
UNIVERSITIES COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION OF TEACHERS

UNAUDITED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

Executive committee	Stefanie Sullivan, Chair Lisa Murtagh, Vice Chair Kevin Mattinson, Treasurer Pat Black (resigned 31 August 2023) Clare Brooks (resigned 31 August 2023) Hazel Bryan (resigned 31 August 2023) Sean Cavan (resigned 31 August 2023) Jake Capper (resigned 31 August 2023) Caroline Daly (resigned 31 August 2023) Clare Ball Smith Spencer Henessey (resigned 31 August 2023) Vini Lander (resigned 31 August 2023) David Littlefair (resigned 31 August 2023) Rachel Lofthouse (resigned 31 August 2023) Margaret Mulholland (resigned 31 August 2023) James Nelson (resigned 31 August 2023) Tanya Ovenden-Hope (resigned 31 August 2023) Elaine Sharpling (resigned 31 August 2023) Paul Vare (resigned 31 August 2023) Jenny Wynn (resigned 31 August 2023) Helen Yorke (appointed 1 September 2023) Bryony Black (appointed 1 September 2023) Andrew Clapham (appointed 1 September 2023) Sarah Stewart (appointed 1 September 2023) Lizana Oberholzer (appointed 1 September 2023) Megan Stephenson (appointed 1 September 2024) Dr Martin Hagan (appointed 1 September 2024) Jo Elliot (appointed 1 September 2024)
Charity registered number	275082
Registered office	Salisbury House Station Road Cambridge CB1 2LA
Executive director	Mr J Noble-Rogers
Accountants	Peters Elworthy & Moore Chartered Accountants Salisbury House Cambridge CB1 2LA
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc PO Box 2 Cambridge CB2 3PZ

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
ADVISERS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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UNIVERSITIES COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION OF TEACHERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The Executive Committee present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Universities Council for the Education of Teachers (UCET) (the charity) for the year ended 31 July 2024. The Council confirm that the Council's Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the 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) (second edition - October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

● Policies and objectives

The object of UCET is to promote high standards in the education and professional development of teachers and other professional educators and to encourage educational enquiry and research. To this end it will:

- Facilitate communication and co-operation between members.
- Provide a forum for sharing information across the UK and internationally.
- Enhance the quality and impact of education through the application and championing of research.
- Influence the development and implementation of policy by working in partnership with other agencies and by undertaking communications activities.
- Champion the professional status of educators throughout the UK.
- Articulate the role of education as an interdisciplinary field of study that adds value to the creation and communication of knowledge within the higher education community.

The current UCET strategy was launched in September 2020.

The vision is:

All teachers are confident, competent and independent professionals able to draw upon and contextualise a shared base of professional knowledge built on high quality research.

The mission is:

To advocate for and support high quality teacher education by supporting our membership and working in professional collaborations with other organisations, drawing on relevant research and acting in accordance with the principles we believe should underpin effective teacher education.

UCET provides public benefit through the identification and promulgation of best practice in teacher education, by disseminating the findings of education research and by supporting universities involved in teacher education & education research. In the exercise of our powers to that end we have paid due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

The current strategy will be reviewed in 2025, alongside UCET's governance and organisational structure.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Executive Committee have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

● Key objectives and strategies

UCET's key objectives, and strategies for achieving those objectives, for the period of this report are to:

- Work to develop coherent pathways of career-long professional development for all teachers that are informed by research and models of effective partnership;
- Collaborate to secure a cohesive and sustainable teacher education infrastructure that meets the needs of all learners by promoting the distinctive contribution of the HE sector to teacher education and the importance of a qualified workforce;
- Engage with policy and practice, collaborating with partners from schools, children's centres, colleges, the research community and from government and other organisations to secure effective initial teacher education and continuing professional development.

To achieve these priorities we will:

- Advocate: We will represent and support professional teacher educators and promote the skills, expertise and knowledge base of higher education and its access to research from across the UK and overseas;
- Support our membership: Offer information, advice and other services and support a cohesive professional community that reflects changing and differing policy contexts and is based on research and evidence;
- Develop our operational effectiveness: Be a responsive, efficient and effective organisation, meeting the needs of all our members.

● Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Significant activities that contribute towards meeting the above objectives include:

- Regular committee meetings, forums, seminars, conferences and symposia to facilitate the sharing of information, views and best practice amongst the membership;
- Keeping members informed of all relevant recent local, regional, national and international issues and developments;
- Input into the development of policies and procedures by government and other key agencies;
- Providing focused advice and support to individual member institutions; and
- Continuous monitoring and review of internal processes and procedures.

● Grant-making policies

Most years UCET has awarded Gordon Kirk travel scholarships worth up to £2,000 each to colleagues from member institutions who are new to teacher education to undertake research in other countries. These are funded through a donation from the Hewett Driver Trust. The 2024 award winners were: Jaswinder Dhillon from Worcester, Lizana Oberholzer from Wolverhampton and Declan Hamblin from UCL.

● Volunteers

All committee and forum members contribute their time (one meeting each term) free of charge. Committee and forum chairs, vice chairs and officers contribute increased amounts of time through, inter alia, attendance at formal policy and business meetings.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- **Review of activities**

Progress of achievement against objectives is considered regularly by the Executive Committee and by the Management Forum. Full details can be found in the termly newsletters issued at the end of each term.

We assess success against the stated aims and objectives on an ongoing basis, taking account of (inter-alia): the results of inspections of teacher education carried out by regulatory bodies; monitoring of how the content of teacher education programmes are consistent with both regulatory requirements and the principles of effective teacher education outlined in the UCET Intellectual Base of Teacher Education (IBTE) report; tracking the extent of our engagement on behalf of the sector with government and other statutory agencies; keeping track of the events and advice we provide for member institutions; and receiving oral feedback at meetings from member institutions.

- **Investment policy and performance**

UCET's Investment Policy is to maximise income while maintaining the level of the investments. The Investment Manager appointed on behalf of UCET manages the portfolio in a way that, while having due consideration to risk, maximises returns.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- **Reserves policy**

It is the Council's policy to maintain the unrestricted fund balance at a sufficient level to enable UCET to continue for a period of 12 months (1 years expenditure on average is £260,000). The Council considers that the level of free reserves (unrestricted funds less fixed asset investments and provision for liabilities), currently £70,620 (2023: £115,781), is adequate as the majority of the general reserves are investments and can be realised per the investment policy if required.

- **Financial Review**

The Statement of Financial Activities sets out the incoming and outgoing resources for the year and shows a net surplus of £422,349 (2023: surplus of £80,389) after investment gains and losses. The balance sheet summarises the financial position. At the year-end restricted funds were £33,524 (2023: £31,585) and unrestricted funds were £1,056,849 (2023: £636,439). The Council considers the state of the Charity's affairs to be satisfactory.

The significant event that might have impacted on UCET's longer term finances was the decision by DofE not to accredit 13 of its member organisations to deliver ITE from 2024/25. However, with UCET support, most of these will continue to have a role in teacher education from 2024/25 and the trustees expect most will continue to be members of UCET.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

● Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risks facing the organisation and its membership are those resulting from changes to the development and implementation of teacher education policy, and are mitigated (in accordance with the strategic plan) by maintaining an open and constructive dialogue with policy makers and by continuing to provide a valuable service to member institutions. The situation is kept under constant review by employees and trustees, and formally considered at each meeting of the Executive Committee. A new approach to risk assessment will be developed in the context of a review of UCET's strategy, governance and organisational structure.

The Executive Committee has an ongoing brief to consider:

1. all external policy and political developments which might impact on UCET as an organisation and its member institutions, and to consider actions that might be taken in response; and
2. the finances, reputation and influence of UCET as an organisation.

● Future plans

UCET will continue to provide services in support of its member institutions and to represent their interests.

