



BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
TRUSTEES**

for the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity registration number 275955

Company Registration number: 01368988

Bank:

CAF Bank Ltd

Independent Examiner:

SADLER FOGARTY SERVICES LTD

T/AS Sadler Davies & Co

Chartered Accountants

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Bexley Citizens Advice Bureaux

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Company Limited by Guarantee number: 01368988

Charity number: 275955

Registered Office: 42 Pier Road, Erith, Kent DA8 1TA

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Directors and trustees:

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. No trustees have received any financial remuneration during the financial year. The directors and trustees serve a 3 year term on the board. All trustees have served throughout the year except where indicated.

Mr Steve Armstrong	Director and elected Chair 16 November 2022
Mr Neil Walford	Director and elected Deputy Chair 16 November 2022
Mr Nigel Springhall	Director and Treasurer
Mr Michael Zuke	Director
Mr Oliver Main	Director
Mr Abdul Ajayi	Director, resigned 16 November 2022
Ms Deborah Beyioku	Director, resigned 16 November 2022
Ms Carole Pellicci	Director, resigned 01 January 2023

The meetings of the trustees may be attended by observers from the London Borough of Bexley and the Royal British Legion.

Key management personnel:

Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary – Mr Roland Haigh.

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17th May 1978 and registered as a charity on 16th June 1978. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association and was last amended 22nd November 2015.

The Charity's structure is as follows:

General day to day management of the centre at Erith and the hubs at Bexleyheath and Sidcup, is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer. All major decisions and expenditure must be presented to and agreed by the Trustees.

Inherent Risk: The charity is dependent on funding from Bexley Council (guaranteed until 2025) to sustain its activities, other than those funded directly through specific grants. The trustees recognise the risk that, should the grant not be awarded, the charity would be significantly affected, and it may lead to closure. The Bureaux would have to find different sources of funding to maintain the service.

Objectives and activities and public benefit

The Citizens Advice service is available to everyone, and provides free, independent, confidential, and impartial advice on rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination.

The aim of the service are to provide the advice people need for the problems they face and to improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Achievements and performance

In the past year we saw 10955 unique new clients, this is a constantly decreasing number as clients can only be new once. We have helped 2945 clients, new and existing in the period. This figure is unchanged from the last

few years as we work to full capacity. Major grants have been awarded by Trust for London and Help to Claim in this year.

Financial Review

There are £225,441.87 in unrestricted reserves. The charity has a policy on reserves, to keep at least 3 months expenditure in the unrestricted reserve. This amount more than fulfils the obligation. The core funding from Bexley is four years into a five-year funding agreement. The levels of reserves are monitored by the administrator any significant changes in staff numbers or hours are reported to the trustees annually.

The restricted reserves of £24,601.57 is the unspent balance of grants awarded to the Bureaux for specific ongoing projects.

Staffing: The staffing levels for the bureaux for the year were 7.38 FTE paid staff and 2.3 FTE volunteers.

Investment Policy. Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term, consequently there are no long-term investments. The trustees invest any funds not immediately required in the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) Deposit Fund managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd, a specialist investor for "not for profit" organisations. COIF deposit Fund provides a secure environment with an interest rate of 0.60%.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (b) Make suitable judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) State whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- (d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which enable them to disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and for ensuring that they comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Steve Armstrong
Chair of Trustees

Date: 09/10/2023



**BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

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	Note	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	<u>£13,448.06</u>	<u>£1,170.65</u>	<u>£14,618.71</u>	<u>£18,063.82</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	3	(13,260.00)	-	(13,260.00)	(50,520.00)
Cash at bank and in hand	4	261,164.95	23,430.92	284,595.87	327,109.72
Total current assets		<u>£247,904.95</u>	<u>£23,430.92</u>	<u>£271,335.87</u>	<u>£276,589.72</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within 1 year	5	35,911.25	-	35,911.25	17,765.69
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>£211,993.82</u>	<u>£23,430.92</u>	<u>£235,424.74</u>	<u>£258,824.03</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>£225,441.87</u>	<u>£24,601.57</u>	<u>£250,043.44</u>	<u>£276,887.85</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted	8	-	24,601.57	24,601.57	33,895.76
Unrestricted - Designated	8	16,000.00	-	16,000.00	16,000.00
Unrestricted - General	8	209,441.87	-	209,441.87	226,992.09
		<u>£225,441.87</u>	<u>£24,601.57</u>	<u>£250,043.44</u>	<u>£276,887.85</u>

