatory Research (Phase 2)	The next phase of the project (from January 2023) will seek to develop and deliver training for VCSEs and academic researchers in participatory research, focusing on engaging communities, evidencing impact and creative methodologies. It will also provide mentorship to up to five small teams of academic researchers and VCSEs to co-design and deliver social care focused research projects or bids that include people with lived experience of care.

Information provided by **Sophie Wilson** – Director of BVSC Research

3. BVSC: Communities and Older Adults

Project	Description
Neighbourhood Network Scheme and Prevention and Communities Support.	This focuses on supporting the ten area based and two thematic Neighbourhood Network Schemes (NNS) and the annual £2.7m Prevention and Communities grants programme. A key part of the work this year has been to provide advice and practical assistance to the commissioners and applicants on the recommissioning of these grants.
Fuel Poverty	Fuel poverty project led by Witton Lodge, MECC and by two advisors working in Yardley. This enabled bespoke advice for citizens at a key time of the year. In addition, MECC were carrying out community research about the needs of and solutions for the minority ethnic communities they support.
Community Development Practice Hub	Asset Based Community Development is one of the priorities of the Adult Social Care commissioners and they have agreed to fund the Community Development Practice Hub until March 2024. This legacy resource from Ageing Better is a resource for people and organisations who 'work with' people in Birmingham so they can take collective action to make changes to things that are important to them and their communities. Funding came in at the end of the year and a programme is being developed.

Information provided by **Benita Wishart** - Head of Communities and Older Adults (maternity cover)

4. BVSC: Children, Families and Young People

Project	Description
Early Help	In 22-23 BVSC continued to oversee the delivery of the VCFSE sector early help offer, the role of BVSC role is the coordination

	of the locality work across Birmingham and one to one support to the seven voluntary sector leads in each locality to support them in their role to assess local need. The core objective for the whole of the area is to build confidence in the VCFSE sector so there is a role in ongoing Early Help past the current grant end date. BVSC distributed grants to the seven voluntary sector leads on a quarterly basis and also hold responsibility for paying interpreting/translation invoices received from locality leads"
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Information provided by **Taylor McDonald** - Head of Children, Families & Young People

5. BVSC: Multiple Disadvantage

Project	Description
Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Implementation Support	BVSC hosted an embedded worker to support Birmingham City Council undertake a needs assessment around violence against women and girls. The post holder has been working with stakeholders to complete this task and transition the project towards implementation.
Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI)	BVSC via the RSI Service Lead were commissioned to assist in the development of rough sleeping services to ensure that the City's services are maximising their impact and effectiveness in reducing rough sleeping and street-based activity. This included: - Developing joint working protocols, to enhance partnership work and management of risks and where applicable service improvements and practice in line with overall rough sleeping strategy of the city, with an emphasis on the coordination and contribution of the voluntary, charitable and faith sector organisations in response to rough sleeping. - To prevent and resolve homelessness for rough sleepers through the provision of good quality, holistic housing advice and identification of appropriate accommodation solutions. - Monitor performance and compliance to complete accurate and relevant submissions of data and implement service improvements where necessary. - To build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including Experts by Experience and Birmingham's faith and community sector; strategically aligning their work in support of the rough sleeping agenda. - Gather evidence and information on the causes of rough sleeping within Birmingham; develop ideas and solutions to prevent people from rough sleeping in the first place. - Reviewing and producing reports with complex data and statistics to obtain a clear view of year-on-year challenges, patterns, like for like trends and influences. - To act as the point of contact for all rough sleeping related matters and advise Members and other Council departments on rough

	sleeping issues and keep them up to date with developments in this area.
Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards (SEAQS)	The Standards aim to highlight good practice, improve the quality of support, and help build an organisational culture that is aware of quality of support and improving individual residents' experiences and outcomes as well as Identify gaps and areas for improvement. SEAQS team have been working towards getting as many providers and managing agents signed up to the Quality Standards programme to ensure that there is sufficient fit for purpose provision to meet Birmingham's need within this sector.
Liaison and Diversion Transition Worker	The Transition and Diversion worker supports adults to access various services available via the No Wrong Door approach established by the Fulfilling Lives program and helps them to gain confidence in doing so. This role focuses on 'refer and accompany' principle as opposed to 'refer and signpost'. The aim of the role is to support people to access and engage with services within and outside the No Wrong Door Network by: - Creating trust and rapport with people - Enable people to access and engage in the services they need. - Provide practical and emotional support – having time to listen, supporting people to attend appointments. - To work in partnership with external partners ensuring the smooth transition of client referrals between agencies. - To forge positive, links and working relationships with external services and agencies.

Information provided by **Harpal Bath** – Head of Multiple Disadvantage

6. BVSC: Strategic Fundraising and Sector Support

Project	Description
Strategic Partnership Programme	BVSC continued on the 'Engage for Good' Programme. This included: raising awareness of issues such as the Real Living Wage (funded by Barrow Cadbury Trust) and social prescribing; tackling Equality, Diversity and Inclusion through signing the Birmingham Faith Covenant and delivering the VCFSE Mini Race Impact Summit (with Birmingham Race Impact Group); bringing partners together to take action on support for Ukrainians, Environment & Energy and Cost of Living issues. Throughout all, 'Engage for Good' has enabled the sector to voice and tackle challenges, work in cross-sector partnerships and take action for our communities.
Business Development and Funding Support	As well as one-to-one support provided to organisations on bid writing, BVSC has continued with our popular weekly Business Development & Funding webinars and delivered Engage for Funding (a searchable database on funding opportunities- now with ~1000 users). Our first Accelerator Programme supported organisations to further develop their business development and income generating approaches. This has all contributed to our ongoing objective of increasing funding and investment coming into Birmingham.

