

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 327280

## Details

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| Other names | DLA CHARITABLE TRUST, THE DIBB LUPTON ALSOP CHARITABLE TRUST, THE DIBB LUPTON BROOMHEAD CHARITABLE TRUST, THE DLA PIPER RUDNICK GRAY CARY CHARITABLE TRUST |
| Status      | Registered                                                                                                                                                 |
| Legal form  | Trust                                                                                                                                                      |
| Registered  | 1986-10-28                                                                                                                                                 |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>                                                                                                    |

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## Activities

**Objects:** TO APPLY ALL OR ANY PART OR PARTS OF THE INCOME OF THE TRUST FUND TO OR FOR SUCH CHARITABLE INSTITUTION OR INSTITUTIONS OR OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECT OR OBJECTS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES OR A MAJORITY IN POINT OF NUMBER OF THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION THINK FIT TO SUPPORT OR ESTABLISH. FOR DETAILS SEE CLAUSES 4, 5, 6 AND 7 OF THE TRUST DEED.

**Activities:** 101 GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-04-05 | £85,968  | £93,087     | -      | -         |
| 2024-04-05 | £130,098 | £94,388     | -      | -         |
| 2023-04-05 | £94,042  | £88,002     | -      | -         |
| 2022-04-05 | £33,531  | £103,389    | -      | -         |
| 2021-04-05 | £104,086 | £56,460     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>SANDRA MAY WALLACE</b>    | Chair | 2018-01-12 |
| Amanda Bibbey                |       | 2022-10-10 |
| Amanda Rachel Pilkington     |       | 2019-05-16 |
| Georgina Louise Van Der Pauw |       | 2023-09-27 |
| Kate Emma Poole              |       | 2026-01-29 |
| Liam Anthony Paul Cowell     |       | 2019-05-16 |
| SEAN PATRICK MAHON           |       | 2012-01-19 |

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# Accounts

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 327280

**THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**





# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees** Ms Sandra May Wallace  
Mr Sean Patrick Mahon  
Mr Liam Anthony Paul Cowell  
Ms Amanda Rachel Pilkington  
Ms Amanda Juliette Georgina Bibbey  
Ms Gina Van Der Pauw

**Secretary** Ms Susan Mary Greaves

**Charity number** 327280

**Registered office** The DLA Piper Charitable Trust  
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# **THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the Trust are as follows:

To apply all or any or parts of the income of the Trust fund to or for such charitable institution or institutions or other charitable object or objects in any part of the world as the Trustees or a majority in point of number of the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit to support or establish.

To make effective and creative use of its opportunities for grant-making as evidenced by the commentary on its grant making activities below. As the Trust invariably receives far more applications for funding than it can respond to, a grants policy has been established. This policy aims to support registered charities, not individuals, through grants which:

- Stimulate and support the charity fundraising efforts of members and employees of DLA Piper UK LLP ("DLA Piper");
- Support, for example, a charity project selected by a DLA Piper office for fundraising activities throughout a financial or calendar year; and
- Give significant support to a charity or charities offering service to particular communities or in need groups (for example, by reason of ill health or other disadvantage).

Grants were made during the year for a wide variety of purposes to numerous charities, including: Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity, Morley and District Lions Club, Movember Europe, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, Leeds Children's Charity at Lineham Farm and Thomas Coran Foundation.

The full range of the objectives of the Trust were represented in the range of grants made. During the year a total of 37 grants were awarded (2024: 39).

Applications from members, partners and employees of DLA Piper for grants in support of charities are encouraged by publicity of the Trust within DLA Piper. Trustees also encourage not merely the requesting of a donation, but the undertaking of fundraising efforts.

# **THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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#### **Achievements and performance**

The Charity measures its achievements by the breadth and success of its grant making.

The indicator used by the Trust to measure the success of its grant making is the effectiveness and usefulness of the grant expenditure. This is evidenced by feedback from charities benefiting from donations including letters of thanks from Malaria Consortium, Wakefield Hospice, Leeds Childrens Charity at Lineham Farm, UN Refugee Agency, Marie Curie.

The Trust is dependent for the achievement of its objectives on a good flow of applications. The contacts it maintains through the Secretary and through the members and staff of DLA Piper continues to supply a good flow of applications but the Trustees continue to work at developing the effectiveness and reach the Charity's grant making programmes.

The Secretary continued her liaison with the Corporate Responsibility (CR) department of DLA Piper so as to be aware of any opportunities for grant making that might arise from initiatives within that organisation.

The continuing use of the matched funding and one-off awards in response to applications from DLA Piper staff is a successful feature of the grant making.

#### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. It is noted that a charitable organisation must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit and that there must be compliance with two principles.

The first principle is that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits. As a grant making charity the Trust has clear purposes, set out in its governing deed which it fulfils through its grant making programmes. The benefits are identifiable in the activities undertaken by the grant beneficiaries in delivering their own charitable objectives with funds provided by the Trust.

The second principle requires that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The appropriateness of the beneficiaries to the aims of this Trust are assessed by the application process and in cases needing additional attention, through enquiries raised by the Secretary or Trustees. The Trustees are conscious of the need to ensure, so far as they can, that a section of the public benefiting is not unreasonably restricted. In appropriate cases the examination of accounts and the beneficiaries' approach to finance, enable the Trustees to assess adequately for their purposes any questions that may arise over restrictions flowing from the charging of fees by beneficiary charities. The same analysis enables the Trustees to assess the issue of potential exclusion of those in poverty. Private benefit is unlikely to be an issue in the grant making activities of this Trust, but the Trustees are aware of the need to keep an eye open for this risk.

This report already contains a summary of the objects of this charity, a summary of its main activities and a record of its achievements in relation to its objects by reference to grant making.

The Trustees are aware that via section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 there is an obligation to require Trustees to report on the Charity's public benefit. The above section is intended to meet that requirement. The Trustees are aware that when planning the Charity's activities they must have regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. They confirm that they have had such regard.

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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#### Financial review

Income is derived from regular donations from the profits of DLA Piper, plus the tax relief from these donations. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account. The Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its work through the careful stewardship of its income.

Total income for the year was £85,968 (2024: £130,098). A donation of £50,000 from DLA Piper LLP was received (2024: £75,000). Income for the year also included £36,500 donated services (2024: £34,800) and £3,491 interest (2024: £1,548). Gift Aid of £12,500 recorded in the 2023 accounts, and £18,750 recorded in the 2024 accounts are still to be claimed. Gift Aid for 2025 is £13,625, totalling £44,875.

Expenditure for the year totalled £93,087, of which £53,827 was grants (2024: £59,528), £36,500 was donated services (2024: £34,800), £2,700 was independent examination fees (2024: £0), and £60 as bank charges (2024: £60), resulting in a net decrease in funds of £7,119 (2024: £35,710 increase).

#### Going concern

The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Reserves policy

Reserves are considered to be unrestricted and the position is discussed at each Trustees' meeting. The Trustees aim to keep reserves at a level not less than 50% of average annual income in order to meet any exceptional calls for immediate charitable funding.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 5 April 2025 was £106,360 (2024: £113,479).

#### Plans for future periods

The Trustees plan to continue the existing objectives and pattern of grant making with the aim and objective of reaching worthy causes and other charities for which a grant from the Trust can make all the difference between an activity or event taking place or failing to do so.

#### Structure, governance and management

##### Governing documents

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust (previously known as the DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Charitable Trust, the DLA Charitable Trust, the Dibb Lupton Alsop Charitable Trust, and the Dibb Lupton Broomhead Charitable Trust) is a registered charity, number 327280. It was established for an eighty year trust period by a deed dated 14 October 1986 as varied by a scheme of 12 September 1989 and by Resolutions dated 11 December 1996, 21 September 2000, 21 April 2005 and 27 September 2006 (the date of the resolution changing the name of the Charity to The DLA Piper Charitable Trust). The registered office for the Trust is shown on the legal and administrative information page.

The financial statements comply with the governing documents, statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2019. They have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms Sandra May Wallace

Mr Sean Patrick Mahon

Mr Liam Anthony Paul Cowell

Ms Amanda Rachel Pilkington

Mr Paul Andrew Dineen

(Resigned 1 May 2025)

Ms Amanda Juliette Georgina Bibbey

Ms Gina Van Der Pauw

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The Trustees are appointed from time to time by the existing Trustees. The Trust's constitution has no express or explicit powers of appointment, and no other person or external body is entitled to appoint any Trustees. There is no maximum number of Trustees required at any one time, provided that there are always at least two. There are no restrictions relating to the length of service of Trustees.

#### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees meet four times per year to discuss applications and the affairs of the Trust and to award grants. The meetings sometimes take place via audio conference or videoconference facilities, but at least one meeting every year takes place face-to-face subject to Government restrictions. Decisions are implemented through its officers and advisors.

The day to day administration of the Charity, work in connection with its income, liaison with outside bodies, the administration of its grant programmes and the processing and handling of applications prior to and after their consideration by Trustees, is all work delegated to the Secretary.

