

# Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100092

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-03-31

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The promotion for the public benefit of urban regeneration in the Colin area of Belfast (Twinbrook, Poleglass, Lagmore and Kilwee/Dunmurry) and its environs (the "area of benefit"), being an area of social and economic deprivation and for those living in the area of benefit, by all or any of the following means: (i) the relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit. (ii) The relief of unemployment in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment; (iii) the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience; (iv) the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing; (v) the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities; (vi) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance; (vii) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities; (viii) the protection or conservation of the environment; (ix) the provision of public health facilities and childcare; (x) the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime.

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Arts,Community development,Community enterprise,Cross-border/cross-community,Economic development,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,General charitable purposes,Heritage/historical,Medical/health/sickness,Relief of poverty,Urban development,Volunteer development,Welfare/benevolent,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Specific areas of deprivation,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,106,688	£1,062,487	£83,340	15

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jim Bradley		
Miss Claire Connor		
Miss Jane Young		
Mr Bernard Moane		
Mr Colm Fanning		
Mr Joe Duffy		
Mr Magennis Stephen		
Mr Matt Garrett		
Mr Michael Collins		
Mr Michael Cooper		
Mr Seanna Walsh		
Mrs Lisa Maclean		
Mrs Lisa Stitt		
Mrs Lynda Vladeanu		
Mrs Theresa Brady		
Ms Mary Smith		

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI047757 (Northern Ireland)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 100092**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**  
**for**  
**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**TRUSTEES**

T Brady  
B J Moane  
Dr J Bradley  
Fr C J Crossey (resigned 11/9/2024)  
J Duffy  
S J Magennis  
M Scott (resigned 15/7/2024)  
Ms P A Smart (resigned 11/9/2024)  
Ms M T Smith  
L A L Vladeanu  
M J Cooper  
L Stitt  
Councillor M Garrett  
M J Collins  
C Fanning (appointed 1/5/2024)  
L S Maclean  
K Murphy (appointed 9/5/2024) (resigned 2/5/2025)  
J P Pollock (appointed 9/5/2024) (resigned 29/5/2025)  
Councillor S Walsh (appointed 9/5/2024)  
C Connor (appointed 16/5/2025)  
J Young (appointed 16/5/2025)  
B Mcateer (appointed 16/5/2025)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

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**REGISTERED OFFICE**

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER A Armstrong**

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The CNP acts as the catalyst for partnership working across the Colin area, connecting with and bringing together all the key stakeholders from the community, public, political, and private sectors to achieve its aims and improve the lives of people in Colin.

The area covered by the CNP includes the neighbourhoods of Twinbrook, Poleglass, Lagmore and Kilwee, representing a population of over 30,000 people. The partnership structure is designed to ensure that it represents the needs of residents in each of these neighbourhoods as well as the range of organisation and groups operating across the whole area.

The board consists of the private sector, local representatives from each neighbourhood, statutory representatives from relevant agencies, representatives from specific sectors, i.e., women, environment, culture, education, youth, local diocese and political representatives, i.e., West Belfast M.P. and local councillors.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership strives to support people to develop their abilities, build resilience to address their needs to help improve their strengths and capacity. This is achieved by offering programmes, activities, and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents. By doing this we are confident we are establishing a strong community and gives a voice to the population to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental, and other themes to ensure better positive outcomes.

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plans priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

##### **Health**

Early Intervention

Education

Physical Developments/Improvements/Major Capital Projects

Community Development: Arts/Culture

Community Safety

Environment

Youth (Inclusion)

Men

Older residents

Children & Families

##### **Public benefit**

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

This is managed via a sophisticated structure of thematic subgroups. There are currently six such sub-groups focusing on: Health; Early Intervention; Community Safety; Environment; Youth Strategy; and Town Centre development. Some of the groups are chaired by a statutory agency with responsibility for the area of work. Each sub-group recruits members from a wide spectrum of agencies and local organisations who then oversee the development of projects and services that are delivered or supported by CNP. Through their work a generational cycle of deprivation and dependency is being challenged.

The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact on many more people in this area, we provided support to vulnerable individuals as well as many households experiencing financial hardship.

Sadly, it is still the case that many working families are still having to choose between work and staying at home because of the high rates of Child Care services. We provided vouchers to enable them to purchase food, gas and electric so they had the money to pay for their childcare expenses enabling them to work.

We were enabled to provide this support because of the donations we received from BCC, SEHSCT as well as many local small businesses and very generous residents.

There is also a concern in relation to older people who are now having to contribute to their family's needs from their pensions to support their grandchildren in terms of food, clothing, and other necessities.

Again, this year we supported close to 500 families with vouchers to purchase, food, gas, electric, clothing, and other essentials. This support is also offered to the PUL community in the Dunmurry area ensuring that all struggling families within our remit are not left behind and supported through this crisis.

#### **Town Centre Development**

CNP's work over twenty years with a range of government bodies has resulted in the Town Park, the Civic Square, Leisure Centre, the Glider and wider Transport Infrastructure. This has begun a physical infrastructure for Colin that delivers a sense of place and belonging. The next phase will involve the construction of the new Colin Town Hub.

CNP will continue to campaign for the provision of additional infrastructure facilities required to meet the needs of the area, including a new Health Centre with Multi-Disciplinary Team and a new Secondary school.