Signed by :



Chair of Trustees: Steve Armstrong

Date:

**BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Designated	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations and legacies	6a	-	-	-	-	2,300.83
Charitable Activities	6b	214,062.10	-	205,321.98	419,384.08	407,950.99
Investments	6c	4,481.72	-	-	4,481.72	103.41
TOTAL		£218,543.82	-	£205,321.98	£423,865.80	£410,355.23
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable Activities	7a	232,671.21	-	214,594.00	447,265.21	399,048.67
Other expenditure	7b	3,158.00	-	287.00	3,445.00	4,307.00
TOTAL		£235,829.21	-	£214,881.00	£450,710.21	£403,355.67
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)						
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(17,285.39)	-	(9,559.02)	(26,844.41)	6,999.56
ADDITIONS TO & RELEASES FROM FUNDS	8	(264.83)	-	264.83	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(£17,550.22)	-	(£9,294.19)	(£26,844.41)	£6,999.56
BALANCES BROUGHT FWD AT 1 APRIL 2022 (2021)						
		£226,992.09	£16,000.00	£33,895.76	£276,887.85	£269,888.29
BALANCES CARRIED FWD AT 31 MARCH 2023 (2022)						
		£209,441.87	£16,000.00	£ 24,601.57	£250,043.44	£276,887.85

**BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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1 Accounting Policies

1a Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS102) 2015 and with regard to the Charities Act 2011. An independent examination is required under the Charities Act 2011.

Abridged financial statements have been filed with Companies House in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to smaller companies. No audit is required under exemption S 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

1b Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is calculated on fixed assets in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computers and office equipment 20% reducing balance

Office Furniture 20% reducing balance

1c Pension costs

The charity pays into The Peoples Pension scheme for all qualifying employees.

1d Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor of each fund.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Office	Office	Furniture	TOTAL
	Equipment	Equipment		
	£	£	£	£
	(Restricted)			
Cost at the beginning of the year	3,751.44	29,693.75	5,171.18	38,616.37
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Cost at the end of the year	<u>3,751.44</u>	<u>29,693.75</u>	<u>5,171.18</u>	<u>38,616.37</u>
Accumulated Depreciation 1st April 2022	2,293.79	13,954.87	4,304.00	20,552.66
Charge for year	287.00	2,987.00	171.00	3,445.00
Depreciation eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,580.79</u>	<u>16,941.87</u>	<u>4,475.00</u>	<u>23,997.66</u>
NET BOOK VALUE 31st March 2023	<u>£1,170.65</u>	<u>£12,751.88</u>	<u>£696.18</u>	<u>£14,618.71</u>

3 DEBTORS AND ACCRUED INCOME	2023	2022
Other Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	(15,000.00)	(52,500.00)
Travel Expenses Refund	1,740.00	1,980.00
	<u>(£13,260.00)</u>	<u>(£50,520.00)</u>

4 MONETARY ASSETS	2023	2022
Bank current Account: CAF	35,410.37	78,083.51
Bank deposit Account: COIF	249,185.50	248,801.21
Cash in hand	-	225.00
	<u>£284,595.87</u>	<u>£327,109.72</u>

5 LIABILITIES FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR	2023	2022
Accrued expenses	34,965.69	17,765.69
Pension liability	945.56	-
	<u>£35,911.25</u>	<u>£17,765.69</u>