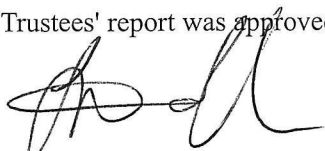
From time to time all Trustees consider policy and strategic matters. The Trustees also consider monitoring information obtained concerning the performance of grants.

#### **Induction and training of trustees**

New Trustees are provided with an induction pack by the Secretary which includes not only copies of minutes of recent meetings and copies of Trustees' reports and financial statements, but also copies of documents relating to the governance and operation of the Charity including grant making policies. In addition, documentation with regard to Trustee duties and responsibilities is provided.

New Trustees are encouraged to attend relevant Trustee training courses and the Secretary offers guidance at all times, especially to new Trustees, on legal, governance and administrative matters.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Ms Sandra May Wallace

**Trustee**

29 January 2026

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

**M Mealing BSc FCCA**  
**UHY Hacker Young**

**Chartered Accountants**

Dated: 29 January 2026

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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|                                                       | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                                   |       |                                    |                                    |
| Donations and legacies                                | 3     | 82,477                             | 128,550                            |
| Investment income                                     | 4     | 3,491                              | 1,548                              |
| <b>Total income</b>                                   |       | <u>85,968</u>                      | <u>130,098</u>                     |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                |       |                                    |                                    |
| Charitable activities                                 | 5     | 93,087                             | 94,388                             |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                              |       | <u>93,087</u>                      | <u>94,388</u>                      |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b> |       | (7,119)                            | 35,710                             |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                       |       |                                    |                                    |
| Fund balances at 6 April 2024                         |       | 113,479                            | 77,769                             |
| <b>Fund balances at 5 April 2025</b>                  |       | <u>106,360</u>                     | <u>113,479</u>                     |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



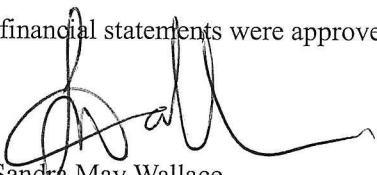
# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

|                                                       | Notes | 2025           |                | 2024           |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                       |       | £              | £              | £              | £              |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                |                |                |                |
| Debtors                                               | 12    | 47,525         |                | 47,500         |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 69,185         |                | 65,979         |                |
|                                                       |       | <u>116,710</u> |                | <u>113,479</u> |                |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 13    | (10,350)       |                | -              |                |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       |                | <u>106,360</u> |                | <u>113,479</u> |
| <b>The funds of the Charity</b>                       |       |                |                |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds                                    | 14    |                | 106,360        |                | 113,479        |
|                                                       |       |                | <u>106,360</u> |                | <u>113,479</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 January 2026

  
Ms Sandra May Wallace  
Trustee

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 327280

Registered address: DLA Piper UK LLP, Elshaw House, 51 Carver Street, Sheffield, S1 4FT

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

##### 1.4 Income

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest on deposit accounts is credited when received.

Donated services have been recognised as income on the basis of the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount for support costs has been recognised under charitable activities within expenditure.

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis once an offer has been conveyed to the recipient.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held in a current account and an interest bearing account.

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Trustees do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty that would have a material impact on these financial statements, and as such, none have been disclosed.

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

### 3 Donations and legacies

|                            | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Donations and gifts        | 50,000                             | 75,000                             |
| Tax relief (gift aid)      | (4,023)                            | 18,750                             |
| Donated goods and services | 36,500                             | 34,800                             |
|                            | <u>82,477</u>                      | <u>128,550</u>                     |

#### Donated goods and services

Donated services totalling £36,500 (2024: £34,800) have been recognised in the year relating to the professional services of Wrigleys Solicitors LLP which have been provided free of charge.

Administration services are provided free of charge from DLA Piper UK LLP. The Trustees consider it is not practicable to make an accurate estimate of the value of these services.

### 4 Investment income

|                                               | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Interest receivable on deposit accounts       | 2,093                              | 1,548                              |
| Interest receivable on HMRC gift aid receipts | 1,398                              | -                                  |
|                                               | <u>3,491</u>                       | <u>1,548</u>                       |

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

#### 5 Charitable activities

|                                                           | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Direct costs</b>                                       |               |               |
| Grant funding of activities (see note 6)                  | 53,827        | 59,528        |
| <b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b> |               |               |
| Support costs                                             | 36,560        | 34,860        |
| Governance costs                                          | 2,700         | -             |
|                                                           | <u>93,087</u> | <u>94,388</u> |
| <b>Analysis by fund</b>                                   |               |               |
| Unrestricted funds                                        | <u>93,087</u> | <u>94,388</u> |

#### 6 Grants payable

|                                                    | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Grants to institutions (37 grants):                |               |               |
| Midlands Air Ambulance                             | -             | 3,000         |
| Morley and District Lions Club                     | 2,000         | 3,500         |
| UK for UNCHR                                       | 2,500         | 3,500         |
| Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice                   | 5,000         | 5,000         |
| Wellbeing Scotland                                 | -             | 5,000         |
| Francis House                                      | 5,000         | 5,000         |
| Five Towns Plus Hospice                            | -             | 1,000         |
| Leeds Childrens Charity At Lineham Farm            | 5,750         | 3,558         |
| Wentworth Woodhouse                                | -             | 2,500         |
| Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity | 5,920         | 4,500         |
| The Listening Place                                | -             | 6,500         |
| Clatterbridge Cancer                               | 5,000         | 5,000         |
| ANMF                                               | 1,000         | -             |
| The National Autistic Society                      | 2,101         | -             |
| Dronfield Town Football Club                       | 1,815         | -             |
| The Snowdrop Project                               | 1,500         | -             |
| Thomas Coran Foundation                            | 5,000         | -             |
| Movember Europe                                    | 1,260         | -             |
| Other donations less than £1,000                   | 9,981         | 11,470        |
|                                                    | <u>53,827</u> | <u>59,528</u> |

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

|                              | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bank fees                    | 60            | 60            |
| Independent examination fees | 2,700         | -             |
| Secretary's fees             | 36,500        | 34,800        |
|                              | <u>39,260</u> | <u>34,860</u> |

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £2,700 (2024: £0) for independent examination fees.

### 8 Net movement in funds

|                                                                                    | 2025<br>£    | 2024<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):                    |              |           |
| Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements | <u>2,700</u> | <u>-</u>  |

### 9 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

### 10 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

### 11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

#### 12 Debtors

|                                             | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |               |               |
| Other debtors                               | 44,875        | 47,500        |
| Prepayments and accrued income              | 2,650         | -             |
|                                             | <u>47,525</u> | <u>47,500</u> |

#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                              | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£ |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Other creditors              | 5,000         | -         |
| Accruals and deferred income | 5,350         | -         |
|                              | <u>10,350</u> | <u>-</u>  |

#### 14 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

|                       | At 6 April<br>2024<br>£          | Incoming<br>resources<br>£          | Resources<br>expended<br>£          | At 5 April<br>2025<br>£          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General funds         | <u>113,479</u>                   | <u>85,968</u>                       | <u>(93,087)</u>                     | <u>106,360</u>                   |
| <b>Previous year:</b> | <b>At 6 April<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Incoming<br/>resources<br/>£</b> | <b>Resources<br/>expended<br/>£</b> | <b>At 5 April<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
| General funds         | <u>77,769</u>                    | <u>130,098</u>                      | <u>(94,388)</u>                     | <u>113,479</u>                   |

#### 15 Related party transactions

Other than the donation from DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in the Trustees' report) and the provision of donated services and administration services by Wrigleys Solicitors LLP and DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in note 3), there have been no other related party transactions during the year.

A list of connected charities is disclosed within note 16.

## **THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**

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#### **16 Connected charities**

Sandra May Wallace, Chair, is associated with two other charities, the details of which are;

- National Numeracy - Trustee
- Making The Leap - Chair

Sean Patrick Mahon, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of South Yorkshire - Director

Liam Anthony Paul Cowell, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Prospere Learning Trust - Member

Amanda Rachel Pilkington, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are;

- The Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mark's Broomhill Sheffield - Trustee

Consequently the five mentioned charities are connected charities.

#### **17 Immediate and ultimate controlling party**

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees, three of which are members of DLA Piper UK LLP, a limited liability partnership carrying on the business of solicitors, and DLA Piper International LLP, a limited liability partnership which governs the business of DLA Piper in the UK and elsewhere.





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England & Wales - Charity number 327280

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# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **(A) Reference and administrative information**

**The Trustees during the year ended 5 April 2024 and up to the date of approval of these financial statements were:**

Ms Sandra May Wallace  
Mr Sean Patrick Mahon  
Mr Liam Anthony Paul Cowell  
Ms Amanda Rachel Pilkington  
Mr Paul Andrew Dineen  
Ms Charlotte Rachel Turner (resigned 25 May 2023)  
Ms Amanda Juliette Georgina Bibbey  
Ms Gina Van Der Pauw (appointed 27 September 2023)

### **Secretary**

Ms Susan Mary Greaves  
c/o Wrigleys Solicitors LLP  
Derwent House  
150 Arundel Gate  
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### **Registered Office**

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust  
c/o DLA Piper UK LLP  
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51 Carver Street  
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### **Independent Examiner**

Deloitte LLP  
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London  
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### **Bankers**

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25 Kings Hill Avenue  
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# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **(B) Structure, governance and management**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024.