Community Champions Training	Funded by the Public Health Team at Birmingham City Council, the Community Champions Training aims to engage emerging community leaders with the skills and knowledge to help them be effective in their role. We delivered a blend of in-person and on-line learning to over 120 people to date. The on-line resource is free to access and can be found at Community Leadership e-learning Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (bvsc.org)
Violence Reduction Community Partnerships Manager	Funded by Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) the role aimed to broker relationships with VCFSE organisations working in youth violence prevention. Embedded at BVSC working to VRP Birmingham City Council and BVSC
Living Wage City	BVSC is a Living Wage Employer and Barrow Cadbury Trust funded BVSC to raise awareness of the Real Living Wage amongst the VCFSE sector. The real Living Wage is independently calculated based on what employees and their families need to live and is higher than the National Living Wage. The Birmingham VCFSE Cost of Living Summit in November 2022, highlighted the relationships between cost of living and the Real Living Wage with a presentation and workshop from the Living Wage Foundation to a wide audience from the VCFSE sector and partners. A Business Development and Funding Webinar on the Real Living Wage was also delivered during Living Wage Week. The Real Living Wage was also highlighted on an ongoing basis through our Living Wage City page on the BVSC website. The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic combined with rising living costs has left many VCFSE workers struggling. Despite increased demand for services, low pay is harming workers within the sector and threatening stability of the services they provide. With one in seven VCFSE sector workers being paid less than a living wage, its now more important than ever to deliver a Living Wage City.

Information provided by **Ian Henshaw** – Head of Strategic Fundraising and Sector Support

Our Engagement and Communication:

E-bulletin:

E-bulletin subscribers rose steadily throughout the year from 3028 in April 2022, to 4928 in March 2023.

Current Headline Comms Stats (as November 2023)

Website: Average page views per month around 40,000

@bvsc Twitter: 7,47 followers

Members: 540

Facebook: 1,700 followers

Linked-in: 1,994 followers

Instagram: 1,196 followers

Comms Activity and event attendance year to 31 March 2023

The Comms team helped promote a number of key BVSC activities and attended several events throughout the year, including:

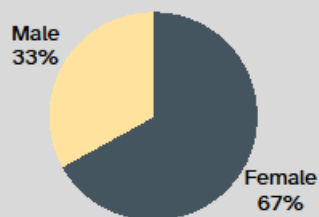
- Event: Volunteering Expo at NEC (6/4/22)
- Closure of 138 Digbeth and office move to Livery House
- Thriving Communities (Social Subscribing) project
- Sharing the Cake sessions (Community Engagement) sessions
- Engage for Good webinars
- Event: Volunteering Summit (BVSC Research) (24/11/22)
- Engage for Ukraine activities
- Embedding the VCFSE sector into Birmingham and Solihull's Integrated Care System sessions
- Refreshed Route2Wellbeing website
- State of the Sector deep-dive events and activities
- Event: Health Summit (BVSC Research) (13/2/22)
- Community Leadership Programme (Community Champions)
- Accelerator Programme

OUR STAFF

Our dedicated staff team are the heartbeat of our organisation and our recruitment process ensures that staff are recruited to our core values of commitment, collaboration, integrity and inclusion.

Our People and Culture strategy aims to help increase engagement in areas such as wellbeing, pay and benefits and leadership

The make up of our staff team



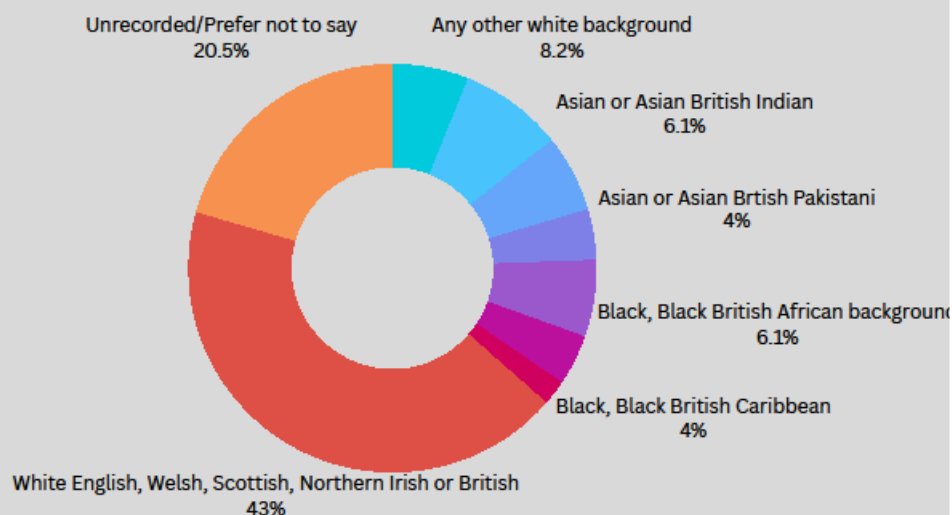
Majority
female staff



75.5 % - full time
24.4% - part time



Average Age



Average salary of all staff = £36, 302
Average salary of females = £34, 022
Average salary of males = £36, 950



Future Focus

As we set our sights on the future, we are actively engaged in initiatives to strengthen and enhance our organisation, with a particular focus on competencies, job evaluation, the fairness of our pay structure and wellbeing.



We understand that a skilled and happy workforce is fundamental to our ongoing success. To achieve this, we are diligently working to ensure that our staff possesses the necessary competencies for their respective roles. We will embed our new competency framework, ensuring it is applied fairly and consistently, and is understood by all staff members and line managers.

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 £2.835m in the year, which is made up of a surplus in unrestricted funds of £3.231m and a deficit of £396k in restricted funds after 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 surplus in unrestricted funds includes a surplus on the sale of the building of £2.973m. A new building has been purchased in 2023/2024 for £3.6m, the board have decided to designate £3.6m of the unrestricted reserves to cover the cost of the new building. Giving unrestricted funds of £320k for the year to 31st March 23.