We will facilitate ongoing discussions between community, statutory and business interests to identify future opportunities for infrastructure development that fit strategic goals for Colin i.e. education, health, economy and the environment.

The next phase will involve the construction of the new Colin Town Hub.

Construction of the new Hub will commence in 2026, completing in 2027. This will be a landmark project, providing a new HQ for CNP. This will also include a 150-seat conference facility, Learning and Disability Resource Centre, NIHE District Office, as well as space for statutory and community organisations.

#### **Events, Arts and Culture**

Central to this is the organisation of regular community social events, attracting thousands of residents and visitors to community venues across Colin.

There is the summer Family Fun Day held in the new Colin Park or the Civic Square, the Halloween event at the Cloona House and 'Santa Comes to Colin' at the Transport Hub. There are many other events and activities that occur throughout the year such as Easter, Mother's Day, World Suicide Prevention Day and much more. The aim of all events and activities are to strengthen community bonds, increase engagement between local groups and promote inclusivity and community pride.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Volunteering and Capacity Building**

Critical to the success of the CNP events is the role of volunteers. Attending and volunteering at community events provides residents with an opportunity to participate and contribute to their community in a safe and interactive way. Volunteering is about people choosing to work together to achieve outcomes for themselves as individuals as well as for the neighbourhood. The diverse range of work carried out by CNP would be impossible without local people choosing to work together in this way. The Colin Men's Shed project, for instance, provide a key source of volunteers helping at CNP events as well as hosting their own Ukulele band entertaining residents in local old people's homes.

180 volunteers completed 361 volunteering hours on environmental projects, in particular the restoration of Belle Steele Garden and Old Colin Wood. 85 volunteers supported 3 large community events, contributing 460 volunteering hours.

To support community involvement and volunteering the CNP runs the Colin Community-Capacity-Building Project. This provides residents with information and advice on local opportunities on how to get involved and participate in community activities. It also provides training and development opportunities on a range of issues, supporting initiatives such as Good Morning Colin, the Autism Support Group, a Youth Inclusion Project, the Men's Shed, and the Green Spaces Project.

These help to improve health and wellbeing, to reduce isolation, enhance employability, to work for suicide prevention and support building stronger family relationships and involvement in work to improve the physical environment of Colin. Indeed, there are several real examples of individuals pursuing a 'pathway' from participation to volunteering and with some even securing employment.

By getting people involved in this way CNP, together with its partners, can make Colin an enjoyable place to live and the vibrant neighbourhood that it has become.

308 people took part in workshops and training through CNP community capacity-building programme. This figure is based on actual attendees.

#### **Education - Early Intervention .**

There has been an historic under provision of services to deal with needs of vulnerable children and families in the Colin area. Young people's academic performance was of particular concern. The Partnership works with schools with the objective of helping parents to support their infants and children to ensure that everyone can access appropriate and relevant education and skills training programmes.

The Early Intervention Programme is based on creating the Colin Early Intervention Community which developed a sophisticated model for the involvement of specialists in local schools. This model includes several agencies within Colin to develop strategic engagement and provide a range of high-quality services to children in the schools.

This includes a unique Primary Schools counselling service as well as Speech & Language therapy sessions (No other area has access to such dedicated school-based speech and language therapists).

The Changing Lives Initiative (2017-2021) was focused on families with children aged 3-7 years presenting with ADHD-consistent behaviours, but who had not (yet) received an assessment or diagnosis. There was a massive waiting list for assessments, with families waiting for years on a diagnosis and support for their children.

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### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The project offered parents early intervention support, via the Incredible Years parent programme. This approach prevented the system being 'clogged' with assessment requests, even more importantly it helped children from becoming labelled as 'problematic' and so enhanced their educational development prospects. Between 2017 and 2021, the Changing Lives Initiative (CLI), delivered to 1,200 parents across Belfast and Lisburn as well as 607 health and education professionals, CLI was the first sustained example of a CNP programme being widely delivered outside Colin.

More recently, CNP has secured significant EU funding to deliver an expanded and broader-ranging Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive (2025-28), which is addressing a wider range of queried neurodevelopmental behaviours including autism and ADHD, and will be delivered by a CNP team across the Belfast, South Eastern and Northern health trusts.

All these initiatives have contributed to a marked improvement in the educational performance of our young people. Since 2007 there has been  
a 65% increase in attainment of 5 GCSEs at grades A to C.  
a 42% increase where those 5 passes include Maths and English; and an  
81% reduction in those achieving no GCSE's.

In further and higher education Colin now performs better than most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and on a par with the general population with a 53% increase in young people going into higher education.

### **Crescendo**

The innovative Crescendo music tuition programme is run in partnership with the Ulster Orchestra, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, the Greater Shankill Partnership and QUB. Schools provide each child with an instrument and tuition culminating in an end of term performance at the Ulster Hall.

Crescendo is a music programme aimed at transforming children's lives through and beyond music, with impacts on families and communities. The programme is currently rooted in four Primary schools in some of Belfast's most disadvantaged communities in the Colin and Shankill areas, culminating in an end of year performance at the Ulster Hall.

The partners have developed the Vision and Mission for the Programme, it is our belief, supported by the emerging evidence that it can improve the lives of children, their families and contribute to better communities.