● Principal funding

UCET's principal source of funding is the annual subscriptions paid by member institutions. This is supplemented by income from publications and events such as conferences, seminars, discussion meetings and symposia. All funds received, from whatever source, are used to meet the objectives of the organisation through the provision of advice, the sharing of information, the hosting of events, attendance at events and meeting and communicating with key decision makers and influencers.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

● Constitution

The Universities Council for the Education of Teachers was formally constituted in the summer of 1967 by an amalgamation of the Conference of Institute Directors and the Conference of Heads of University Departments of Education. In September 1993 they came together with the Polytechnics Council for the Education of Teachers to form a new enlarged UCET. A revised Constitution was approved and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Council on 14 March 1996. This has enabled University sector Colleges to join UCET. Further revisions to the Constitution were approved in December 2006, December 2012, July 2014 and July 2023.

● Methods of appointment or election of Executive committee

Each teacher education institution which is a subscriber to the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers may nominate one member to the Council for a one year period.

The supreme decision-taking body in UCET is the Executive Committee, members of which will have the legal and other responsibilities of trustees of the organisation.

The Executive Committee consists of:

- The Honorary Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect (the person elected as Chair for the coming year, in relevant years only) and Treasurer, as elected by the members of the UCET Council.
- The chairs of each forum/committee, as elected by members of the forum/committee concerned and the Chair of the UCET Assembly.
- Three members elected by the UCET Council.
- Up to three members co-opted by the Committee.

Co-opted members of the Executive are selected in the light of organisational priorities and an audit of the skills, experience and background of existing Executive Committee members. Other members of the Committee are elected by the constituencies described above.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Those who served on the Executive Committee (who are the Trustees of the Charity) during the year covered by this report were:

Stefanie Sullivan, Chair
 Lisa Murtagh, Vice Chair
 Kevin Mattinson, Treasurer
 Roger Woods
 Jan Ashbridge
 Pat Black
 Clare Brooks
 Hazel Bryan
 Sean Cavan
 Jake Capper
 Caroline Daly
 Spencer Hennessey
 Vini Lander
 David Littlefair
 Rachel Lofthouse
 Margaret Mullholland
 Tanya-Ovenden-Hope
 James Nelson
 Lynn Senior
 Elaine Sharpling
 Paul Vare
 Jenny Wynn
 Clare Ball-Smith
 Helen Yorke
 Bryony Black
 Andrew Clapham
 Sarah Stewart
 Lizana Oberholzer

All key strategic decisions are taken by the Executive Committee in the light of advice from the Executive Director and other senior staff and, where relevant, the appropriate forum or committee. Operational and strategy implementation decisions are taken by the Executive Director in consultation with relevant colleagues and trustees.

Forums and committees during the year in question were:

- Continuing Professional Development.
- Initial Teacher Education Primary & Early Years.
- Initial Teacher Education Secondary.
- Management Forum.
- Research & International.
- Universities and Schools Council for the Education of Teachers (Cymru).
- UCET Northern Ireland.

There was also a School Reference Group consisting of senior school leaders and selected members of the Executive Committee. This group was put into abeyance at the end of the year in question.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

- **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Executive committee**

Each member institution is entitled to one formal representative on each standing forum (other than USCET & Northern Ireland committee, which include representatives from member institutions in those countries only). The Chairs and Vice Chairs of each forum/committee are elected by forum/committee members. Member institutions supplying the Chair and Vice Chair of a forums and committees are entitled to an additional place on that forum or committee.

New trustees are sent a summary of their responsibilities by the Executive Director and briefed by them, along with the support of existing trustees.

- **Pay policy for key management personnel**

Remuneration for all staff (including the Executive Director) is agreed by the Executive Committee based on advice from the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. The Executive Director meets regularly with the Chair, Vice Chair and Chair of the Assembly to discuss progress made, and the Executive Committee receives regular reports on the activities of the Executive Director.

Key management is carried out by the Executive Director. In the 2023/24 year this remuneration was £126,052, including employer's costs (2023: £121,617).