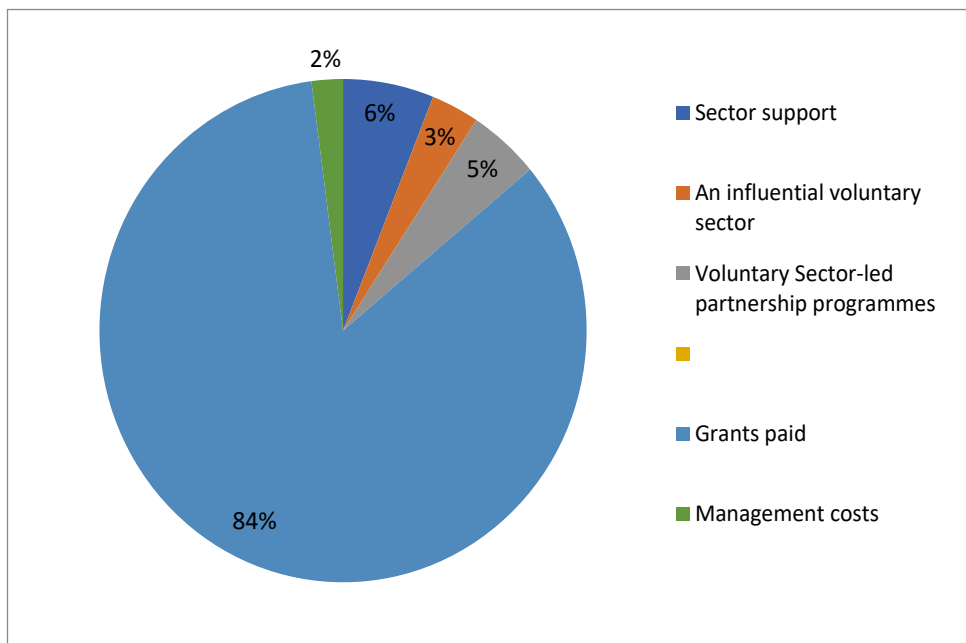
The biggest single activity during the year was that of grant making. We distributed significant funds to organisations in the Voluntary and Community sector in Birmingham and we distributed significant resources to families and individuals suffering hardship. Most of this because of the on-going impact of the cost-of-living crisis. The grant making activities accounted for just under £16m of our income and expenditure during the year.

The second significant activity during the year was the sale of the building for £3.55m.

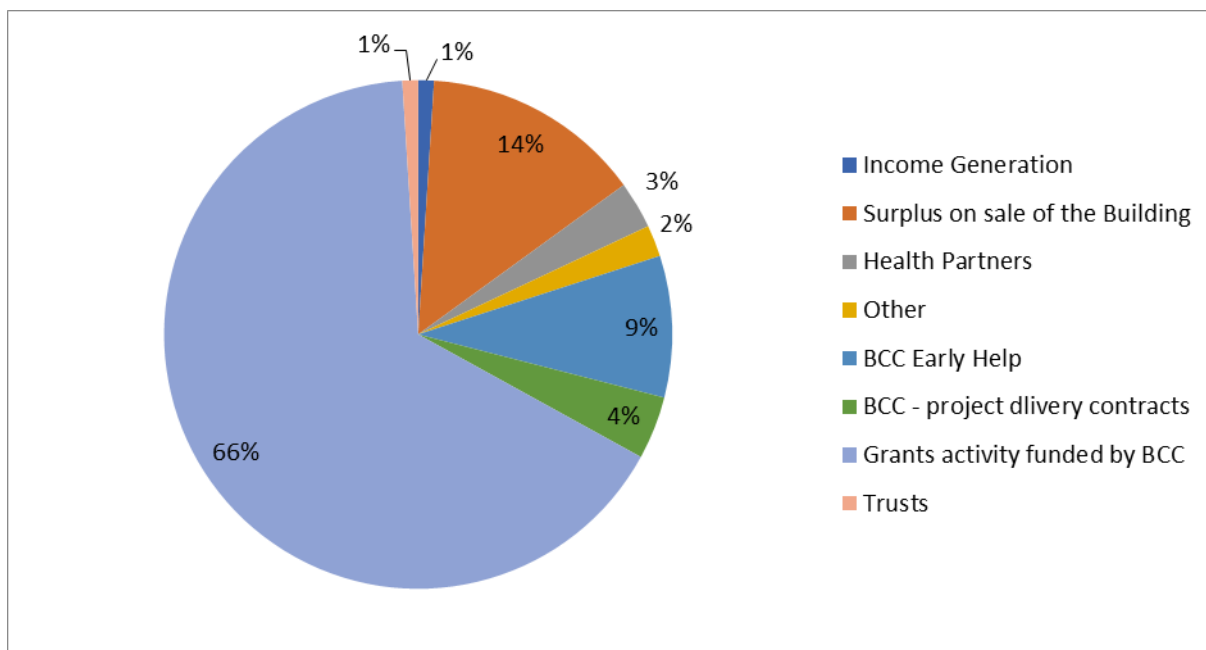
Incoming Resources and Resources Expended:

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), with the sale of BVSC's building during the year, conferencing was closed down. The figures in the accounts and the gift aid are as a result of some outstanding transactions from previous 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 have not delivered any conferencing services during the year.

BVSC KickStart Limited (formerly Talent Match Birmingham and Solihull Limited) (company registration number 09112870)
KickStart Limited was used to deliver placements under the government Kickstart scheme.

The board is made up of the two directors, we currently have one.

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 2023-2024 is £237k.

The unrestricted reserves for the year totalled £3.920m, of these £3.6m have been designated for the purchase of the new building. Therefore, the current level of free unrestricted reserves are £319k, this is higher than three months unrestricted expenditure for 23/24. In this uncertain environment, the board deem it prudent to leave the reserves at this level.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

What we do

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.

By supporting a robust voluntary and community sector informed by the lived experience of local people, we enable organisations and individuals working to deliver social change, to identify and build on existing strengths and to enhance these through volunteering and social action.