With music at its core, the Crescendo programme ensures that each child from P1- P3 in the four schools are introduced to the fundamental building blocks of musical understanding on a weekly basis by UO Associates & players. From P4 - P7 children begin instrumental lessons, including flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, cello and double bass.

We hope to secure sustainable funding for the current service as well as scale the current delivery to a greater number of schools in Shankill, Colin and beyond as well as expand the current Crescendo model with the development of a Post P7 model to support children currently involved in the post transition from primary to secondary education.

### **Health**

Historically Colin has suffered from some of the highest levels of health inequalities in Belfast. CNP has sought to address health inequalities through developing a range of preventative programmes focussed on physical and mental ill health issues and promoting peoples physical and emotional health and well-being.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Good Morning Colin - A team of 34 volunteers provides a morning telephone support service to over 400 older/ vulnerable residents of the Colin, Dunmurry and Lisburn areas 365 days per year.

This service continues to deliver their annual calendar of events, marking and celebrating various dates through the year, Valentines Ball, St. Patricks, May Ball, Summer festival, Christmas etc. The Warm Space initiative from September - April each year offers a hot meal and film show each week at Cloona House, this is to address social isolation among older residents who may not have an opportunity to connect with others during the winter months.

Colin Carers Group provides an opportunity for those with caring responsibilities to come together in a relaxed and supportive environment on a weekly basis providing peer support as well as health and wellbeing programmes and offer several trips throughout the year.

Youth Inclusion Project - This project provides both young people and families with children with ASD a space where they can be more active in their community. As lots of young people and families with ASD feel that there is not much for their families to participate with, these projects are helping change their lifestyles by giving the members the chance to become more active and a place where they feel they belong without fear of judgement.

Colin Autism Advice and Support Group - was set up by a group of local mothers to support their children and young people with ASD. Supported by the Youth Inclusion officer the group has over 600 members.

The Men's Shed project (Est. 2015) offers men a safe space where they can come together and support one another, tackling isolation, loneliness and well-being issues. They also actively contribute to the community, volunteering at many Colin community events.

Most of the men involved in the Colin Men's Shed would have lived in isolation and loneliness. The activities of the shed bring men together to get involved in a range of different activities to combat isolation and loneliness.

These activities give them a feeling of belonging to something and a reason to get up and out of the house each morning.

Changes in attitudes to personal and family health. - Because of the health programme the men have been involved in they are more open to talk about mental and physical issues they may have suffered or suffering, because of their volunteering in the community, they feel part of a thriving community and part of the CNP events team.

Changes in lifestyle. - A few of the men involved in the shed were referred by the local social worker because of low self-esteem and never left their homes. Because of their involvement with the shed they have made new friends attending various events and activities. They just love performing as part of the Ukulele band bringing joy to others. They support many community groups in the area by providing support for events, i.e., Sure Start, Colin Colour Run, Family Camp and many local primary schools.

The Colin Early Parenting Programme (CEPP). A health visitor-led initiative supports a core group of 20 vulnerable mothers with their baby's development, from 20 weeks pre-natal until they are two years of age to maximise bonding and child development.

There has also been a 57% decrease in teenage pregnancies since 2005.

A key strength has been the capacity of CNP to respond rapidly to emerging demands that have a serious impact on the neighbourhood.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The Suicide Task Group. A sub-group involving all the key agencies to develop the Colin Community Response Plan, offering a framework of support for potentially vulnerable people. Subsequently there has been a rapid fall off in the level of suicides.

#### **Environment**

The Colin area has one of the highest densities of green spaces in any part of Belfast, so maintaining and maximising the utility of this resource is a key objective. Via the Environmental sub-group, the Partnership has developed relationships with range of agencies and initiated projects to support environmental improvement, from housing, to roads, to tackling littering/fly tipping and maintenance of green spaces. Environmental projects have helped to boost mental and physical wellbeing as well as promoting community pride, ownership and cohesion.

Colin Allotments: a large site was leased to the Partnership by Invest NI in 2009. The site has flourished, now hosting 160 allotments. A healthy living centre was opened on the site in 2015, an extremely popular resource used by schools, the Victims and Survivors Trust, adults with learning disabilities, adults with emotional well-being issues and many more.

The monthly gardening classes in Partnership with Natural World Products, allows participants from all over Belfast to meet once a month and engage in group gardening activities, allowing relationships to develop, and sharing of knowledge, the classes have grown from strength and help to deal with social isolation. Community Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Prevention

This work continues via our Community Safety Subgroup which includes PSNI, BCC, NIHE. PCSP, Conservation Volunteers, Colin Safer Neighbourhoods Project, all Housing Providers, youth services and many local community organisations.

CNP has played a critical role in maintaining stability and security within the community by fostering good relationships and communication with state authorities, including the PSNI, housing bodies, social services, schools, and youth services.

CNP believes that its comprehensive approach, has reduced the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour. Between 2011 and 2024 there was a recorded: 42% decrease in anti-social behaviour; a significant decrease in the reported levels of vehicle crime (45%); burglary (72%) and Criminal damage (30%). However, violence against the person and sexual offences saw an increase of 45%. More recently local Neighbourhood Policing Teams figures show a substantial decline overall in anti-social behaviour.

In relation to Crime Prevention projects, we estimate that approx. 1500 individuals supported through crime prevention projects just in this period as there was major concerns in relation to burglaries, we secured some home safety equipment, which was provided to older residents.