- **Relationships with other organisations**

UCET has working relations with a number of other voluntary sector organisations as and when required, notably the National Association of School Based Teacher Trainers (NASBTT), which performs a similar function to UCET for the school- based teacher training sector.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive Committee are responsible for preparing the Executive committee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Executive Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Executive Committee are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Stefanie Sullivan
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Stefanie Sullivan
Chair
Date: 19 March 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive committee of Universities Council for the Education of Teachers ('the charity')

I report to the charity Executive Committee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Executive Committee of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

This report is made solely to the charity's Executive committee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Executive committee those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Executive committee as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Kelly Bretherick*

Dated: 13 April 2025

Kelly Bretherick

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Peters Elworthy & Moore
Chartered Accountants, Salisbury House, Cambridge. CB1 2LA

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	As restated Total funds 2023 £
	Note				
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities	4	554,240	-	554,240	494,543
Investments	5	29,373	-	29,373	22,442
TOTAL INCOME		583,613	-	583,613	516,985
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	263,941	-	263,941	418,875
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		263,941	-	263,941	418,875
NET INCOME BEFORE NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS		319,672	-	319,672	98,110
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	100,738	1,939	102,677	(17,721)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		420,410	1,939	422,349	80,389
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		636,439	31,585	668,024	587,635
Net movement in funds	15	420,410	1,939	422,349	80,389
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,056,849	33,524	1,090,373	668,024

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

	Note	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	738	1,690
Investments	11	986,229	663,475
		<u>986,967</u>	<u>665,165</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	388,399	363,929
Cash at bank and in hand	18	273,010	392,805
		<u>661,409</u>	<u>756,734</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(558,003)	(611,058)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		103,406	145,676
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,090,373	810,841
Provisions for liabilities	14	-	(142,817)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,090,373	668,024
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	15	33,524	31,585
Unrestricted funds	15	1,056,849	636,439
TOTAL FUNDS		1,090,373	668,024

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Executive committee and signed on their behalf by:

Stefanie Sullivan

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Stefanie Sullivan

Chair

Date: 19 March 2025

The notes on pages 16 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	17	70,909	13,731
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends and interests from investments		29,373	22,442
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	10	-	(699)
Purchase of investments	11	(225,517)	(20,652)
Proceeds from sale of investments		4,845	-
NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(191,299)	1,091
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		(120,390)	14,822
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		393,552	378,730
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	18	273,162	393,552

The notes on pages 16 to 33 form part of these financial statements

UNIVERSITIES COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION OF TEACHERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Universities Council for the Education of Teachers is an unincorporated charity. The registered office is 9-11 Endleigh Gardens, London, WC1H 0EH.

The principal activity of the Charity is to promote high standards in the education and professional development of teachers, other professional educators, and to encourage educational enquiry and research, with particular reference to topics which are the special concern of those engaged in higher education based teaching, and to disseminate the results of such enquiries and research.

A summary of accounting policies adopted is set out below.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Universities Council for the Education of Teachers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity and have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Executive committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.4 INCOME

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Membership income is recognised in the period to which it relates, with subscriptions paid in advance being deferred.

Conference income is recognised when the event takes place.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.5 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- 33%
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2.7 INVESTMENTS

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.8 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.10 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 that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**2.11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.13 PENSIONS

The Charity participates in Universities Superannuation Scheme. The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund. Because of the mutual nature of the scheme, the assets are not attributed to individual institutions and a scheme-wide contribution rate is set. The Charity is therefore exposed to actuarial risks associated with other institutions' employees and is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis.

As required by Section 28 of FRS 102 "Employee benefits", the Charity therefore accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme.

Since the Charity has entered into an agreement (the Recovery Plan) that determines how each employer within the scheme will fund the overall deficit, the institution recognises a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit) with related expenses being recognised through the profit and loss account.

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3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgment:

The accounting for a multi-employer scheme where the employer has entered into an agreement with the scheme that determines how the employer will fund a deficit results in the recognition of a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit) and the resulting expense in profit or loss in accordance with section 28 of FRS 102.