Our aim is to support a vibrant and resilient sector which in turn ensures that people from across the city feel included and engaged and have access to appropriate support from people who understand the issues and challenges they face.

Our strength comes from working in partnership with the voluntary, community, public and private sectors to develop effective responses to these challenges and to engage citizens in an exciting journey towards a better, stronger future.

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 Vision

BVSC's vision is a Birmingham in which all people enjoy lives of inclusion, safety, wellbeing and fulfilment.

Our Mission

BVSC's mission is to support and advocate for a strong and influential voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector.

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:			
<i>1: Citizens are empowered to make a positive difference.</i>	<i>2: Voluntary groups have access to the knowledge and resources needed to achieve their aims.</i>	<i>3: The voluntary sector is influential as a force for positive change.</i>	<i>4: BVSC is an independent, effective, inclusive and sustainable organisation.</i>

Key Strategic Objectives 2023-24:			
<i>1: To ensure citizens are empowered to make a positive difference, we will...</i> 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.	<i>2: To ensure voluntary groups have access to the knowledge and resources needed to achieve their aims, we will...</i> 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	<i>3: To ensure the voluntary sector is influential as a force for positive change, we will...</i> 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	<i>4: To ensure BVSC is an independent, effective, inclusive and sustainable organisation, we will...</i> 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

To support the development of a VCSE sector that meets the needs and aspirations of all our citizens.	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 practice and policy issues Build research and evaluation capacity and understanding across the VCFSE in Birmingham	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. 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 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 Lisa Martinali

Date 15/12/23

**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 2023 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 2023 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: *15 December 2023*

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING
THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

NOTE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME				
Donations and legacies	1,973	-	1,973	18,849
Income from charitable activities:				
3 Grants and contracts receivable	-	18,391,524	18,391,524	13,969,969
4 Income from other trading activities	106,642	17,520	124,162	188,534
5 Investment income	17,564	-	17,564	-
6 Other income	3,209,049	69,449	3,278,498	61,137
TOTAL INCOME	3,335,228	18,478,493	21,813,721	14,238,489
EXPENDITURE				
7 Expenditure on raising funds	23,419	-	23,419	173
8 Expenditure on charitable activities	302,847	18,650,779	18,953,626	13,644,916
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	326,266	18,650,779	18,977,045	13,645,089
14 Net gains/(losses) on investments	(2,050)	-	(2,050)	2,007
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	3,006,912	(172,286)	2,834,626	595,407
Gross transfers between funds	224,158	- 224,158	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER TRANSFERS	3,231,070	(396,444)	2,834,626	595,407
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	3,231,070	(396,444)	2,834,626	595,407
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	688,903	1,922,258	2,611,161	2,015,759
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,919,973	1,525,814	5,445,787	2,611,166

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH
2023

Company Registration: 00421688

NOTE		GROUP		COMPANY	
		2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
	FIXED ASSETS				
12	Intangible Assets	0	6,269	0	6,269
13	Tangible Assets	20,850	616,457	20,850	616,457
14	Investments	4,596	6,646	4,697	6,747
	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>25,446</u>	<u>629,372</u>	<u>25,547</u>	<u>629,473</u>
	CURRENT ASSETS				
15	Debtors	594,961	576,466	615,276	583,299
	Cash at Bank & in Hand	8,598,050	1,943,684	8,573,207	1,920,893
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>9,193,011</u>	<u>2,520,150</u>	<u>9,188,483</u>	<u>2,504,192</u>
	LIABILITIES				
16	Creditors-Amounts falling due within 1 year	3,772,670	538,356	3,772,652	526,908
	NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>5,420,341</u>	<u>1,981,794</u>	<u>5,415,831</u>	<u>1,977,284</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>5,445,787</u>	<u>2,611,166</u>	<u>5,441,378</u>	<u>2,606,757</u>
22	NET ASSETS	<u><u>5,445,787</u></u>	<u><u>2,611,166</u></u>	<u><u>5,441,378</u></u>	<u><u>2,606,757</u></u>
	THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
20	Restricted Income Funds	1,525,814	1,922,258	1,525,814	1,922,258
21	Designated Reserves	3,600,000			
21	Unrestricted Income Funds	319,973	688,908	3,915,564	684,499
22	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,445,787</u>	<u>2,611,166</u>	<u>5,441,378</u>	<u>2,606,757</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 Lisa Martinali
The notes on pages 34 to 74 form part of these accounts

Date:
15/12/23

**BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(a)	6,079,293	262,776
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Investment income	17,564	-	
Bank Charges	(14,700)	(23,381)	
		2,864	(23,381)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(2,973,205)		
Sales Proceeds from disposal of assets	3,550,000	0	
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(4,586)	(6,300)	
		(572,209)	(6,300)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing		6,654,366	233,095
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		<u>6,654,366</u>	<u>233,095</u>

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds for the year	2,836,676	593,400
Investment income	(17,564)	(0)
Bank Charges	14,700	23,381
Amortisation/Depreciation charges	29,662	65,122
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(18,495)	(292,215)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>3,234,314</u>	<u>(126,912)</u>
	<u><u>6,079,293</u></u>	<u><u>262,776</u></u>

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

(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	<u>6,654,366</u>	<u>233,095</u>
Movement in net funds and debt in the year	6,654,366	233,095
Net funds and debt at 1 April 2022	<u>1,943,684</u>	<u>1,710,589</u>
Net funds and debt at 31 March 2023	<u><u>8,598,050</u></u>	<u><u>1,943,684</u></u>

(c) Analysis of net funds/debt

	2022	Cashflow	2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,943,684	6,654,366	8,598,050
	<u><u>1,943,684</u></u>	<u><u>6,654,366</u></u>	<u><u>8,598,050</u></u>

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2023

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.