#### **Governing documents**

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust (previously known as the DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Charitable Trust, the DLA Charitable Trust, the Dibb Lupton Alsop Charitable Trust, and the Dibb Lupton Broomhead Charitable Trust) is a registered charity, number 327280. It was established for an eighty year trust period by a deed dated 14 October 1986 as varied by a scheme of 12 September 1989 and by Resolutions dated 11 December 1996, 21 September 2000, 21 April 2005 and 27 September 2006 (the date of the resolution changing the name of the Charity to The DLA Piper Charitable Trust). The registered office for the Trust is shown on page 1.

The financial statements comply with the governing documents, statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2019. They have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees are appointed from time to time by the existing Trustees. The Trust's constitution has no express or explicit powers of appointment, and no other person or external body is entitled to appoint any trustees. There is no maximum number of Trustees required at any one time, provided that there are always at least two. There are no restrictions relating to the length of service of Trustees.

#### **Induction and training**

New Trustees are provided with an induction pack by the Secretary which includes not only copies of minutes of recent meetings and copies of Trustees' reports and financial statements, but also copies of documents relating to the governance and operation of the Charity including grant making policies. In addition, documentation with regard to Trustee duties and responsibilities is provided.

New Trustees are encouraged to attend relevant Trustee training courses and the Secretary offers guidance at all times, especially to new Trustees, on legal, governance and administrative matters.

#### **Organisation**

The Trustees meet four times per year to discuss applications and the affairs of the Trust and to award grants. The meetings sometimes take place via audio conference or videoconference facilities, but at least one meeting every year takes place face-to-face subject to Government restrictions. Decisions are implemented through its officers and advisors.

The day to day administration of the Charity, work in connection with its income, liaison with outside bodies, the administration of its grant programmes and the processing and handling of applications prior to and after their consideration by Trustees, is all work delegated to the Secretary.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **(B) Structure, governance and management (continued)**

From time to time all Trustees consider policy and strategic matters. The Trustees also consider monitoring information obtained concerning the performance of grants.

### **(C) Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the Trust are as follows:

To apply all or any part or parts of the income of the Trust fund to or for such charitable institution or institutions or other charitable object or objects in any part of the world as the Trustees or a majority in point of number of the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit to support or establish.

To make effective and creative use of its opportunities for grant-making as evidenced by the commentary on its grant making activities below. As the Trust invariably receives far more applications for funding than it can respond to, a grants policy has been established. This policy aims to support registered charities, not individuals, through grants which:

- Stimulate and support the charity fundraising efforts of members and employees of DLA Piper UK LLP ("DLA Piper");
- Support, for example, a charity project selected by a DLA Piper office for fundraising activities throughout a financial or calendar year; and
- Give significant support to a charity or charities offering service to particular communities or in need groups (for example, by reason of ill health or other disadvantage).

Grants were made during the year for a wide variety of purposes to numerous charities, including: Midlands Air Ambulance, Morely and District Lions Club, Movember Europe, Landaid Charitable Trust, Learning Partnership and Redress Trust.

The full range of the objectives of the Trust were represented in the range of grants made. During the year a total of 39 grants were awarded (2023: 33).

Applications from members, partners and employees of DLA Piper for grants in support of charities are encouraged by publicity of the Trust within DLA Piper. Trustees also encourage not merely the requesting of a donation, but the undertaking of fundraising efforts.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **(D) Achievements and performance**

The Charity measures its achievements by the breadth and success of its grant making.

The indicator used by the Trust to measure the success of its grant making is the effectiveness and usefulness of the grant expenditure. This is evidenced by feedback from charities benefiting from donations including letters of thanks from Allington Primary School PTA, Breast Cancer Now, Leeds Childrens Charity at Lineham Farm, Cruise Bereavement, Holocaust Educational Trust, Morley and District Rennie Grove Hospice, Lions Club, Royal Hospital for Neuro, UK For UNHCR.

The Trust is dependent for the achievement of its objectives on a good flow of applications. The contacts it maintains through the Secretary and through the members and staff of DLA Piper continues to supply a good flow of applications but the Trustees continue to work at developing the effectiveness and reach of the Charity's grant making programmes.

The Secretary continued her liaison with the Corporate Responsibility (CR) department of DLA Piper so as to be aware of any opportunities for grant making that might arise from initiatives within that organisation.

The continuing use of the matched funding and one-off awards in response to applications from DLA Piper staff is a successful feature of the grant making.

### **(E) Public benefit**

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. It is noted that a charitable organisation must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit and that there must be compliance with two principles.

The first principle is that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits. As a grant making charity the Trust has clear purposes, set out in its governing deed which it fulfils through its grant making programmes. The benefits are identifiable in the activities undertaken by the grant beneficiaries in delivering their own charitable objectives with funds provided by the Trust.

The second principle requires that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The appropriateness of the beneficiaries to the aims of this Trust are assessed by the application process and in cases needing additional attention, through enquiries raised by the Secretary or Trustees. The Trustees are conscious of the need to ensure, so far as they can, that a section of the public benefiting is not unreasonably restricted. In appropriate cases the examination of accounts and the beneficiaries' approach to finance, enable the Trustees to assess adequately for their purposes any questions that may arise over restrictions flowing from the charging of fees by beneficiary charities. The same analysis enables the Trustees to assess the issue of potential exclusion of those in poverty. Private benefit is unlikely to be an issue in the grant making activities of this Trust, but the Trustees are aware of the need to keep an eye open for this risk.



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **(E) Public benefit (continued)**

This report already contains a summary of the objects of this charity, a summary of its main activities and a record of its achievements in relation to its objects by reference to grant making.

The Trustees are aware that via section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 there is an obligation to require Trustees to report on the Charity's public benefit. The above section is intended to meet that requirement. The Trustees are aware that when planning the Charity's activities they must have regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. They confirm that they have had such regard.

### **(F) Financial review and principal funding sources**

Income is derived from regular donations from the profits of DLA Piper, plus the tax relief from these donations. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account. The Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its work through the careful stewardship of its income.

Total income for the year was £130,098 (2023: £94,042). A donation of £75,000 from DLA Piper LLP was received 2023: £50,000) Income for the year also included £34,800 donated services (2023: £31,080) and £1,548 interest (2023: £462). Gift Aid of £16,250 recorded in the 2021 accounts, and £12,500 recorded in 2023 accounts are still to be claimed. Gift Aid for 2024 is £18,750, totalling £47,500.

Expenditure for the year totalled £94,388 of which £59,528 was grants (2023: £56,848), £34,800 was donated services (2023: £31,080) and £60 as bank charges (2023: £74), resulting in a net increase in funds of £35,710 increase (2023: £6,040 increase).

### **(G) Reserves**

Reserves are considered to be unrestricted and the position is discussed at each Trustees' meeting. The Trustees aim to keep reserves at a level not less than 50% of average annual income in order to meet any exceptional calls for immediate charitable funding.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 5 April 2024 was £113,479 (2023: £77,769).

### **(H) Going concern**

The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **(I) Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to continue the existing objectives and pattern of grant making with the aim and objective of reaching worthy causes and other charities for which a grant from the Trust can make all the difference between an activity or event taking place or failing to do so.

### **(J) Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland."

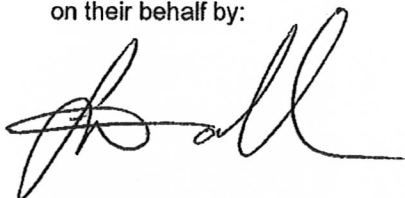
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 trust deed. 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.

The Trustees' report on pages 1 to 6 was approved by the Trustees on 23 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**  
Trustee

## The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust 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.



Jeremy Black, ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
London, UK  
23 January 2025

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2024

|                                    | Note | 2024           | 2023          |
|------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|
|                                    |      | £              | £             |
| <b>Income from:</b>                |      |                |               |
| Donations                          |      | 75,000         | 50,000        |
| Donated services                   |      | 34,800         | 31,080        |
| Tax relief (gift aid)              |      | 18,750         | 12,500        |
| Interest income                    |      | 1,548          | 462           |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>130,098</b> | <b>94,042</b> |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |      |                |               |
| Charitable activities              | 4    | 94,328         | 87,928        |
| Other expenditure – bank charges   |      | 60             | 74            |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>94,388</b>  | <b>88,002</b> |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       |      | <b>35,710</b>  | <b>6,040</b>  |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>    |      |                |               |
| Total funds brought forward        |      | 77,769         | 71,729        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |      | <b>113,479</b> | <b>77,769</b> |

All of the above items are in respect of continuing operations. All fund balances and movements are considered to be unrestricted.

There is no difference between the net income shown above and their historical cost equivalent.