The Colin Community Safety Forum (CCSF) was developed to support community groups in tackling anti-social behaviour, encouraging groups to engage to address issues that are impacting negatively on the lives of residents. Examples include Anti- Firework visits to local schools and youth centres, anti-scrambler messages to parents and children and the Colin Unwanted Bonfire Group, whose approach is now being practiced throughout West Belfast.

CNP has performed a crucial role in cross community networking, facilitating meetings with local business community, bandsmen, orange orders and PSNI to mitigate the risk of incidents at times of heightened tensions.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The needs on the ground are constantly changing, so the partnership must respond accordingly to new threats as they emerge. Furthermore, the CNP is continually having to fill in for and bridge the gaps left by underfunding of other services. Drug misuse, for instance, is an increasing problem exacerbated by the fact that there is no specialist support service available within the Colin Area. Anti-social behaviour is also a constant issue with attacks on the Glider and trouble in the new Colin Park.

We continue to work in partnership with the PUL community via Dunmurry Positive Relations Partnership to ensure positive outcomes in relation to contentious parades etc. around the marching season of July and August each year.

### **Colin Heritage Project**

Colin is a community where people are proud to live; part of that pride is based upon an understanding of the neighbourhood's heritage and history.

While in the previous year we provided several events, including various tours and discussions as well as creating the Colin heritage website, sadly during this year we were unable to provide the tours due to the lack of funding for these events.

We will re-establish a heritage subgroup of the CNP Board and develop a five-year plan to consider options and plans for making Cloona House a historical conference and visitors centre, allowing it to become a cultural and heritage hub for the area.

We will investigate opportunities for the development of a Colin heritage trail site, which could be linked to Belfast and its environs. This would highlight Colin's rich history, attract international visitors, and provide a valuable source of income.

### **Review of the work of the partnership 2004-2020**

This review was carried out during the late stages of 2024.

There was a strong tradition of pioneering community development in the Colin area from the beginnings of Twinbrook estate in the early to mid-1970s. The establishment of the Greater Twinbrook & Poleglass Community Forum in 1993, was the earliest model of collaborative community development in Colin. In 2003 local groups formed the Colin Neighbourhood Initiative, covering the estates of Twinbrook, Poleglass, Lagmore and Kilwee (Dunmurry Lane). This Initiative was supported through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, and in 2004 formally became known as the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP).

### **Context**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has helped to transform the Colin neighbourhood into a place where people want to live, work and be together. Colin has succeeded by embracing three core elements of community development practice.

1. empowering individuals to increase the choices available to them through our work on education and skills development.
2. creating awareness and building collective capacity to address disadvantage such as the Men's Shed project, suicide prevention task force and leading on the coordination of services during the Covid pandemic.
3. developing structures of participatory governance to make decisions together about the future of our neighbourhood, such as the Town Centre Steering Group.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

I. The last twenty years has been about building a cohesive and settled community, the next five years should be about strengthening the capacity of our community to address together the changing nature of the challenges we face.

II. Public investment has improved the social and physical infrastructure of Colin; however, it is crucial that this is sustained to tackle ongoing problems of disadvantage and poverty.

III. Increased competition for diminishing public resources, could potentially destabilise partnership working and relationships within the community.

IV. The sporadic and short-term nature of public funding culture makes it increasingly difficult to recruit a younger generation into community development as a career.

V. Community partnerships like the CNP need to demonstrate the value of their work and how outcomes align with and contribute to broader policy objectives including the Programme for Government.

VI. Community partnership bodies create the conditions whereby Government policy outcomes can be realised. They do so primarily by connecting and building relationships between diverse partners to focus on achieving a common strategic goal.

VII. CNP could also examine how we link our priorities to broader sustainable development goals linked to climate change and the environment. Colin has access to green spaces and the potential to explore sustainable development projects that involve local people.

VIII. In addition to seeking public funding, CNP could engage with the private sector to help diversify our income generation and explore opportunities for new or alternative forms of investment.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £44,201 (2024: net incoming resources of £126,448), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £92,891, while restricted funds decreased by £48,690.

### **Principal funding sources**

Department for Communities  
Belfast City Council  
Public Health Agency  
SEHSCT  
Education Authority  
TEO - Urban Villages  
SEUPB

### **Reserves policy**

In line with similar organisations, it would appear prudent for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to set aside reserves up to a level of approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT FROM 2025-2030**

Colin will thrive as a vibrant community where residents are proud to live, work, study, and play. Empowered and engaged, we will celebrate our achievements, embrace diversity, and warmly welcome visitors, fostering a shared sense of belonging and opportunity.

#### **Our Vision for Colin in the next twenty Years**

By 2045, Colin will be a vibrant, inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity to live well, supported by thriving local enterprise, connected through accessible services, and united in shaping a shared future. Here, diversity is celebrated, disadvantage is addressed, and every voice is valued.

To find out more in respect of our Strategic Objectives 2025-2030 please check out our website [www.newcolin.com](http://www.newcolin.com)

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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

###### **Appointment of Trustees:**

The Trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period from one Annual General meeting to the next.

###### **Trustee Induction and Training:**

New trustees are invited to an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are facilitated by Development Staff and Management Committee, they cover:

- The obligations of the Board of Trustees.
- The content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Committee and decision making processes.
- Current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

Potential Trustees are encouraged to attend a series of business committee meetings as a trial period to familiarise themselves with the work before committing themselves to the role, if this is agreed as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events in-house and external, where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Organisational structure**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been registered with the Charities Commission since March 2014. CNP board members consist of representatives from DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, NIHE, Political and Community representatives as well as representatives from each of our sub groups.