The Trustees are satisfied that Universities Superannuation Scheme meets the definition of a multiemployer scheme and have therefore recognised a provision for the discounted fair value of the contractual contributions under the recovery plan in existence at the date of approving these financial statements.

Calculating the provision requires the use of several estimates and judgements, such as future salary inflation, interest rates and increases in headcount.

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	As restated Total funds 2023 £
Membership income	485,729	485,729	421,660
Conference income	64,568	64,568	67,287
Other income	3,943	3,943	5,596
TOTAL 2024	554,240	554,240	494,543

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest received	3,230	3,230	1,225
Investment income	26,143	26,143	21,217
TOTAL 2024	29,373	29,373	22,442

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Grant funding of activities (note 7) 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Promotion of high standards in education	249,412	-	14,529	263,941	418,875
TOTAL 2023	343,793	3,345	71,737	418,875	

In 2024, of charitable activity expenditure, restricted costs were £Nil (2023: £3,345) and unrestricted costs were £263,941 (2023: £415,530).

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6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	146,806	262,583
Travel	8,077	8,974
Subscriptions	862	1,414
Conference and meetings	93,667	68,472
Sundry costs	-	2,350
	249,412	343,793

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff training	-	144
Telephone	2,278	1,877
Insurance	1,685	2,058
Stationery and printing	1,779	1,529
IT costs	6,714	13,046
Marketing	-	390
Bank charges	3,428	5,309
Legal and professional costs	-	1,500
Sundry costs	209	30
Depreciation	952	1,088
Research	(21,863)	24,972
Accountancy fees - governance	19,347	19,794
	14,529	71,737

Research includes an adjustment of £25,000 to reverse an overaccrual of the same amount in the previous year.

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7. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Scholarships Travel Fund	-	-	3,345
TOTAL 2023	3,345	3,345	

During the year the Charity made 3 grants to institutions, amounting to £3,000.

There was an adjustment for overaccrued grants from prior years of £3,000.

8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner in respect of:		
Independent examination	9,300	8,946
Accountancy services	10,047	10,848

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9. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	236,413	221,709
Social security costs	21,320	19,787
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	35,157	40,220
Movement on pension provision	(146,084)	(19,133)
	<u>146,806</u>	<u>262,583</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Employees	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	1	1

The above numbers do not include the Trustees who are not permitted to receive remuneration for their duties.

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration or any benefits in kind. No Council members received reimbursement of expenses made on the Charity's behalf in the year (2023: None).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Executive Director. The Trustees all give their time and expertise without any kind of remuneration or other benefit in kind (2023: £Nil). The total employment benefits of key management personnel was £126,052, including employer's costs (2023: £121,617).

£292 was reimbursed to two Trustees (2023: £Nil) for travel expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 August 2023	3,788
At 31 July 2024	3,788
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2023	2,098
Charge for the year	952
At 31 July 2024	3,050
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2024	738
At 31 July 2023	1,690

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
VALUATION			
At 1 August 2023	662,728	747	663,475
Additions	225,517	-	225,517
Disposals	(4,465)	-	(4,465)
Revaluations	102,297	-	102,297
Cash movement	-	(595)	(595)
AT 31 JULY 2024	<u>986,077</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>986,229</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

The main risk to the charity from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. Liquidity risk is anticipated to be low as all assets are traded and the commitment to intervention by central banks and market regulators has continued to provide for orderly trading in the markets and so their ability to buy and sell quoted equities and stock is anticipated to continue. The charity's investments are mainly traded in markets with good liquidity and high trading volumes. The charity has no material investment holdings in markets subject to exchange controls or trading restrictions.

The charity manages these investment risks by operating a policy that provides a high degree of diversification of holdings and invests in assets that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges. The portfolio includes a number of common investment funds in order to protect exposure to volatility in the markets. The charity also seeks lower risk investments wherever possible balanced against achieving a realistic rate of return.