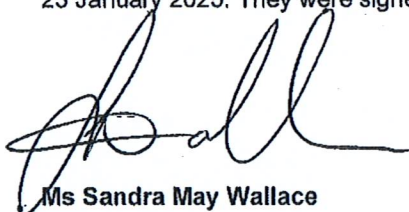
All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2024

|                                 | 2024           | 2023          |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                 | £              | £             |
| <b>Current assets</b>           |                |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand        | 65,979         | 49,019        |
| Gift Aid debtor                 | 47,500         | 28,750        |
| <b>Net assets</b>               | <b>113,479</b> | <b>77,769</b> |
| <b>The funds of the Charity</b> |                |               |
| Unrestricted funds              | 113,479        | 77,769        |
| <b>Total Charity funds</b>      | <b>113,479</b> | <b>77,769</b> |

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 January 2025. They were signed on their behalf by:



Ms Sandra May Wallace  
Trustee

## The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

### The DLA Piper Charitable Trust Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 5 April 2024

|                                                       | Note | 2024<br>£ | 2023    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>           |      |           |         |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities   | 5    | 15,412    | (6,922) |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>           |      |           |         |
| Interest received                                     |      | 1,548     | 462     |
| Net cash inflow from investing activities             |      | 1,548     | 462     |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash at bank and in hand   |      | 16,960    | (6,460) |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the beginning of the year |      | 49,019    | 55,479  |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the end of the year       |      | 65,979    | 49,019  |



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **1 General information**

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales.  
Charity registration number: 327280  
Registered address: DLA Piper UK LLP, Elshaw House, 51 Carver Street, Sheffield, S1 4FT

### **2 Principal accounting policies**

#### **(A) Basis of preparation and going concern**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities' SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. A more detailed explanation of the Trustees' assessment of going concern can be found in section (I) **Plans for future periods** of the Trustees' report.

#### **(B) Income**

Donations are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Please see section F on page 5.

Gift aid income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

Gift Aid of £16,250 recorded in the 2021 accounts, Gift Aid of £12,500 for 2023 and Gift Aid of £18,750 for 2024 is yet to be claimed.

Interest on deposit accounts is credited when received.

#### **(C) Donated services and support costs**

Donated services have been recognised as income on the basis of the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount for support costs has been recognised under charitable activities within expenditure.

#### **(D) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis once an offer has been conveyed to the recipient.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024**

### **2 Principal accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(E) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held in a current account and an interest bearing account.

#### **(F) Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Grants payable are accounted for in full as liabilities of the Trust when approved by the Trustees and accepted by the beneficiaries.

#### **(G) Fund accounting**

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

#### **(H) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The trustees do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty that would have a material impact on these financial statements, and as such, none have been disclosed.

### **3 Support costs - administration and governance costs**

The Trust had no employees in the current or prior year.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement for expenses during the current or prior year.

Donated services totalling £34,800 (2023 - £31,080) have been recognised in the year relating to the professional services of Wrigleys Solicitors LLP which have been provided free of charge by DLA Piper UK LLP.

Administration services (including independent examiner's fees) are provided free of charge from DLA Piper UK LLP. The Trustees consider it is not practicable to make an accurate estimate of the value of these services.



# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024

### 4 Charitable activities

|                                                  | 2024                |               | 2023                |               |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                                                  | Number of Donations | £             | Number of Donations | £             |
| <b>Donations to institutions:</b>                |                     |               |                     |               |
| Midlands Air Ambulance                           | 1                   | 3,000         | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Morley and District Lions Club                   | 1                   | 3,500         | 1                   | 3,500         |
| Movember Europe                                  | -                   | -             | 1                   | 3,500         |
| Landaid Charitable Trust                         | -                   | -             | 1                   | 1,076         |
| UNCHR                                            | 1                   | 3,500         | -                   | -             |
| Cavendish Cancer Care                            | -                   | -             | 1                   | 3,500         |
| Leeds Hospital Charity                           | -                   | -             | 1                   | 3,500         |
| Learning Partnerships                            | -                   | -             | 1                   | 1,500         |
| Redress Trust                                    | -                   | -             | 1                   | 1,000         |
| Bluebell Wood Children's Hospital                | 1                   | 5,000         | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Wellbeing Scotland                               | 1                   | 5,000         | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Refugee Council                                  | -                   | -             | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Francis House                                    | 1                   | 5,000         | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Alzheimer's Society                              | -                   | -             | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Five Towns Plus Hospice                          | 1                   | 1,000         | -                   | -             |
| Leeds Childrens Charity At Lineham Farm          | 2                   | 3,558         | -                   | -             |
| Wentworth Woodhouse                              | 1                   | 2,500         | -                   | -             |
| Birmingham Womens and Childrens Hospital Charity | 1                   | 4,500         | -                   | -             |
| The Listening Place                              | 2                   | 6,500         | -                   | -             |
| Clatterbridge Cancer                             | 1                   | 5,000         | -                   | -             |
| Other donations less than £1,000                 | 25                  | 11,470        | 20                  | 9,772         |
| <b>Subtotal donations to institutions</b>        | <b>39</b>           | <b>59,528</b> | <b>33</b>           | <b>57,348</b> |
| Less cancelled prior year donations              |                     |               | 1                   | 500           |
| <b>Total donations to institutions</b>           | <b>39</b>           | <b>59,528</b> | <b>33</b>           | <b>56,848</b> |
| Support costs                                    |                     | 34,800        |                     | 31,080        |
| <b>Total charitable activities</b>               |                     | <b>94,328</b> |                     | <b>87,928</b> |

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024

### 5 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

|                                                          | 2024          | 2023           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                                          | £             | £              |
| Net movement in funds                                    | 35,710        | 6,040          |
| Deduct interest income shown in investing activities     | (1,548)       | (462)          |
| Decrease/increase in debtors                             | (18,750)      | (12,500)       |
| <b>Net cash inflow/outflow from operating activities</b> | <b>15,412</b> | <b>(6,922)</b> |

### 6 Connected charities

Sandra May Wallace, Chair, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- National Numeracy - Trustee

Sean Patrick Mahon, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of South Yorkshire – Director

Liam Anthony Paul Cowell, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

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Consequently the four mentioned charities are connected charities.

### 7 Immediate and ultimate controlling party

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees, three of which are members of DLA Piper UK LLP, a limited liability partnership carrying on the business of solicitors, and DLA Piper International LLP, a limited liability partnership which governs the business of DLA Piper in the UK and elsewhere.

### 8 Related parties

Other than the donation from DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in section G of the Trustees' report) and the provision of donated services and administration services by DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in note 3), there have been no other related party transactions during the year.

A list of connected charities is disclosed within note 6.

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **(A) Reference and administrative information**

**The Trustees during the year ended 5 April 2023 and up to the date of approval of these financial statements were:**

Ms Sandra May Wallace  
Mr Sean Patrick Mahon  
Mr Liam Anthony Paul Cowell  
Ms Amanda Rachel Pilkington  
Mr Paul Andrew Dineen  
Ms Charlotte Rachel Turner (resigned 25 May 2023)  
Ms Amanda Juliette Georgina Bibbey  
Ms Gina Van Der Pauw (appointed 27 September 2023)

### **Secretary**

Ms Susan Mary Greaves  
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### **Registered Office**

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# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **(B) Structure, governance and management**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023.

#### **Governing documents**

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#### **Induction and training**

New Trustees are provided with an induction pack by the Secretary which includes not only copies of minutes of recent meetings and copies of Trustees' reports and financial statements, but also copies of documents relating to the governance and operation of the Charity including grant making policies. In addition, documentation with regard to Trustee duties and responsibilities is provided.

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#### **Organisation**

The Trustees meet four times per year to discuss applications and the affairs of the Trust and to award grants. The meetings sometimes take place via audio conference or videoconference facilities, but at least one meeting every year takes place face-to-face subject to Government restrictions. Decisions are implemented through its officers and advisors.

The day to day administration of the Charity, work in connection with its income, liaison with outside bodies, the administration of its grant programmes and the processing and handling of applications prior to and after their consideration by Trustees, is all work delegated to the Secretary.



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **(B) Structure, governance and management (continued)**

From time to time all Trustees consider policy and strategic matters. The Trustees also consider monitoring information obtained concerning the performance of grants.

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### **(C) Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the Trust are as follows:

To apply all or any part or parts of the income of the Trust fund to or for such charitable institution or institutions or other charitable object or objects in any part of the world as the Trustees or a majority in point of number of the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit to support or establish.

To make effective and creative use of its opportunities for grant-making as evidenced by the commentary on its grant making activities below. As the Trust invariably receives far more applications for funding than it can respond to, a grants policy has been established. This policy aims to support registered charities, not individuals, through grants which:

- Stimulate and support the charity fundraising efforts of members and employees of DLA Piper UK LLP ("DLA Piper");
- Support, for example, a charity project selected by a DLA Piper office for fundraising activities throughout a financial or calendar year; and
- Give significant support to a charity or charities offering service to particular communities or in need groups (for example, by reason of ill health or other disadvantage).

Grants were made during the year for a wide variety of purposes to numerous charities, including: Midlands Air Ambulance, Morely and District Lions Club, Movember Europe, Landaid Charitable Trust, Learning Partnership and Redress Trust.

The full range of the objectives of the Trust were represented in the range of grants made. During the year a total of 33 grants were awarded (2022: 30 NB reduced from 31 to 30 as one grant was cancelled).