CNP established an audit committee to support the Board in its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance by reviewing the comprehensiveness of assurances being provided in meeting the Board's assurance needs as a collective 'Accounting Officer' and also reviewing the reliability and integrity of these assurances. The Committee is an advisory body and has no executive powers.

Dept. for Communities and TEO, have allocated a "Robust" status in relation to the "Organisation's" Financial Systems and Controls Rating"

##### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

##### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B J Moane', written in a cursive style.

B J Moane - Trustee

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alistair Wells (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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10 September 2025

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	105,375	-	105,375	89,151
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Grants Receivable		4,450	944,303	948,753	1,009,859
Other trading activities	3	7,936	1,574	9,510	8,246
Other income		19,050	24,000	43,050	47,167
<b>Total</b>		<u>136,811</u>	<u>969,877</u>	<u>1,106,688</u>	<u>1,154,423</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Direct Charitable Expenses		43,920	984,193	1,028,113	1,014,322
Governance		-	34,374	34,374	13,653
<b>Total</b>		<u>43,920</u>	<u>1,018,567</u>	<u>1,062,487</u>	<u>1,027,975</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		92,891	(48,690)	44,201	126,448
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		163,564	677,124	840,688	714,240
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>256,455</u></u>	<u><u>628,434</u></u>	<u><u>884,889</u></u>	<u><u>840,688</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	34,763	42,524
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	111,815	216,134
Cash at bank and in hand		821,651	681,397
		<u>933,466</u>	<u>897,531</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(83,340)	(99,367)
		<u>850,126</u>	<u>798,164</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>884,889</u>	<u>840,688</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>884,889</u>	<u>840,688</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>884,889</u>	<u>840,688</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		256,455	163,564
Restricted funds		628,434	677,124
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>884,889</u>	<u>840,688</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

M J Cooper - Trustee



B J Moane - Trustee



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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	143,027	159,477
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>143,027</u>	<u>159,477</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(2,773)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(2,773)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>140,254</u>	<u>159,477</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>681,397</u>	<u>521,920</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>821,651</u></u>	<u><u>681,397</u></u>

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	44,201	126,448
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	10,534	9,903
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	104,319	(16,176)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(16,027)	39,302
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>143,027</u>	<u>159,477</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24	Cash flow	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	681,397	140,254	821,651
	<u>681,397</u>	<u>140,254</u>	<u>821,651</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>681,397</u>	<u>140,254</u>	<u>821,651</u>

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## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI047757). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice..

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

##### **(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

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

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

##### **(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

##### **(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Property	- 2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	- 25% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	- 25% Straight Line and 25% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	- 25% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	- 25% Straight Line

##### **(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

##### **(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

##### **(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

##### **(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

##### **(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

##### **(m) Judgements estimates**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

##### **(i) depreciation method and asset useful lives**

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.charity

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

##### (i) Restricted Funds

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation

##### (ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	<u>105,375</u>	<u>89,151</u>

#### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
HLC Revenue	<u>9,510</u>	<u>8,246</u>

#### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Grants	<u>948,753</u>	<u>1,009,859</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Belfast City Council	64,256	46,232
Public Health Agency	92,215	77,953
National Lottery Fund	155,022	40,000
Department for Communities	373,491	383,112
SEH&SCT	102,477	153,636
TEO Urban Villages Initiative	95,000	249,049
Education Authority SE Region	21,500	27,111
SEUPB	17,078	(3,986)
Carried forward	<u>921,039</u>	<u>973,107</u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Brought forward	921,039	973,107
Apex Housing Association	2,875	-
Community Foundation	500	16,115
NI Housing Executive	650	7,817
Education Authority	2,000	-
Clear Project	4,995	7,742
Federation of Family Practices	2,894	5,078
Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership	9,600	-
Neighbourly	4,200	-
	<u>948,753</u>	<u>1,009,859</u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,026,981	1,132	1,028,113
Governance	-	34,374	34,374
	<u>1,026,981</u>	<u>35,506</u>	<u>1,062,487</u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,132	-	1,132
Governance	-	34,374	34,374
	<u>1,132</u>	<u>34,374</u>	<u>35,506</u>

**7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,280	4,800
Depreciation - owned assets	10,534	9,902
	<u>15,814</u>	<u>14,702</u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	429,096	418,815
Social security costs	36,773	40,146
Other pension costs	23,282	24,865
	<u>489,151</u>	<u>483,826</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
CNP Staff	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and the Finance Manager. The salaries paid to key management personnel during the year totalled £115,942. (2024: £108,041)

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024	50,412	82,331	51,862
Additions	-	316	-
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At 31 March 2025	50,412	82,647	51,862
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	22,440	71,493	49,937
Charge for year	756	7,447	658
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At 31 March 2025	23,196	78,940	50,595
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	27,216	3,707	1,267
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At 31 March 2024	27,972	10,838	1,925
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	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024	77,040	71,129	332,774
Additions	-	2,457	2,773
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At 31 March 2025	77,040	73,586	335,547
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	76,295	70,085	290,250
Charge for year	186	1,487	10,534
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At 31 March 2025	76,481	71,572	300,784
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	559	2,014	34,763
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At 31 March 2024	745	1,044	42,524
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Freehold property includes the following

Cloona House, 31 Colin Road, Belfast, BT17 OLG

This property was donated to Colin Neighbourhood Partnership in March 2014.