The charity does not make use of derivatives or similar complex financial instruments as it takes the view that investments are held for their longer term yield total return and historic studies of quoted financial instruments have shown that volatility in any particular year period will normally be corrected.

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12. DEBTORS

	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	309,622	283,805
Other debtors	-	4,012
Prepayments and accrued income	78,777	76,112
	388,399	363,929

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
Trade creditors	56,281	80,328
Accruals and deferred income	501,722	530,730
	558,003	611,058

	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred income at 1 August 2023	502,395	488,304
Resources deferred during the year	475,350	502,395
Amounts released from previous periods	(502,395)	(488,304)
AT 31 JULY 2023	475,350	502,395

Deferred income relates to 2023/24 annual subscriptions of £453,996 (2023: £470,675) and income in advance for the 2025 annual conference of £21,354 (2023: £31,720).

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14. PROVISIONS

	Pension provision £
At 1 August 2023	142,817
Reduction in deficit repayment provision required	(142,817)
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Staff working for the Association have pensions with the Universities Superannuation scheme (USS). See Note 20 for details about this scheme.

At the year end, the Association was party to a USS deficit recovery plan. Under the plan, the Association is obliged to pay deficit contributions amounting to 6.2% of total pensionable pay until March 2024. After this date, the effective rate decreased to 0.0% until the agreement ends in March 2038.

As the Association has a present obligation to make these contributions, it has provided for the present value of the future deficit recovery payments expected to be defrayed.

To calculate the provision (and associated entries in the Statement of Financial Activities), the Association has used the British Universities Finance Group (BUFDG) model, which was developed by USS to enable members to estimate their liabilities under the USS deficit recovery plan.

The key assumptions used in the calculation are as follows:

- Discount rate: 5.49% (2023: 5.49%)
- Annual salary inflation: 2.5% (2023: 5% for year 1, 2.5% thereafter)
- Increase in headcount: no increase over deficit recovery period (2023: same)

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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	636,439	583,613	(263,941)	100,738	1,056,849
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Hewett Driver Travel Fund	31,585	-	-	1,939	33,524
TOTAL OF FUNDS	668,024	583,613	(263,941)	102,677	1,090,373

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	As restated Balance at 1 August 2022 £	As restated Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	As restated Balance at 31 July 2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds	552,179	516,985	(415,530)	(17,195)	636,439
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Hewett Driver Travel Fund	35,456	-	(3,345)	(526)	31,585
TOTAL OF FUNDS	587,635	516,985	(418,875)	(17,721)	668,024

Purpose of Funds

General Fund - Unrestricted funds available to support the Charity.

Hewett Driver Travel Fund - UCET has awarded travel scholarships worth up to £3,000 each to colleagues from member institutions who are new to teacher education to undertake research in other countries. This was offset in the year by a credit of £3,000 relating to the write-off of prior year overaccrued grants.

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	738	-	738
Fixed asset investments	969,926	16,303	986,229
Current assets	642,188	19,221	661,409
Creditors due within one year	(556,003)	(2,000)	(558,003)
TOTAL	<u>1,056,849</u>	<u>33,524</u>	<u>1,090,373</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	As restated Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	As restated Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,690	-	1,690
Fixed asset investments	643,680	19,795	663,475
Current assets	742,599	14,135	756,734
Creditors due within one year	(608,713)	(2,345)	(611,058)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(142,817)	-	(142,817)
TOTAL	<u>636,439</u>	<u>31,585</u>	<u>668,024</u>

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17. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	As restated
	£	2023
		£
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	422,349	80,389
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation charges	952	1,088
Gains/(losses) on investments	(102,677)	17,721
Dividends and interests from investments	(29,373)	(22,442)
Increase in debtors	(24,470)	(143,562)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(53,055)	94,451
Pension scheme movement	(142,817)	(13,914)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	70,909	13,731

18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	273,010	392,805
Cash held with investments	152	747
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	273,162	393,552

19. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 August	Cash flows	At 31 July
	2023	£	2024
	£		£
Cash at bank and in hand	392,805	(119,795)	273,010
	392,805	(119,795)	273,010

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Charity's employees belong to the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS). The total pension gain for the period was £142,817 (2023: gain of £19,133). Total staff costs relating to the movement on the pension provision were £146,084 (2023: £19,133), comprising contributions paid of £5,270 (2023: £11,545) and a reduction in the deficit repayment plan of £140,814 (2023: £7,589).