Applications from members, partners and employees of DLA Piper for grants in support of charities are encouraged by publicity of the Trust within DLA Piper. Trustees also encourage not merely the requesting of a donation, but the undertaking of fundraising efforts.



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **(D) Achievements and performance**

The Charity measures its achievements by the breadth and success of its grant making.

The indicator used by the Trust to measure the success of its grant making is the effectiveness and usefulness of the grant expenditure. This is evidenced by feedback from charities benefiting from donations including letters of thanks from Air Ambulance Charity, British Heart Foundation, Morely and District Lions Club, Shine21, Redress Trust and Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Trust is dependent for the achievement of its objectives on a good flow of applications. The contacts it maintains through the Secretary and through the members and staff of DLA Piper continues to supply a good flow of applications but the Trustees continue to work at developing the effectiveness and reach of the Charity's grant making programmes.

The Secretary continued her liaison with the Corporate Responsibility (CR) department of DLA Piper so as to be aware of any opportunities for grant making that might arise from initiatives within that organisation.

The continuing use of the matched funding and one-off awards in response to applications from DLA Piper staff is a successful feature of the grant making.

### **(E) Public benefit**

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. It is noted that a charitable organisation must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit and that there must be compliance with two principles.

The first principle is that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits. As a grant making charity the Trust has clear purposes, set out in its governing deed which it fulfils through its grant making programmes. The benefits are identifiable in the activities undertaken by the grant beneficiaries in delivering their own charitable objectives with funds provided by the Trust.

The second principle requires that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The appropriateness of the beneficiaries to the aims of this Trust are assessed by the application process and in cases needing additional attention, through enquiries raised by the Secretary or Trustees. The Trustees are conscious of the need to ensure, so far as they can, that a section of the public benefiting is not unreasonably restricted. In appropriate cases the examination of accounts and the beneficiaries' approach to finance, enable the Trustees to assess adequately for their purposes any questions that may arise over restrictions flowing from the charging of fees by beneficiary charities. The same analysis enables the Trustees to assess the issue of potential exclusion of those in poverty. Private benefit is unlikely to be an issue in the grant making activities of this Trust, but the Trustees are aware of the need to keep an eye open for this risk.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **(E) Public benefit (continued)**

This report already contains a summary of the objects of this charity, a summary of its main activities and a record of its achievements in relation to its objects by reference to grant making.

The Trustees are aware that via section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 there is an obligation to require Trustees to report on the Charity's public benefit. The above section is intended to meet that requirement. The Trustees are aware that when planning the Charity's activities they must have regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. They confirm that they have had such regard.

### **(F) Financial review and principal funding sources**

Income is derived from regular donations from the profits of DLA Piper, plus the tax relief from these donations. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account. The Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its work through the careful stewardship of its income.

Total income for the year was £94,042 (2022: £33,531). A donation of £50,000 from DLA Piper LLP was received. (2022: £0) Income for the year also included £31,080 donated services (2022: £25,200) and £462 interest (2022: £19). Gift Aid of £16,250 recorded in the 2021 accounts and Gift Aid following the £50,000 is yet to be claimed.

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### **(G) Reserves**

Reserves are considered to be unrestricted and the position is discussed at each Trustees' meeting. The Trustees aim to keep reserves at a level not less than 50% of average annual income in order to meet any exceptional calls for immediate charitable funding.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 5 April 2023 was £77,769 (2022: £71,729).

### **(H) Going concern**

The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **(I) Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to continue the existing objectives and pattern of grant making with the aim and objective of reaching worthy causes and other charities for which a grant from the Trust can make all the difference between an activity or event taking place or failing to do so.

### **(J) Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland."

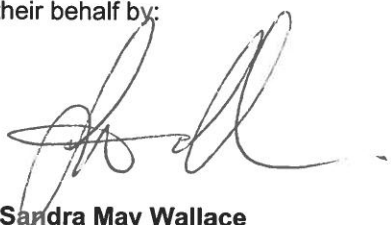
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 trust deed. 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.

The Trustees' report on pages 1 to 6 was approved by the Trustees on 22 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**  
Trustee



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust 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.

**Jeremy Black (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

London, United Kingdom

January 2024

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2023

|                                    | Note | 2023          | 2022            |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|
|                                    |      | £             | £               |
| <b>Income from:</b>                |      |               |                 |
| Donations                          |      | 50,000        | 10,000          |
| Donated services                   |      | 31,080        | 25,200          |
| Tax relief (gift aid)              |      | 12,500        | (1,688)         |
| Interest income                    |      | 462           | 19              |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>94,042</b> | <b>33,531</b>   |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |      |               |                 |
| Charitable activities              | 4    | 87,928        | 103,279         |
| Other expenditure – bank charges   |      | 74            | 110             |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>88,002</b> | <b>103,389</b>  |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       |      | <b>6,040</b>  | <b>(69,858)</b> |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>    |      |               |                 |
| Total funds brought forward        |      | 71,729        | 141,587         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |      | <b>77,769</b> | <b>71,729</b>   |

All of the above items are in respect of continuing operations. All fund balances and movements are considered to be unrestricted.

There is no difference between the net income shown above and their historical cost equivalent.

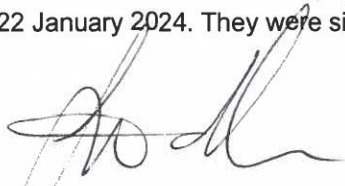
All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2023

|                                 | 2023          | 2022          |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                 | £             | £             |
| <b>Current assets</b>           |               |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand        | 49,019        | 55,479        |
| Gift Aid debtor                 | 28,750        | 16,250        |
| <b>Net assets</b>               | <b>77,769</b> | <b>71,729</b> |
| <b>The funds of the Charity</b> |               |               |
| Unrestricted funds              | 77,769        | 71,729        |
| <b>Total Charity funds</b>      | <b>77,769</b> | <b>71,729</b> |

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 January 2024. They were signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**  
Trustee

## The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

### The DLA Piper Charitable Trust Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 5 April 2023

|                                                            | Note     | 2023<br>£      | 2022            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |          |                |                 |
| <b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>(6,922)</b> | <b>(54,877)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                |          |                |                 |
| Interest received                                          |          | <b>462</b>     | 19              |
| <b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>           |          | <b>462</b>     | 19              |
| <b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash at bank and in hand</b> |          | <b>(6,460)</b> | <b>(54,858)</b> |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the beginning of the year      |          | <b>55,479</b>  | 110,337         |
| <b>Cash at bank and in hand at the end of the year</b>     |          | <b>49,019</b>  | <b>55,479</b>   |

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023

### 1 General information

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales.  
Charity registration number: 327280  
Registered address: DLA Piper UK LLP, 1 St Paul's Place, Sheffield, S1 2JX.

### 2 Principal accounting policies

#### (A) Basis of preparation and going concern

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities' SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. A more detailed explanation of the Trustees' assessment of going concern can be found in section (I) **Plans for future periods** of the Trustees' report.

#### (B) Income

Donations are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Please see section F on page 5.

Gift aid income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

Gift Aid of £16,250 recorded in the 2021 accounts and Gift Aid of £12,500 for 2023 is yet to be claimed.

Interest on deposit accounts is credited when received.

#### (C) Donated services and support costs

Donated services have been recognised as income on the basis of the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount for support costs has been recognised under charitable activities within expenditure.

#### (D) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis once an offer has been conveyed to the recipient.



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023**

### **2 Principal accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(E) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held in a current account and an interest bearing account.

#### **(F) Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Grants payable are accounted for in full as liabilities of the Trust when approved by the Trustees and accepted by the beneficiaries.

#### **(G) Fund accounting**

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

#### **(H) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The trustees do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty that would have a material impact on these financial statements, and as such, none have been disclosed.

### **3 Support costs - administration and governance costs**

The Trust had no employees in the current or prior year.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement for expenses during the current or prior year.

Donated services totalling £31,080 (2022: £25,200) have been recognised in the year relating to the professional services of Wrigleys Solicitors LLP which have been provided free of charge by DLA Piper UK LLP.

Administration services (including independent examiner's fees) are provided free of charge from DLA Piper UK LLP. The Trustees consider it is not practicable to make an accurate estimate of the value of these services.