Healthy Living Centre, Colinglen Road, Belfast, BT17 0LR.

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	84,903	90,590
Prepayments and accrued income	26,912	125,544
	<u>111,815</u>	<u>216,134</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	66,369	90,228
Pensions	-	2,551
Other creditors	457	1,588
Accruals and deferred income	16,514	5,000
	<u>83,340</u>	<u>99,367</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.25 Total funds	31.3.24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,855	32,908	34,763	42,524
Current assets	265,680	667,786	933,466	897,531
Current liabilities	(11,080)	(72,260)	(83,340)	(99,367)
	<u>256,455</u>	<u>628,434</u>	<u>884,889</u>	<u>840,688</u>

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	163,564	92,891	-	256,455
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Arts and Culture	162,863	(161,373)	(1,490)	-
Health For All	334,691	(325,738)	(8,953)	-
BRO	-	433	-	433
General	52,515	564,661	10,825	628,001
Good Morning Colin	63,555	(63,464)	(91)	-
Youth Strategy	3,480	(3,380)	(100)	-
Big Lottery	2,826	(2,826)	-	-
Allotment	6,283	(6,183)	(100)	-
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	50,911	(50,820)	(91)	-
	<u>677,124</u>	<u>(48,690)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>628,434</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>840,688</u>	<u>44,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>884,889</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	136,811	(43,920)	92,891
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	180	(161,553)	(161,373)
Health For All	-	(325,738)	(325,738)
BRO	373,816	(373,383)	433
General	571,881	(7,220)	564,661
Good Morning Colin	-	(63,464)	(63,464)
Youth Strategy	-	(3,380)	(3,380)
Big Lottery	-	(2,826)	(2,826)
Allotment	-	(6,183)	(6,183)
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	24,000	(74,820)	(50,820)
	<u>969,877</u>	<u>(1,018,567)</u>	<u>(48,690)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,106,688</u>	<u>(1,062,487)</u>	<u>44,201</u>

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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	130,330	33,234	163,564
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	94,999	67,864	162,863
Health For All	349,115	(14,424)	334,691
General	26,540	25,975	52,515
Good Morning Colin	54,582	8,973	63,555
Youth Strategy	1,239	2,241	3,480
Big Lottery	2,826	-	2,826
Allotment	3,628	2,655	6,283
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	50,981	(70)	50,911
	<u>583,910</u>	<u>93,214</u>	<u>677,124</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>714,240</u></u>	<u><u>126,448</u></u>	<u><u>840,688</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,839	(48,605)	33,234
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	127,388	(59,524)	67,864
Health For All	282,833	(297,257)	(14,424)
BRO	334,425	(334,425)	-
General	91,651	(65,676)	25,975
Good Morning Colin	74,082	(65,109)	8,973
Youth Strategy	69,491	(67,250)	2,241
Allotment	68,714	(66,059)	2,655
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	24,000	(24,070)	(70)
	<u>1,072,584</u>	<u>(979,370)</u>	<u>93,214</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,154,423</u></u>	<u><u>(1,027,975)</u></u>	<u><u>126,448</u></u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**16. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**17. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	105,375	89,151
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
HLC Revenue	9,510	8,246
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	948,753	1,009,859
<b>Other income</b>		
Other Income	43,050	47,167
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>1,106,688</u>	<u>1,154,423</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	429,096	418,815
Social security	36,773	40,146
Pensions	23,282	24,865
Rates and water	4,645	4,644
Insurance	13,300	12,950
Light and heat	23,163	21,977
Telephone	8,844	7,549
Postage and stationery	602	526
Advertising	-	600
Sundries	1,481	1,349
Repairs and Maintenance	12,771	17,085
Subscriptions	1,117	1,345
Cleaning	5,030	3,799
Programme Costs	407,008	411,739
Management Fees	24,000	24,000
Repaid to DfC re Vacant Posts	10,674	305
Motor Expenses	4,905	2,613
Travel and Subsistence	3,333	3,453
Hospitality	1,284	548
Staff Training and Welfare	1,640	1,893
Volunteer Expenses	3,500	3,040
Depn of freehold property	756	756
Depn of plant & machinery	7,447	7,368
Carried forward	1,024,651	1,011,365

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	1,024,651	1,011,365
Depn of fixtures & fittings	657	657
Depn of motor vehicles	186	249
Depn of computer equipment	1,487	873
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	1,026,981	1,013,144
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	1,132	1,178
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	5,280	4,800
Computer Costs	6,807	8,133
Professional Fees	740	720
Consultancy Fees	21,547	-
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	34,374	13,653
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,062,487	1,027,975
<b>Net income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	44,201	126,448

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100092

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI047757 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 100092

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
for  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
1st Floor  
34 B-D Main Street  
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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reference and Administrative Details  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