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2 Trading Subsidiaries

	BVSC Enterprises Limited	KICKSTART Limited	BVSC Management Services Limited	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Turnover	17,181	27,705	0	44,886	123,172
Cost of sales		(27,705)	0	(27,705)	(64,319)
Gross Profit	17,181	0	0	17,181	58,853
Interest receivable		0	0	0	0
Administration	4,286	0	0	4,286	(48,700)
Gift aid to BVSC	(21,467)			(21,467)	(10,153)
Operating (Loss)/Profit	0	0	0	0	0

The assets and liabilities of the subsidiaries were:

	£	£	£
Assets	25,995		
Liabilities	(21,464)		(21)
Net assets/(liabilities)	4,531	0	(21)

Representing:

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

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3. Grants and Contracts Receivable - Restricted Funds

	2023 Incoming Resources £	2022 Incoming Resources £
Accessible Social Investment for B'ham (Barrow Cadbury Connect Fund)	1,000	-
BG Lottery - Good Practice Mentors Project	50,000	-
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	(14,821)	668,585
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	(110,144)	447,753
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	74,053	86,491
Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income	10,368	9,744
Birmingham City Council Covid Recovery	-	86,514
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	200,000	200,000
Business Support Coordination	-	30,000
Change Into Action	-	22,572
Commonwealth Games		560,000
Community Development Practice Hub	104,000	-
Community Leadership Training	75,000	-

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Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants	-	450,039
Creative Civic Change	48,474	38,353
Domestic Abuse – Mapping	-	69,960
Early Help -Children and Families	2,017,704	2,035,142
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	88,603	136,094
Fairer Futures Grants	209,687	-
Health Projects:		-
Digital Inclusion	83,333	-
Health - VCS support	143,667	121,980
Health Engagement Grants	-	26,700
ICS Strategy Engagement	19,250	-
Integrated Care System	85,000	-
Integrated Care System	-	25,350
Long Covid Community Engagement	95,000	-
Personal Health Budget	-	27,782
Roots to Wellbeing	65,000	-
Telephone Trees	-	21,000

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Women's Hormonal Health	80,999	-
Covid Vaccination Programme - engagement of communities	50,000	-
		-
Holiday Activity Fund	-	3,315,480
Household Support Fund	13,863,808	4,974,995
Housing First	-	63,280
Kickstart	13,376	54,366
Living Wage -engagement and awareness (Barrow Cadbury)	8,000	4,000
Mental Health Transitional Worker	-	38,315
NAVCA Small Grants	10,000	-
Neighbourhood Network Support	99,972	128,000
Neighbourhood Network Support - Fuel Poverty	49,957	-
Redundancy and Retraining	72,452	-
Research	206,126	220,108
Rough Sleepers Initiative	51,454	-
Sector Support - to open building after covid	-	23,960
Shelter Grants	113,332	-
Ukraine -Support grants	311,000	-

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Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	158,651	83,406
Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager	<u>57,223</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,391,524</u>	<u>13,969,969</u>

NOTE

4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Consolidated trading subsidiary income*	44,886	-	44,886	66,351
Consultancy fees	-	17,520	17,520	-
Room hire	-	-	-	-
Rental income	875	-	875	45,508
Business solutions	<u>60,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,881</u>	<u>76,675</u>
	<u>106,642</u>	<u>17,520</u>	<u>124,162</u>	<u>188,534</u>

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5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit interest	17,564	-
	<u>17,564</u>	<u>6,187</u>

NOTE
6 OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Book and 'Update' income	18,527	-	18,527	27,299
Training income	4,350	6,900	11,250	-
Reimbursement of cost from Beorma Redevelopment	-	-	-	20,665
Income for moving costs	200,000	-	200,000	-
Surplus on Sale of building	2,973,205	-	2,973,199	-
Change Into Action	-	11,432	11,432	-
Exempt Accommodation - charges to organisations	-	7,779	7,779	-
Secondment	-	43,653	43,653	-
Other income	12,967	(315)	12,658	13,173
	<u>3,209,049</u>	<u>69,449</u>	<u>3,278,498</u>	<u>61,137</u>

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7 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Consolidated trading subsidiary expenditure BVSC Enterprises	(4,286)	-	(4,286)	173
KICKSTART	27,705	-	27,705	-
	<u>23,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,419</u>	<u>173</u>

NOTE

8 RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - Restricted Funds

Charitable Activity	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Grants to Individuals and Organisations (Note 8d)	Support Costs (Note 8a) £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Accessible Social Investment for B'ham (Barrow Cadbury Connect Fund)	-				17,700
BG Lottery - Good Practice Mentors Project	46,032		2,500	48,532	
BIG Awards for All	9,950			9,950	
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	1,707		5,087	6,794	787,690
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	54,855		20,985	75,840	700,673

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BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together (ICAT)	6,268		6,268	-	
BIG Lottery: covid support IT (capitalisation of cost IT equipment)	16,666		16,666	13,928	
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	115,384		5,698	121,082	108,066
Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income	10,860			10,860	9,154
Birmingham City Council Covid Recovery	800			800	90,419
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	216,024		15,500	231,524	187,433
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Secondment	33,988		3,000	36,988	2,758
Building Grant	967			967	5,800
Change Into Action	3,661		1,140	4,801	14,422
Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants	30,455	198,510		228,965	345,742
Community Leadership Training	40,677		3,500	44,177	
Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants	6,700			6,700	171
Creative Civic Change	43,582	10,225	1,997	55,804	42,307
Domestic Abuse - Mapping	14,371			14,371	58,056
Early Help -Children and Families	196,840	1,810,118	20,000	2,026,958	2,012,174
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	106,037		18,739	124,776	105,416
Health Projects:	-				