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023

### 4 Charitable activities

|                                           | 2023                |               | 2022                |                |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                           | Number of Donations | £             | Number of Donations | £              |
| <b>Donations to institutions:</b>         |                     |               |                     |                |
| Leeds Cares (Leeds Children's Hospital)   |                     | -             | 1                   | 5,000          |
| Midlands Air Ambulance                    | 1                   | 5,000         | 1                   | 5,000          |
| Morley and District Lions Club            | 1                   | 3,500         | 1                   | 3,000          |
| Movember Europe                           | 1                   | 3,500         | 1                   | 3,500          |
| Mail Force Charity CIO                    |                     | -             | 1                   | 3,500          |
| Breast Cancer Now                         |                     | -             | 1                   | 3,500          |
| Landaid Charitable Trust                  | 1                   | 1,076         | 1                   | 2,200          |
| Weston Park Cancer Charity                |                     | -             | 1                   | 2,217          |
| The Childhood Trust                       |                     | -             | 1                   | 5,000          |
| Simon Community School                    |                     | -             | 1                   | 5,000          |
| Roundabout Homeless Charity               |                     | -             | 1                   | 5,000          |
| UNCHR                                     |                     | -             | 1                   | 25,000         |
| Zarach                                    |                     | -             | 1                   | 1,640          |
| Cavendish Cancer Care                     | 1                   | 3,500         |                     |                |
| Leeds Hospital Charity                    | 1                   | 3,500         |                     |                |
| Learning Partnerships                     | 1                   | 1,500         |                     |                |
| Redress Trust                             | 1                   | 1,000         |                     |                |
| Bluebell Wood Children's Hospital         | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |                |
| Wellbeing Scotland                        | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |                |
| Refugee Council                           | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |                |
| Francis House                             | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |                |
| Alzheimer's Society                       | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |                |
| Other donations less than £1,000          | 20                  | 9,772         | 18                  | 8,522          |
| <b>Subtotal donations to institutions</b> | <b>33</b>           | <b>57,348</b> | <b>31</b>           | <b>78,079</b>  |
| Less cancelled prior year donations       | 1                   | 500           | 0                   | 0              |
| <b>Total donations to institutions</b>    | <b>33</b>           | <b>56,848</b> | <b>31</b>           | <b>78,079</b>  |
| Support costs                             |                     | 31,080        |                     | 25,200         |
| <b>Total charitable activities</b>        |                     | <b>87,928</b> |                     | <b>103,279</b> |

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023

### 5 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

|                                                          | 2023           | 2022            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                                          | £              | £               |
| Net movement in funds                                    | 6,040          | (69,858)        |
| Deduct interest income shown in investing activities     | (462)          | (19)            |
| Decrease/increase in debtors                             | (12,500)       | 15,000          |
| <b>Net cash inflow/outflow from operating activities</b> | <b>(6,922)</b> | <b>(54,877)</b> |

### 6 Connected charities

Sandra May Wallace, Chair, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- National Numeracy - Trustee

Sean Patrick Mahon, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of South Yorkshire – Director

Liam Anthony Paul Cowell, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Prospere Learning Trust – member

Amanda Rachel Pilkington, Trustee is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- The Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mark's Broomhill Sheffield – Trustee

Consequently the four mentioned charities are connected charities.

### 7 Immediate and ultimate controlling party

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees, three of which are members of DLA Piper UK LLP, a limited liability partnership carrying on the business of solicitors, and DLA Piper International LLP, a limited liability partnership which governs the business of DLA Piper in the UK and elsewhere.

### 8 Related parties

Other than the donation from DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in section G of the Trustees' report) and the provision of donated services and administration services by DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in note 3), there have been no other related party transactions during the year.

A list of connected charities is disclosed within note 6.

**THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 327280

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# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

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# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2022

### (B) Structure, governance and management (continued)

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Applications from members, partners and employees of DLA Piper for grants in support of charities are encouraged by publicity of the Trust within DLA Piper. Trustees also encourage not merely the requesting of a donation, but the undertaking of fundraising efforts.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2022**

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The continuing use of the matched funding and one-off awards in response to applications from DLA Piper staff is a successful feature of the grant making.

### **(E) Public benefit**

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. It is noted that a charitable organisation must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit and that there must be compliance with two principles.

The first principle is that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits. As a grant making charity the Trust has clear purposes, set out in its governing deed which it fulfils through its grant making programmes. The benefits are identifiable in the activities undertaken by the grant beneficiaries in delivering their own charitable objectives with funds provided by the Trust.

The second principle requires that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The appropriateness of the beneficiaries to the aims of this Trust are assessed by the application process and in cases needing additional attention, through enquiries raised by the Secretary or Trustees. The Trustees are conscious of the need to ensure, so far as they can, that a section of the public benefiting is not unreasonably restricted. In appropriate cases the examination of accounts and the beneficiaries' approach to finance, enable the Trustees to assess adequately for their purposes any questions that may arise over restrictions flowing from the charging of fees by beneficiary charities. The same analysis enables the Trustees to assess the issue of potential exclusion of those in poverty. Private benefit is unlikely to be an issue in the grant making activities of this Trust, but the Trustees are aware of the need to keep an eye open for this risk.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report**

### **for the year ended 5 April 2022**

#### **(E) Public benefit (continued)**

This report already contains a summary of the objects of this charity, a summary of its main activities and a record of its achievements in relation to its objects by reference to grant making.

The Trustees are aware that via section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 there is an obligation to require Trustees to report on the Charity's public benefit. The above section is intended to meet that requirement. The Trustees are aware that when planning the Charity's activities they must have regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. They confirm that they have had such regard.

#### **(F) Financial review and principal funding sources**

Income is derived from regular donations from the profits of DLA Piper, plus the tax relief from these donations. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account. The Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its work through the careful stewardship of its income.

Total income for the year was £33,531 (2021: £104,086). A donation from Istari Global totalling £10,000 was received. No donation received from DLA Piper (2021: £65,000) Income for the year also included £25,200 donated services (2021: £22,800) and £19 interest (2021: £36). The Gift Aid calculated to be due to the Trust as at 5 April 2020 is shown on the previous accounts as being £15,000, whereas the actual sum recovered was £13,312.40. An adjustment of -£1,688 has been made to reflect the difference between the original sum of £15,000 and the sum recovered. Gift Aid of £16,250 recorded in the 2021 accounts is yet to be claimed.

Expenditure for the year totalled £103,489, of which £78,079 was grants (2021: £33,586), £25,200 was donated services (2021: £22,800) and £110 was bank charges (2021: £74), resulting in a net decrease in funds of (£69,858 decrease) (2021: £47,626 increase).

#### **(G) Reserves**

Reserves are considered to be unrestricted and the position is discussed at each Trustees' meeting. The Trustees aim to keep reserves at a level not less than 50% of average annual income in order to meet any exceptional calls for immediate charitable funding.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 5 April 2022 was £71,629 (2021: £141,587).

#### **(H) Going concern**

The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2022**

### **(I) Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to continue the existing objectives and pattern of grant making with the aim and objective of reaching worthy causes and other charities for which a grant from the Trust can make all the difference between an activity or event taking place or failing to do so.

In addition, the Trustees continue to consider possible new patterns of grant making and the possibility of having particular areas of interest as a focus for grant making initiatives.

### **(J) Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland."

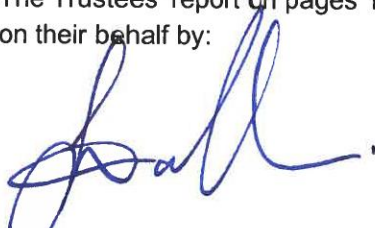
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In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 trust deed. 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.

The Trustees' report on pages 1 to 6 was approved by the Trustees on 12 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**  
Trustee

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust 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.

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Leeds, United Kingdom  
January 2023

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2022

|                                    | Note | 2022            | 2021           |
|------------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                    |      | £               | £              |
| <b>Income from:</b>                |      |                 |                |
| Donations                          |      | 10,000          | 65,000         |
| Donated services                   | 2    | 25,200          | 22,800         |
| Tax relief (gift aid)              | 2    | (1,688)         | 16,250         |
| Interest income                    |      | 19              | 36             |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>33,531</b>   | <b>104,086</b> |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |      |                 |                |
| Charitable activities              | 4    | 103,279         | 56,386         |
| Other expenditure – bank charges   |      | 110             | 74             |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>103,389</b>  | <b>56,460</b>  |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       |      | <b>(69,858)</b> | <b>47,626</b>  |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>    |      |                 |                |
| Total funds brought forward        |      | 141,587         | 93,961         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |      | <b>71,729</b>   | <b>141,587</b> |

All of the above items are in respect of continuing operations. All fund balances and movements are considered to be unrestricted.

There is no difference between the net income shown above and their historical cost equivalent.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

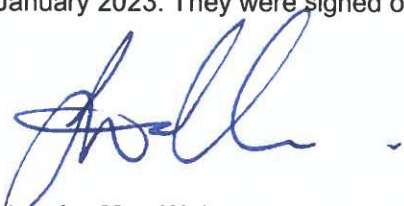


# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2022

|                                 | 2022<br>£     | 2021<br>£      |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>           |               |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand        | 55,479        | 110,337        |
| Gift Aid debtor                 | 16,250        | 31,250         |
| <b>Net assets</b>               | <b>71,729</b> | <b>141,587</b> |
| <b>The funds of the Charity</b> |               |                |
| Unrestricted funds              | 71,729        | 141,587        |
| <b>Total Charity funds</b>      | <b>71,729</b> | <b>141,587</b> |

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 January 2023. They were signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**  
Trustee

## The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

### The DLA Piper Charitable Trust Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 5 April 2022

|                                                       | Note | 2022<br>£ | 2021    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|
| <hr/>                                                 |      |           |         |
| Cash flows from operating activities                  |      |           |         |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities   | 5    | (54,877)  | 31,340  |
| <hr/>                                                 |      |           |         |
| Cash flows from investing activities                  |      |           |         |
| Interest received                                     |      | 19        | 36      |
| Net cash inflow from investing activities             |      | 19        | 36      |
| <hr/>                                                 |      |           |         |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash at bank and in hand   |      | (54,858)  | 31,376  |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the beginning of the year |      | 110,337   | 78,961  |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the end of the year       |      | 55,479    | 110,337 |

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022

### 1 General information

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales.  
Charity registration number: 327280  
Registered address: DLA Piper UK LLP, 1 St Paul's Place, Sheffield, S1 2JX.