**TRUSTEES**

T Brady  
B J Moane  
A Aicken (resigned 22/8/2023)  
Dr J Bradley  
Fr C J Crossey  
J Duffy  
S J Magennis  
M Scott (resigned 15/7/2024)  
Ms P A Smart  
Ms M T Smith  
L A L Vladeanu  
M J Cooper  
L Stitt  
D Baker (resigned 19/6/2023)  
Councillor M Garrett (appointed 20/9/2023)  
M J Collins (appointed 6/1/2024)  
C Fanning (appointed 1/5/2024)  
L S Maclean (appointed 20/3/2024)  
K Murphy (appointed 9/5/2024)  
J P Pollock (appointed 9/5/2024)  
Councillor S Walsh (appointed 9/5/2024)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

L A L Vladeanu

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Cloona House  
30-31 Colin Road  
Poleglass, Dummry  
Belfast  
Co. Antrim  
BT17 OLG

**REGISTERED COMPANY  
NUMBER**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY  
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Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reference and Administrative Details  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Armstrong

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plans priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

Health

Early Intervention

Education

Physical Developments/Improvements/Major Capital Projects

Community Development: Arts/Culture

Community Safety

Environment

Youth (Inclusion)

Men

Older residents

Children & Families

It should be noted that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

DfC support has been and remains key to the success of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. DfC funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and capital projects in the Colin Area.

##### **Principle funding sources**

Department for Communities

Belfast City Council

Public Health Agency

SEHSCT

Education Authority

TEO - Urban Villages

N.I.H.E.

The National Lottery Community Fund

Community Foundation N. I.

Federation of Family Practices

SEUPB

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership continues to provide an annual calendar of events for all in the community, provide training in capacity building, provide opportunities for volunteering, improve community relations, family support, provide support for local community and voluntary groups, and provide projects and activities that promote healthy eating and physical activity in our major shared space resource at Colin Allotments site. It is also important to note that CNP very often must react to address issues that emerge, for example the establishment of drug and alcohol and suicide prevention task groups which brings all statutory, voluntary and community organizations together to focus on the issue and address immediate and emerging need to ensure those that need support are offered it as a matter of urgency. This approach helps to address a sense of fear and panic in the local area when such occurrences take place.

All of this enables us to sustain the real sense of community spirit and pride in this area.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership sees community renewal as an action that helps people to develop their own ability and help build resilience to address problems and their needs. We try to achieve this in many ways by offering programmes, activities, and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents.

This is an opportunity to establish strong communities and gives a voice to communities to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental, and other themes to ensure better positive outcomes.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Significant activities**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership aims to reduce social and economic inequalities which characterise this area. It does so by making a long-term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is an established representative body of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

The partnership established in 2004 has active participation from community representatives, public sector organisations, political representatives, voluntary organisations, and the private sector that have an interest in the area's development. The organisation promotes a holistic approach to addressing economic and social inequality closing the gap between neighbourhood renewal areas and those that are not included in neighbourhood renewal. CNP board meets on a bi-monthly basis, holds an annual AGM, and produces annual audited accounts.

Administration and other services are provided through a Partnership Manager, Finance and Office Manager, and a Development Network consisting of, Good Morning Colin Manager, Early Intervention Manager, Allotment Manager, Development Officers with specific remits i.e., Arts & Culture, Community Safety, Men, Youth, Capacity Building and Volunteering, Environmental, Early Intervention Services, and a Marketing Officer.

The Partnership comprises 16 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector, and local statutory organisations. The Partnership has several subgroups and task groups engaging approx. 200 individuals in task specific remits. The subgroups and task groups assist in the identification, development and where appropriate; the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's four strategic objectives of: Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. Each subgroup has developed its own action plan working in partnership with all the relevant organisations: DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, PSNI, PCSP, BCC, NIHE, TEO, DfC, CYPSPB, PHA, Urban Villages as well as all local community and voluntary organisations.

##### **Public benefit**

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The cost-of-living crisis continued throughout this year impacting on many more people. This included many more working families because of the high rates of Child Care services. Many of these families had to choose between work and staying at home, most of which wanted to be able to continue working.

Between March - December 2023 we supported close to 500 families with food and meat parcels, meat vouchers and vouchers for gas and electricity, all enabled because of the support from Urban Villages, BCC, Glenwood Business Centre, The Conway Group, Silo Tank and many generous individuals.

In the run-up to Christmas, with the support of Cash for Kids, REAL LIFE Gym, and donations from local individuals, CNP were able to distribute over 1200 Christmas gifts for children to ensure they had a visit from Santa.

During the period January - March 2024 142 families were supported with vouchers for food gas and electricity, all with the support from BCC and SEHSCT.

Thankfully we managed to support all those that were referred from various organisations, which included Schools, Social Services, Family Support groups and others.

With the support of James Brown Funeral Directors, the local Credit Union and MACS Food, the Good Morning Colin, Service, provided 106 Christmas Hampers to older and vulnerable residents as well as providing their annual Christmas dinner for over 100 clients and Carers.

##### **Colin Town Centre Masterplan**

CNP made a bid to SEUPB under their Investment Area 1.4: PEACEPLUS Re-imagining Communities in September 2023. This £13.2m proposal would see the delivery of another element of the Town Centre Master Plan. A Community Hub that will enable a range of local services to become more accessible and effective developing vital services.