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Digital Inclusion	15,510	46,002	5,000	66,512	
Health - VCS support	204,406	-		204,406	51,017
Health Engagement Grants	-				16,000
ICS Strategy Engagement	6,250	12,000	1,000	19,250	
Integrated Care System	71,871		12,000	83,871	
Integrated Care System	-				4,943
Long Covid Community Engagement	18,234	75,000	2,531	95,765	
Personal Health Budget	2,599			2,599	47,950
Population Health management	-	12,000		12,000	
Roots to Wellbeing	13,602		9,200	22,802	3,400
Telephone Trees	3,535			3,535	24,465
Women's Hormonal Health	33,921	44,570	2,815	81,306	
Covid Vaccination Programme - engagement of communities	14,000		4,000	18,000	
Holiday Activity Fund	9,698			9,698	3,271,933
Hope Station -community project	-				1,914
Household Support Fund	307,552	13,401,175	214,367	13,923,094	4,843,518
Kickstart	2,008			2,008	66,041

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Living Wage -engagement and awareness (Barrow Cadbury)	7,149			7,149	
Mental Health Transitional Worker	19,279		4,748	24,027	26,599
NAVCA Small Grants	-	4,000		4,000	
Neighbourhood Network Support	110,331		10,000	120,331	95,205
Neighbourhood Network Support Fuel Poverty	46,338	30,000		76,338	
Police & Crime Commissioner-Funding Officer	-				265
Police & Crime Commissioner-Mapping	-				2,000
Redundancy and Retraining	9,775	51,608		61,383	
Research	216,247	4,300	11,162	231,709	253,732
Rough Sleeping Initiative	57,187		3,250	60,437	50,322
Sector Support - to open building after covid	-				15,320
Shelter Grants	3,057			3,057	
Ukraine -Support grants	5,569	219,327	3,113	228,009	
Violence Against Women and Girls	20,497			20,497	
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	137,853		6,844	144,697	116,993
Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager	46,274		5,202	51,476	1,093
Total Resources Expended on Charitable Activities	2,338,566	15,918,835	393,378	18,650,779	13,394,619

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8a ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

Charitable Activity	Management £	Accommodation Costs £	Finance Costs £	Human Resources £	IT £	Total 2023 £
BG Lottery - Good Practice Mentors Project	550	700	625	375	250	2,500
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	1,119	1,424	1,272	763	509	5,087
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	4,617	5,876	5,246	3,148	2,099	20,985
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	1,254	1,595	1,425	855	570	5,698
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	3,410	4,340	3,875	2,325	1,550	15,500
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Secondment	660	840	750	450	300	3,000
Change Into Action	251	319	285	171	114	1,140
Community Leadership Training	770	980	875	525	350	3,500
Creative Civic Change	439	559	499	300	200	1,997
Early Help -Children and Families	4,400	5,600	5,000	3,000	2,000	20,000
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	4,123	5,247	4,685	2,811	1,874	18,739

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Health Projects:

-Digital Inclusion	1,100	1,400	1,250	750	500	5,000
-ICS Strategy Engagement	220	280	250	150	100	1,000
-Integrated Care System	2,640	3,360	3,000	1,800	1,200	12,000
-Long Covid Community Engagement	557	709	633	380	253	2,531
-Roots to Wellbeing	2,024	2,576	2,300	1,380	920	9,200
-Women's Hormonal Health	619	788	704	422	282	2,815
-Covid Vaccination Programme - engagement of communities	880	1,120	1,000	600	400	4,000
Household Support Fund	47,161	60,023	53,592	32,155	21,437	214,367
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
Research	2,456	3,125	2,791	1,674	1,116	11,162
Rough Sleeping Initiative	715	910	813	488	325	3,250
Ukraine -Support grants	685	872	778	467	311	3,113
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	1,506	1,916	1,711	1,027	684	6,844
Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager	1,144	1,457	1,301	780	520	5,202
Totals	86,543	110,146	98,345	59,007	39,338	393,378

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

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

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Health - Voluntary sector support	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holiday Activity Fund	10,532	13,404	11,968	7,181	4,787	47,872
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	79,372	106,819	91,336	54,117	36,078	367,722

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

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8b RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - Unrestricted Funds

Activity	2023	2022
	£	£
Business Solutions	49,666	69,714
Tenants	797	859
Training	2,000	0
Membership and Communications	29,234	16,856
Strategic work	26,309	18,680
Management and Administration	18,488	10,791
Building negotiations costs	34,129	35,725
Accommodation costs	86,615	69,134
Finance, HR, IT	53,942	24,599
Conferencing costs not charged to subsidiary	1,667	3,939
Total Resources Expended on Charitable Activities	<u>302,847</u>	<u>250,297</u>

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8c RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure		
Staff costs	1,903,334	1,722,052
Running costs	31,869	29,933
Computer costs	84,875	74,275
Room hire/catering	38,055	50,957
Professional fees/consultancy	25,578	40,066
Publicity/publications	34,658	35,376
Cleaning	21,436	46,748
Maintenance and repairs	8,113	30,502
Depreciation	29,662	65,121
Heat/light/rates	12,723	28,754
Insurance	(3,456)	16,954
Bank charges	14,700	23,381
Sub-contracts with partners	(3,768)	570,482
Other direct delivery costs	812,932	711,517
Grant payments	15,918,835	10,168,875
Volunteer expense	1,941	5,104
Governance	22,139	24,819
Total Resources Expended	<u>18,953,626</u>	<u>13,644,916</u>

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8d RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GRANT PAYMENTS

			2023
Grants Programme	No of grants to individuals	No of grants organisations	Grants paid
Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants		84	198,510
Creative Civic Change		2	10,225
Early Help -Children and Families		7	1,810,118
Health Projects:			
Digital Inclusion		5	46,002
ICS Strategy Engagement		17	12,000
Long Covid Community Engagement		25	75,000
Population Health management		12	12,000
Women's Hormonal Health		2	44,570
Household Support Fund	90,274		12,901,175
Household Support Funds - Lead Agencies Grants		24	500,000

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NAVCA Small Grants	9	4,000
Neighbourhood Network Support Fuel Poverty	1	30,000
Redundancy and Retraining	1	51,608
Research	1	4,300
Ukraine -Support grants	17	219,327
Total	90,274	207
		15,918,835

Grants Programme	No of grants to individuals	No of grants organisations	2022 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	1292		123,785
Holiday Activities Fund		94	3,139,935
Household Support Fund	28256		4,183,691
Household Support Funds - Lead Agencies Grants		9	500,000
Research Grants		3	62,001
Total	29,548	220	10,168,875

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STAFF COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	1,569,641	1,462,291
Redundancy Costs	-	7,040
Social Security Costs	163,394	142,064
Pensions	70,657	68,549
	<u>1,803,692</u>	<u>1,679,944</u>

No redundancy costs were paid during the year and no payments were outstanding as at the 31st March 2023.