### 2 Principal accounting policies

#### (A) Basis of preparation and going concern

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities' SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. A more detailed explanation of the Trustees' assessment of going concern can be found in section (I) **Plans for future periods** of the Trustees' report.

#### (B) Income

Donations are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Gift aid income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

Gift Aid - an adjustment of -£1,688 has been made to reflect the difference between the original sum of £15,000 and the sum recovered of £13,312.40. Gift Aid of £16,250 recorded in the 2021 accounts is yet to be claimed.

Interest on deposit accounts is credited when received.

#### (C) Donated services and support costs

Donated services have been recognised as income on the basis of the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount for support costs has been recognised under charitable activities within expenditure.

#### (D) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis once an offer has been conveyed to the recipient.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022**

### **2 Principal accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(E) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held in a current account and an interest bearing account.

#### **(F) Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Grants payable are accounted for in full as liabilities of the Trust when approved by the Trustees and accepted by the beneficiaries.

#### **(G) Fund accounting**

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

#### **(H) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The trustees do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty that would have a material impact on these financial statements, and as such, none have been disclosed.

### **3 Support costs - administration and governance costs**

The Trust had no employees in the current or prior year.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement for expenses during the current or prior year.

Donated services totalling £25,200 (2021: £22,800) have been recognised in the year relating to the professional services of Wrigleys Solicitors LLP which have been provided free of charge by DLA Piper UK LLP.

Administration services (including independent examiner's fees) are provided free of charge from DLA Piper UK LLP. The Trustees consider it is not practicable to make an accurate estimate of the value of these services.

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022

### 4 Charitable activities

|                                           | 2022                |                | 2021                |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                                           | Number of Donations | £              | Number of Donations | £             |
| <b>Donations to institutions:</b>         |                     |                |                     |               |
| Leeds Cares (Leeds Children's Hospital)   | 1                   | 5,000          | 1                   | 5,000         |
| Midlands Air Ambulance                    | 1                   | 5,000          | 1                   | 5,000         |
| The UK Sepsis Trust                       |                     | -              | 1                   | 3,500         |
| NHS Charities Together                    |                     | -              | 1                   | 3,500         |
| British Heart Foundation                  |                     | -              | 1                   | 2,500         |
| Morley and District Lions Club            | 1                   | 3,000          | 1                   | 2,500         |
| Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society     |                     | -              | 1                   | 2,500         |
| Movember Europe                           | 1                   | 3,500          | 1                   | 2,445         |
| Action for Children                       |                     | -              | 1                   | 2,035         |
| Whitechapel Mission                       |                     | -              | 1                   | 1,500         |
| Mail Force Charity CIO                    | 1                   | 3,500          |                     | -             |
| Breast Cancer Now                         | 1                   | 3,500          |                     | -             |
| Landaid Charitable Trust                  | 1                   | 2,200          |                     | -             |
| Weston Park Cancer Charity                | 1                   | 2,217          |                     | -             |
| The Childhood Trust                       | 1                   | 5,000          |                     | -             |
| Simon Community School                    | 1                   | 5,000          |                     | -             |
| Roundabout Homeless Charity               | 1                   | 5,000          |                     | -             |
| UNCHR                                     | 1                   | 25,000         |                     | -             |
| Zarach                                    | 1                   | 1,640          |                     | -             |
| Other donations less than £1,000          | 18                  | 8,522          | 11                  | 4,706         |
| <b>Subtotal donations to institutions</b> | <b>31</b>           | <b>78,079</b>  | <b>21</b>           | <b>35,186</b> |
| Less cancelled prior year donations       | 0                   | 0              | (4)                 | (1,600)       |
| <b>Total donations to institutions</b>    | <b>31</b>           | <b>78,079</b>  | <b>17</b>           | <b>33,586</b> |
| Support costs                             |                     | 25,200         |                     | 22,800        |
| <b>Total charitable activities</b>        |                     | <b>103,279</b> |                     | <b>56,386</b> |

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022

### 5 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

|                                                          | 2022            | 2021          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                                                          | £               | £             |
| Net movement in funds                                    | (69,858)        | 47,626        |
| Deduct interest income shown in investing activities     | (19)            | (36)          |
| Decrease/increase in debtors                             | 15,000          | (16,250)      |
| <b>Net cash inflow/outflow from operating activities</b> | <b>(54,877)</b> | <b>31,340</b> |

### 6 Connected charities

Sandra May Wallace, Chair, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- National Numeracy - Trustee

Sean Patrick Mahon, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of South Yorkshire – Director

Philip James Rooney, Trustee, is associated with three other charities, the details of which are:

- NSPCC – involved in fundraising events
- The Community Foundation for Lancashire and Merseyside – volunteer
- Tate Liverpool - member of fund raising committee

Liam Anthony Paul Cowell, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Prospere Learning Trust – member

Amanda Rachel Pilkington, Trustee is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- The Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mark's Broomhill Sheffield - Trustee

Consequently the seven mentioned charities are connected charities.

### 7 Immediate and ultimate controlling party

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees, three of which are members of DLA Piper UK LLP, a limited liability partnership carrying on the business of solicitors, and DLA Piper International LLP, a limited liability partnership which governs the business of DLA Piper in the UK and elsewhere.

### 8 Related parties

## The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

Other than the donation from DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in section G of the Trustees' report) and the provision of donated services and administration services by DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in note 3), there have been no other related party transactions during the year.

A list of connected charities is disclosed within note 6.





**THE DLA PIPER CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 327280

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# Accounts

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# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2021**

### **(A) Reference and administrative information**

**The Trustees during the year ended 5 April 2021 and up to the date of approval of these financial statements were:**

Ms Sandra May Wallace  
Mr Sean Patrick Mahon  
Mr Philip James Rooney  
Mr Liam Anthony Paul Cowell  
Ms Amanda Rachel Pilkington

#### **Secretary**

Ms Susan Mary Greaves  
c/o Wrigleys Solicitors LLP  
Derwent House  
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Sheffield  
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#### **Registered Office**

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#### **Independent Examiner**

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# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2021**

### **(B) Structure, governance and management**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2021.

#### **Governing documents**

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust (previously known as the DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Charitable Trust, the DLA Charitable Trust, the Dibb Lupton Alsop Charitable Trust, and the Dibb Lupton Broomhead Charitable Trust) is a registered charity, number 327280. It was established for an eighty year trust period by a deed dated 14 October 1986 as varied by a scheme of 12 September 1989 and by Resolutions dated 11 December 1996, 21 September 2000, 21 April 2005 and 27 September 2006 (the date of the resolution changing the name of the Charity to The DLA Piper Charitable Trust). The registered office for the Trust is shown on page 1.

The financial statements comply with the governing documents, statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2019. They have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees are appointed from time to time by the existing Trustees. The Trust's constitution has no express or explicit powers of appointment, and no other person or external body is entitled to appoint any trustees. There is no maximum number of Trustees required at any one time, provided that there are always at least two. There are no restrictions relating to the length of service of Trustees.

#### **Induction and training**

New Trustees are provided with an induction pack by the Secretary which includes not only copies of minutes of recent meetings and copies of Trustees' reports and financial statements, but also copies of documents relating to the governance and operation of the Charity including grant making policies. In addition, documentation with regard to Trustee duties and responsibilities is provided.

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### **(E) Public benefit**

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. It is noted that a charitable organisation must be able to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit and that there must be compliance with two principles.

The first principle is that there must be an identifiable benefit or benefits. As a grant making charity the Trust has clear purposes, set out in its governing deed which it fulfils through its grant making programmes. The benefits are identifiable in the activities undertaken by the grant beneficiaries in delivering their own charitable objectives with funds provided by the Trust.

The second principle requires that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The appropriateness of the beneficiaries to the aims of this Trust are assessed by the application process and in cases needing additional attention, through enquiries raised by the Secretary or Trustees. The Trustees are conscious of the need to ensure, so far as they can, that a section of the public benefiting is not unreasonably restricted. In appropriate cases the examination of accounts and the beneficiaries' approach to finance, enable the Trustees to assess adequately for their purposes any questions that may arise over restrictions flowing from the charging of fees by beneficiary charities. The same analysis enables the Trustees to assess the issue of potential exclusion of those in poverty. Private benefit is unlikely to be an issue in the grant making activities of this Trust, but the Trustees are aware of the need to keep an eye open for this risk.

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2021**

### **(E) Public benefit (continued)**

This report already contains a summary of the objects of this charity, a summary of its main activities and a record of its achievements in relation to its objects by reference to grant making.

The Trustees are aware that via section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 there is an obligation to require Trustees to report on the Charity's public benefit. The above section is intended to meet that requirement. The Trustees are aware that when planning the Charity's activities they must have regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. They confirm that they have had such regard.