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6	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
6a	Voluntary Income				
	Donations and legacies	-	-	-	138.46
	Other grants and income	-	-	-	2,162.37
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,300.83</u>
6b	Charitable Activities-Grants				
	Bexley Council	210,000.00	-	210,000.00	210,000.00
	Bexley Council Debt Advice Fund	-	38,214.00	38,214.00	50,000.00
	Universal Credit Fund	-	-	-	113,826.20
	Trust for London Fund	-	33,600.00	33,600.00	32,000.00
	Trussell Trust	-	18,507.98	18,507.98	-
	London Borough of Bexley Fuel Voucher Scheme	-	115,000.00	115,000.00	-
	Charitable Activities-fundraising	4,062.10	-	4,062.10	2,124.79
		<u>214,062.10</u>	<u>205,321.98</u>	<u>419,384.08</u>	<u>407,950.99</u>
6c	Income from investment				
	Bank interest	4,481.72	-	4,481.72	103.41
		<u>4,481.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,481.72</u>	<u>103.41</u>
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>£218,543.82</u>	<u>£205,321.98</u>	<u>£423,865.80</u>	<u>£410,355.23</u>
7	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
7a	Expenditure on charitable activities				
	Rent of offices	34,560.05	-	34,560.05	18,044.00
	Training	-	-	-	331.00
	Travel	35.90	-	35.90	260.10
	IT supplies & support	5,496.96	143.28	5,640.24	6,270.55
	Salaries & Wages	163,675.94	75,975.79	239,651.73	334,832.45
	Employers NI	10,746.15	4,737.81	15,483.96	20,310.46
	Pensions	1,514.78	1,114.06	2,628.84	3,794.86
	Recruitment	-	266.00	266.00	-
	Volunteer Costs	558.63	-	558.63	241.87
	Telephone	3,063.16	-	3,063.16	2,444.35
	Printing postage stationery	300.70	73.56	374.26	1,919.54
	Office Supplies	910.74	-	910.74	1,150.25
	Membership Fees & Subscriptions	6,032.55	130.00	6,162.55	5,229.38
	Insurance	1,883.02	-	1,883.02	1,204.94
	Company accounts filing fees	13.00	-	13.00	13.00
	Bank charges	72.00	-	72.00	96.00
	Accountancy and book keeping	2,760.00	-	2,760.00	800.00
	Bexley Fuel Voucher Scheme	-	98,257.74	98,257.74	-
	Sundry	1,047.63	33,895.76	34,943.39	2,105.92
		<u>232,671.21</u>	<u>214,594.00</u>	<u>447,265.21</u>	<u>399,048.67</u>
7b	Other expenditure				
	Depreciation Computer & Equipment	2,987.00	287.00	3,274.00	4,092.00
	Depreciation Furniture & Fittings	171.00	-	171.00	215.00
		<u>3,158.00</u>	<u>287.00</u>	<u>3,445.00</u>	<u>4,307.00</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>£235,829.21</u>	<u>£214,881.00</u>	<u>£450,710.21</u>	<u>£403,355.67</u>

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8. Summary of Fund Movements

	Balance 31 March 2022	Income	Expenditure	Net Movement	Transfers	Balance 31 March 2023
Designated Funds						
Repairs Contingency Fund	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	6,000.00
IT Contingency	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	£16,000.00	-	-	-	-	£16,000.00
	Balance 31 March 2022	Income	Expenditure	Net Movement	Transfers	Balance 31 March 2023
Restricted Funds						
Fixed Assets	-	-	266.00	(266.00)	266.00	-
Debt Adviser	-	38,214.00	38,212.83	1.17	(1.17)	-
Universal Credit	33,895.76	-	33,895.76	(33,895.76)	-	-
Trust for London Fund	-	33,600.00	30,000.00	3,600.00	-	3,600.00
Trussell Trust	-	18,507.98	14,248.67	4,259.31	-	4,259.31
London Borough of Bexley Fuel Voucher Scheme	-	115,000.00	98,257.74	16,742.26	-	16,742.26
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	£33,895.76	£205,321.98	£214,881.00	(£9,559.02)	£264.83	£24,601.57
General	£226,992.09	£218,543.82	£235,829.21	(£17,285.39)	(£264.83)	£209,441.87
TOTAL	£276,887.85	£423,865.80	£450,710.21	(£26,844.41)	-	£250,043.44

BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

This report on the financial statements of the **BEXLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX** for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set on pages 3 to 7 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

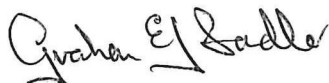
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act;
- have not been met; or
- to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached; or
- which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the charity's constitution have not been met.



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Date: 29/09/2023