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 are £152,787 (last year £143,079).

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10 NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

Net Income is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation and amortisation	29,662	65,122
Auditor's remuneration - audit fee	8,925	8,075

NOTE

11 AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

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

	2023	2022
Senior managers	11	9
Project Staff	27	25
Corporate services and income generation	12	14
Total number of staff	<u>50</u>	<u>48</u>

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12 INTANGIBLE ASSETS	IT Software
GROUP AND COMPANY	£
Cost or Revaluation at 31 March 2022	131,740
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>131,740</u>
Depreciation at 31 March 2022	125,471
Charges for the Year	6,269
On Disposals	-
Depreciation at 31 March 2023	<u>131,740</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2022	<u>6269</u>

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13 TANGIBLE ASSETS
GROUP AND COMPANY

	Equipment	Freehold Property	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or Revaluation at 31 March 2022	105,505	935,095	1,040,600
Additions	4,586	-	4,586
Disposals	-	935,095	935,095
At 31 March 2023	<u>110,091</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,091</u>
Depreciation at 31 March 2022	68,319	355,824	424,143
Charges for the Year	20,922	2,471	23,393
On Disposals		358,295	358,295
Depreciation at 31 March 2023	<u>89,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,241</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2023	<u>20,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,850</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2022	<u>37,186</u>	<u>579,271</u>	<u>616,457</u>

Freehold Property

138 Digbeth was sold in June 2022, for £3,550,000, giving a surplus of £2,973,205.

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14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022	Disposals	Gain/(loss) in the year	2023
	£			£
UK Listed Investments				
1075 Avivs Plc 25p Ordinary Shares (Original Cost £1,231)	6,396	-	(2,050)	4,346
	6,396	-	(2,050)	4,346
Unlisted investments	250			250
Group	6,646	-	(2,050)	4,596
Shares in Wholly Owned Subsidiary Companies:				
BVSC Enterprises Limited	100	-	-	100
BVSC Management Services Limited	1	-	-	1
Company	6,747	-	(2,050)	4,697

NOTE

15 DEBTORS (FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	506,358	467,754	505,206	467,754
Other debtors	88,603	108,712	88,603	106,986
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	-	21,467	8,559
	594,961	576,466	615,276	583,299

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16 CREDITORS (FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	-	9,833	-	-
Other creditors	959,253	711	959,232	690
*Funds held on behalf of Voluntary Organisations	64,775	64,775	64,775	64,775
Taxation & social security	147,112	89,537	147,115	89,537
Accruals & deferred income	2,601,530	373,500	2,601,530	371,906
	<u>3,772,670</u>	<u>538,356</u>	<u>3,772,652</u>	<u>526,908</u>

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

NOTE

17 DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income:

	Early Help	Research	Total
	£	£	£
2022 b/fwd.			
2023 deferred income	122,313	203,342	325,655
2023 c/fwd.	<u>122,313</u>	<u>203,342</u>	<u>325,655</u>

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18 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 2022). Trustees' liability insurance has been obtained as part of the
overall insurance cover - no details are available as to the separate cost of this.

NOTE

19 OPERATING LEASES

At 31st March 2023, the group had future minimum lease payments under non
cancellable leases as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
< 1 year	38,644	404
1-5 years	0	404
	<u>38,644</u>	<u>808</u>

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20 RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

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

	<u>Movement in Funds</u>				
	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Accessible Social Investment for B'ham (Barrow Cadbury Connect Fund)	-				
	1,936	1,000		936	
BG Lottery - Good Practice Mentors Project		50,000	(48,532)		1,468
BIG Awards for All	9,317		(9,950)	633	
BIG Lottery Ageing Better	24,166	(14,821)	(6,794)		2,551
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together	202,893	(110,144)	(75,840)	(16,909)	
BIG Lottery: Birmingham Changing Futures Together (ICAT)	6,268		(6,268)		
BIG Lottery: covid support	1,801			(1,801)	0
BIG Lottery: covid support IT (capitalisation of cost IT equipment)	27,855		(16,666)		11,189
Birchfield Big Local Partnership	(16,044)	74,053	(121,082)		(63,073)
Birchfield Big Local Partnership other income	4,313	10,368	(10,860)		3,821
Birmingham city Council Covid Recovery	38,108		(800)		37,308
Birmingham City Council Strategic Partnership	19,354	206,900	(231,524)		(5,270)
Birmingham Governors Network	3,403			(3,403)	
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Secondment	(2,758)	43,653	(36,988)		3,907
Building Grant	150,800		(967)	(149,833)	
Business Support Coordination	30,000				30,000
Change Into Action	23,368	11,432	(4,801)		29,999
Commonwealth Games Legacy Grants	214,258		(228,965)		(14,707)
Community Development Practice Hub		104,000			104,000
Community Leadership Training		75,000	(44,177)		30,823
Compassionate Communities/Covid Recovery Grants	449,868		(6,700)		443,168
Creative Civic Change	17,824	48,474	(55,804)		10,494