A deficit recovery plan was put in place as part of the 2020 valuation, which required payment of 6.2% of salaries over the period 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2024, at which point the rate would increase to 6.3%. No deficit recovery plan was required under the 2023 valuation because the scheme was in surplus on a technical provisions basis. The institution was no longer required to make deficit recovery contributions from 1 January 2024 and accordingly released the outstanding provision to the profit and loss account.

The latest available complete actuarial valuation of the Retirement Income Builder is as at 31 March 2023 (the valuation date), which was carried out using the projected unit method.

Since the institution cannot identify its share of USS Retirement Income Builder (defined benefit) assets and liabilities, the following disclosures reflect those relevant for those assets and liabilities as a whole.

The 2023 valuation was the seventh valuation for the scheme under the scheme-specific funding regime introduced by the Pensions Act 2004, which requires schemes to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover their technical provisions (the statutory funding objective). At the valuation date, the value of the assets of the scheme was £73.1 billion and the value of the scheme's technical provisions was £65.7 billion indicating a surplus of £7.4 billion and a funding ratio of 111%.

The key financial assumptions used in the 2023 valuation are described below. More detail is set out in the Statement of Funding Principles.

CPI Assumption

Term dependent rates in line with the difference between Fixed Interest and Index Linked yield curves less: 1.0% p.a. to 2030, reducing linearly by 0.1% p.a. from 2030.

Pension increases (subject to a floor of 0%)

Benefits with no cap: CPI assumption plus 3bps.

Benefits subject to a "soft cap" of 5% (providing inflationary increases up to 5%, and half of any excess inflation over 5% up to a maximum of 10%): CPI assumption minus 3bps.

Discount rate (forward rates)

Fixed interest gilt yield curve plus:

Pre-retirement: 2.5% p.a

Post-retirement: 0.9% p.a.

The main demographic assumptions used relate to the mortality assumptions. These assumptions are based on analysis of the scheme's experience carried out as part of the 2023 actuarial valuation. The mortality assumptions used in these figures are as follows:

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

2023 valuation

Mortality base table: 101% of S2PMA 'light' for males and 95% of S3PFA for females.

Future improvements to mortality: CMI 2021 with a smoothing parameter of 7.5, an initial addition of 0.4% p.a., 10% w2020 and w2021 parameters, and a long-term improvement rate of 1.8% p.a. for males and 1.6% p.a. for females.

The current life expectancies on retirement at age 65 are:

	2024	2023
Males currently aged 65 (years)	23.7	24.0
Females currently aged 65 (years)	25.6	25.6
Males currently aged 45 (years)	25.4	26.0
Females currently aged 45 (years)	27.2	27.4

21. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Through a review of closing trade debtors at the year end the charity determined that a material balance of outstanding debtors should be written off, as they had been replaced by duplicate invoices. As these balances related to the years ending 31 July 2022 and 31 July 2023, a prior year adjustment is required. A total of £69,123 relating to 22/23 invoices has been written off, in addition to £31,183 relating to 21/22 invoices.

As a result, the following restatements have been made, effecting the 2023 comparatives:

Unrestricted funds as at 31 July 2022 have been restated from £583,362 to £552,179.
Unrestricted funds as at 31 July 2023 have been restated from £736,745 to £636,439.
Trade debtors as at 31 July 2023 have been restated from £416,241 to £283,805.
Deferred income as at 31 July 2023 has been restated from £534,525 to £502,395.
Membership income in the year to 31 July 2023 has been restated from £486,940 to £421,660.
Conference income in the year to 31 July 2023 has been restated from £71,130 to £67,287.

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023 - None).