### **(F) Financial review and principal funding sources**

Income is derived from regular donations from the profits of DLA Piper, plus the tax relief from these donations. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account. The Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its work through the careful stewardship of its income.

Total income for the year was £104,086 (2020: £37,930). A donation from DLA Piper totalling £65,000 was received (2020: £10,000) and a further £16,250 (2020: £5,000) was recorded in the accounts for the Gift Aid yet to be claimed. Income for the year also included £22,800 donated services (2020: £22,800) and £36 interest (2020: £130).

Expenditure for the year totalled £56,460, of which £33,586 was grants (2020: £8,957), £22,800 was donated services (2020: £22,800) and £74 was bank charges (2020: £60), resulting in a net increase in funds of £47,626 (2020: £6,113 increase).

### **(G) Reserves**

Reserves are considered to be unrestricted and the position is discussed at each Trustees' meeting. The Trustees aim to keep reserves at a level not less than 50% of average annual income in order to meet any exceptional calls for immediate charitable funding.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 5 April 2021 was £141,587 (2020: £93,961).

### **(H) Going concern**

The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Covid-19 does not have any impact on the going concern of the Trust as expenditure is discretionary. If the Trustees feel that the cash balance is low then expenditure can be reduced as necessary, or income requested in the form of donations from the profits of DLA Piper, who themselves have disclosed they are well placed to manage the risks of Covid-19.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2021**

### **(I) Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to continue the existing objectives and pattern of grant making with the aim and objective of reaching worthy causes and other charities for which a grant from the Trust can make all the difference between an activity or event taking place or failing to do so.

In addition, the Trustees continue to consider possible new patterns of grant making and the possibility of having particular areas of interest as a focus for grant making initiatives.

### **(J) Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland."

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 trust deed. 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.

The Trustees' report on pages 1 to 6 was approved by the Trustees on 13 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**

Trustee



# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The DLA Piper Charitable Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 8.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust 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.

**Sarah Anderson FCCA**

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Leeds, United Kingdom

January 2022

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2021

|                                    | Note | 2021           | 2020          |
|------------------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|
|                                    |      | £              | £             |
| <b>Income from:</b>                |      |                |               |
| Donations                          |      | 65,000         | 10,000        |
| Donated services                   |      | 22,800         | 22,800        |
| Tax relief (gift aid)              |      | 16,250         | 5,000         |
| Interest income                    |      | 36             | 130           |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>104,086</b> | <b>37,930</b> |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |      |                |               |
| Charitable activities              | 4    | 56,386         | 31,757        |
| Other expenditure                  |      | 74             | 60            |
| <b>Total</b>                       |      | <b>56,460</b>  | <b>31,817</b> |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       |      | <b>47,626</b>  | <b>6,113</b>  |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>    |      |                |               |
| Total funds brought forward        |      | 93,961         | 87,848        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |      | <b>141,587</b> | <b>93,961</b> |

All of the above items are in respect of continuing operations. All fund balances and movements are considered to be unrestricted.

There is no difference between the net income shown above and their historical cost equivalent.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2021

|                                 | 2021           | 2020   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------|
|                                 | £              | £      |
| <b>Current assets</b>           |                |        |
| Cash at bank and in hand        | <b>110,337</b> | 78,961 |
| Gift Aid debtor                 | <b>31,250</b>  | 15,000 |
| <b>Net assets</b>               | <b>141,587</b> | 93,961 |
| <b>The funds of the Charity</b> |                |        |
| Unrestricted funds              | <b>141,587</b> | 93,961 |
| <b>Total Charity funds</b>      | <b>141,587</b> | 93,961 |

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 January 2022. They were signed on their behalf by:



**Ms Sandra May Wallace**  
Trustee





# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 5 April 2021

|                                                       | Note | 2021<br>£ | 2020<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| <hr/>                                                 |      |           |           |
| Cash flows from operating activities                  |      |           |           |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities             | 5    | 31,340    | 983       |
| <hr/>                                                 |      |           |           |
| Cash flows from investing activities                  |      |           |           |
| Interest received                                     |      | 36        | 130       |
| Net cash inflow from investing activities             |      | 36        | 130       |
| <hr/>                                                 |      |           |           |
| Net increase in cash at bank and in hand              |      | 31,376    | 1,113     |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the beginning of the year |      | 78,961    | 77,848    |
| Cash at bank and in hand at the end of the year       |      | 110,337   | 78,961    |

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021**

### **1 General information**

The DLA Piper Charitable Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales.  
Charity registration number: 327280  
Registered address: DLA Piper UK LLP, 1 St Paul's Place, Sheffield, S1 2JX.

### **2 Principal accounting policies**

#### **(A) Basis of preparation and going concern**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities' SORP 2019) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The Trust has significant reserves and the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. A more detailed explanation of the Trustees' assessment of going concern can be found in section (I) Plans for future periods of the Trustees' report.

#### **(B) Income**

Donations are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Gift aid income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

Interest on deposit accounts is credited when received.

#### **(C) Donated services and support costs**

Donated services have been recognised as income on the basis of the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount for support costs has been recognised under charitable activities within expenditure.

#### **(D) Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis once an offer has been conveyed to the recipient.

# **The DLA Piper Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021**

### **2 Principal accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(E) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held in a current account and an interest bearing account.

#### **(F) Recognition of liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Grants payable are accounted for in full as liabilities of the Trust when approved by the Trustees and accepted by the beneficiaries.

#### **(G) Fund accounting**

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

#### **(H) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The trustees do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty that would have a material impact on these financial statements, and as such, none have been disclosed.

### **3 Support costs - administration and governance costs**

The Trust had no employees in the current or prior year.

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement for expenses during the current or prior year.

Donated services totalling £22,800 (2020: £22,800) have been recognised in the year relating to the professional services of Wrigleys Solicitors LLP which have been provided free of charge by DLA Piper UK LLP.

Administration services (including independent examiner's fees) are provided free of charge from DLA Piper UK LLP. The Trustees consider it is not practicable to make an accurate estimate of the value of these services.

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021

### 4 Charitable activities

|                                           | 2021                |               | 2020                |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                                           | Number of Donations | £             | Number of Donations | £             |
| <b>Donations to institutions:</b>         |                     |               |                     |               |
| Leeds Cares (Leeds Children's Hospital)   | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |               |
| Midlands Air Ambulance                    | 1                   | 5,000         |                     |               |
| The UK Sepsis Trust                       | 1                   | 3,500         | 2                   | 1,347         |
| NHS Charities Together                    | 1                   | 3,500         |                     |               |
| British Heart Foundation                  | 1                   | 2,500         |                     |               |
| Morley and District Lions Club            | 1                   | 2,500         |                     |               |
| Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society     | 1                   | 2,500         |                     |               |
| Movember Europe                           | 1                   | 2,445         |                     |               |
| Action for Children                       | 1                   | 2,035         |                     |               |
| Whitechapel Mission                       | 1                   | 1,500         |                     |               |
| St Gemma's Hospice                        |                     |               | 1                   | 2,000         |
| Prince of Wales Hospice                   |                     |               | 1                   | 1,000         |
| Other donations less than £1,000          | 11                  | 4,706         | 16                  | 8,110         |
| <b>Subtotal donations to institutions</b> | <b>21</b>           | <b>35,186</b> | <b>20</b>           | <b>12,457</b> |
| Less cancelled prior year donations       | (4)                 | (1,600)       | (3)                 | (3,500)       |
| <b>Total donations to institutions</b>    | <b>17</b>           | <b>33,586</b> | <b>17</b>           | <b>8,957</b>  |
| Support costs                             |                     | 22,800        |                     | 22,800        |
| <b>Total charitable activities</b>        |                     | <b>56,386</b> |                     | <b>31,757</b> |

# The DLA Piper Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021

### 5 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

|                                                      | 2021          | 2020       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
|                                                      | £             | £          |
| Net movement in funds                                | 47,626        | 6,113      |
| Deduct interest income shown in investing activities | (36)          | (130)      |
| Increase in debtors                                  | (16,250)      | (5,000)    |
| <b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>     | <b>31,340</b> | <b>983</b> |

### 6 Connected charities

Sean Patrick Mahon, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of South Yorkshire – Director

Philip James Rooney, Trustee, is associated with three other charities, the details of which are:

- NSPCC – involved in fundraising events
- The Community Foundation for Lancashire and Merseyside – volunteer
- Tate Liverpool - member of fund raising committee

Liam Anthony Paul Cowell, Trustee, is associated with one other charity, the details of which are:

- Prospere Learning Trust – member

Consequently the five mentioned charities are connected charities.

### 7 Immediate and ultimate controlling party

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees, three of which are members of DLA Piper UK LLP, a limited liability partnership carrying on the business of solicitors, and DLA Piper International LLP, a limited liability partnership which governs the business of DLA Piper in the UK and elsewhere.

### 8 Related parties

Other than the donation from DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in section G of the Trustees' report) and the provision of donated services and administration services by DLA Piper UK LLP (as disclosed in note 3), there have been no other related party transactions during the year.

A list of connected charities is disclosed within note 6.