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Domestic Abuse - Mapping	11,904		(14,371)	2,467	
Early Help -Children and Families	52,284	2,017,704	(2,026,958)		43,030
Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards	19,369	96,382	(124,776)		(9,025)
Fairer Futures Grants		209,687			209,687
Health Projects:					
Digital Inclusion		83,333	(66,512)		16,821
Health - VCS support	115,686	144,587	(204,406)	4,392	60,259
Health Engagement Grants	10,700				10,700
ICS Strategy Engagement		19,250	(19,250)		
Integrated Care System		85,000	(83,871)		1,129
Integrated Care System	15,556				15,556
Level Apps	4,392			(4,392)	
Long Covid Community Engagement		95,000	(95,765)		(765)
Personal Health Budget	531		(2,599)		(2,068)
Population Health management	25,000		(12,000)		13,000
Roots to Wellbeing	(2,309)	65,000	(22,802)		39,889
Telephone Trees	3,535		(3,535)		
Women's Hormonal Health		80,999	(81,306)		(307)
Covid Vaccination Programme - engagement of communities	(32,000)	50,000	(18,000)		
Holiday Activity Fund	43,547		(9,698)	(33,849)	
Household Support Fund	131,477	13,863,808	(13,923,094)		72,191
Housing First	124,829				124,829
Housing First Personalisation Fund	7,666				7,666
Kickstart	(11,675)	13,376	(2,008)	307	
Living Wage -engagement and awareness (Barrow Cadbury)	4,000	8,000	(7,149)		4,851
Mental Health Transitional Worker	81,069		(24,027)		57,042
NAVCA Small Grants		10,000	(4,000)		6,000
Neighbourhood Network Support	79,653	99,972	(120,331)	(26,381)	32,913
NHS Volunteering Covid Project	10,942				10,942
NNS Fuel Poverty		49,957	(76,338)	26,381	
PCC - Peer Mentors	11,020			(11,020)	

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PCC- Mapping	7,426				7,426
PCC-Funding Officer	8,472				8,472
Redundancy and Retraining		72,452	(61,383)		11,069
Research	10,492	226,647	(231,709)		5,430
Rough Sleepers Initiative		51,454	(60,437)		(8,983)
Sector Support - to open building after covid	8,640			(8,640)	
Shelter Grants		113,332	(3,057)		110,275
Ukraine -Support grants		311,000	(228,009)		82,991
Use IT (ESF funded project)	-				
Violence Against Women and Girls			(20,497)		(20,497)
Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership	(24,759)	154,415	(144,697)		(15,041)
West Midlands Combined Authority Tool Kit	3,046			(3,046)	
Youth Violence Prevention Programme Manager	(1,093)	57,223	(51,476)		4,654
	1,922,259	18,478,493	(18,650,779)	(224,158)	1,525,814

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21 UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	<u>Movement in Funds</u>				
	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Unrealised gain (loss) £
Unrestricted funds	688,903	3,335,228	(326,266)	(3,375,842)	(2,050)
Designated Funds*				3,600,000	
	688,903	3,335,228	(326,266)	224,158	(2,050)
					3,919,973

* Reserves designated for the purchase of a new building.

Notes to Restricted Reserves:

Accessible Social Investment for Birmingham - 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 – Good Practice Mentors Project – Underspend from the Ageing Better programme was agreed to support an additional year activity to support the embedding of learning and legacy of Ageing Better in Birmingham

BIG Lottery- National Lottery Community Fund - Ageing Better - funding to develop a vision and strategy for the Ageing 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

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Integrated Programme of Strategic Support & Development for Voluntary and Community Sector.

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. This has been transferred to unrestricted reserves upon the sale of the building to which it related.

Business Support Co-ordination – to provide support to organisations in Birmingham.

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.

Community Development Practice Hub - is a resource for people and organisations who 'work with' people in Birmingham so they can take collective action to make changes to things that are important to them and their communities.

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.

Fairer Futures Grants - an initiative developed by partners in the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System to tackle health inequalities.

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Health:

-Digital Inclusion – , this project was first phase public engagement exploring Accessibility, Connectivity and Digital Literacy

-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.

-ICS Strategy Engagement- VCFSE organisations were provided with micro grants to engage with communities on the ICS 10 Year Strategy

- Integrated Care System - Funded through the ICB and working in partnership with WCAVA, delivered various strands of activity and further developed relationships with system partners

-Long Covid Community Engagement - small grants to engage within their communities to increase awareness of Long Covid

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

-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.

-Women's Hormonal Health – working to develop a new service to support working women with menopausal issues to stay in or return to the workplace

-Covid Vaccination Programme – Funding to engage with communities to encourage uptake of the covid vaccination

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.

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

Housing First - Funding to support homelessness across the West Midlands using the principles of the Housing First model.

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.

NAVCA – small grants – small grants to support organisations to support people with the cost-of-living crisis

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.

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NNS Fuel Poverty – to work with organisations to support citizens facing fuel poverty.

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.

Redundancy and Retraining – Support for older adults facing redundancy, to support them to retrain with a view to gaining alternative employment.

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.

Shelter Grants - Working with organisations to raise awareness of housing issues and homelessness in specific communities in three geographical locations in Birmingham.

Ukraine – Support grants – a grant scheme to support organisations working with refugees displaced as a result of the Ukraine war.

Violence against Women and Girls - embedded worker to support Birmingham City Council undertake a needs assessment around violence against women and girls.

Welsh House Farm Big Local Partnership- We are 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.

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

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22 ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	-	-	-
Tangible Fixed Assets	9,661	11,189	20,850
Fixed Asset Investments	4,596	-	4,596
Net Current Assets	<u>3,905,716</u>	<u>1,514,625</u>	<u>5,420,341</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,919,973</u>	<u>1,525,814</u>	<u>5,445,787</u>

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>

NOTE

23 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.

NOTE

24 Related Party Transactions

A payment in respect of Gift Aid remained payable to BVSC from BVSC Enterprises of £21,467 as at the balance sheet date (2022: £8559).