The Community Hub will be a high profile, accessible shared space with a high quality design creating 4221m<sup>2</sup> of shared space across three floors including: - 200 seater auditorium, Staff offices to allow increased reach of services for CNP including Good Morning Colin - 7 office facilities tailored for statutory and community led services with tenant organisations agreed providing: SureStart services, Library, Counselling, NI Housing Executive, Education Authority Youth Services, Learning Disability support and skills and employability services. Approximately 50% of the £13.2m will be secured from the N.I. Executive Office (Urban Villages) and Department for Communities (DfC). We will not know of the outcome of SEUPB proposal until August/September 2024.

As mentioned in our previous Trustees report the delay in securing support from DoH and SEHSCT to replace the current health centre, we did manage to convince the DfC to provide funding to improve the exterior of the current health with replacement fencing, additional street lighting, signage and landscaping.

##### **Good Morning Colin**

GMC continues to deliver a 7 day a week morning call service, 52 weeks throughout the year, the clientele has now reached a massive 430+ clients.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

With the support of 34 dedicated volunteers, they continue to deliver the annual calendar of events throughout the year including, Valentines Ball, St. Patrick's celebrations, May Ball, many trips and outings through the summer months as well as local events during the West Belfast Festival in August, celebration of World Mental Health Day and of course the major Christmas Dinner.

The service continues to support the Carers group on a weekly basis offering many activities throughout the year and a weekend at Corry Meela Retreat, Ballycastle, a June day out at the beautiful surroundings of Mary Catherines Cottage, Newry for both Carers and clients.

The "Warms Space" initiative a weekly event which runs from September to the end of March, (approx.38 weeks) providing a hot meal and film show for 35 older residents established in September 2022, has now become an important feature within the GMC yearly calendar, provides clients with an opportunity to connect with others they may not otherwise see during the winter months.

#### **Men's Shed**

This service continues to grow from strength, these men are extremely keen to remain active by getting out and about, learning new skills, becoming involved in all sorts of activities as well as assisting the local area by their involvement in volunteering, engaging with primary school pupils in relation to environmental projects as well as helping with CNP's major community public events.

One of the highlights this year was their involvement in a photography project with the renowned photographer Jim Corr. Jim worked with Colin Men's Shed teaching the basics of photography, such as composition, lighting, and exposure. He also encouraged them to experiment with different techniques and styles. As a result, 16 amazing photographs were produced that anyone would be extremely proud of.

Another major achievement was when they decided to learn to play the Ukulele with the help of former Principal of St. Kieran's Primary School, Brian McAlea. Known as CUBS they have entertained many residents in several Care Homes throughout Belfast and have entertained the Good Morning Clients at all their large social events throughout the year. CUBS are now in demand throughout the city. They also attended several of the NVTV show "Conversations with Gerry Kelly" two members auditioned to step into Gerry's shoes, seems sometimes they're getting ahead of themselves, but you never know, at least they're full of confidence and happy.

#### **Allotments**

Many groups continue to use this site in relation to cookery sessions, growing produce, tips for healthy eating, Bird Ringing, physical activity, talking therapies, and schools to highlight the dangers of sugar and energy drinks as well as highlighting the dangers of vaping. Many corporate organizations are also keen to support the site by allowing their employees to volunteer at the site during their staff days out.

The site is also very much used to support organisations in respect of mental health programmes, i.e. Victims & Survivors, Carers, and those supporting people with leaning disabilities.

The Men's Shed, Colin Carers and Volunteers make good use of this site in learning to cook on a budget. The Colin Allotment holders were extremely generous during this period in that they decided to grow produce on their own space to donate to food banks and other organisations that were supporting those in need due to the Cost-of-Living crisis.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **Youth Inclusion**

Supported by CNP's Youth Inclusion worker, this project consists of 3 separate elements, Colin Autism advice and support, Colin Autism Parents lobbying group and Colin Youth Inclusion project. Autism advice and support group consisting of 30 parents who continue to meet 3 times per week, 2 morning sessions and 1 evening session.

These parents have been lobbying extremely hard throughout the year to highlight the uncertainty of services for children with Autism and other developmental conditions.

These parents help to advise and educate parents on advocating for autistic children, provide support and information on how to request an evaluation, schools are legally obligated to assess students for special education services.

Establish open communication with teachers, special education coordinators, and other school personnel. Collaborate with the school team to create a supportive environment.

Advice is also available in relation to benefits and how to apply.

This enables members of this group to provide up to date information to many other families not involved in the group. With the help of our Inclusion worker, they organize various activities throughout the year, especially day trips during summer months and mid-term breaks to provide respite for families.

Young people are involved in various activities 4 times per week at Cloona House. Programmes of day trips during October 23 and February 2024 during school midterm breaks which included visits to various locations involving many physical activity programmes. Also, many activities during the Christmas holiday period.

Most of these young people fall into the category of SENs, i.e., ADHD, ASD etc. Many parents of these children assist during these events. The project depends on the availability of volunteers of which we have a core of 4 volunteers to assist with the larger events.

#### **Capacity Building/Volunteering/Environment**

A total of 422 individuals took part in capacity building training sessions including several sessions delivered by Parenting N.I. which included Assertiveness, Building Resilience and Managing Emotions. It is great to see that many parents in the community are recognizing that rearing children is not easy, and any assistance offered will not only benefit their children but also help them to ensure their children can get the best start in life. Not surprisingly, there was a continued demand for Mental Health and Well-being information i.e., Living Life to the Full, Heal Your Life, ASIST, Mental Health Awareness and Writing for Well-being.

Other hands-on training included a 6-week Sign Language course, AED and CPR training as well as many environmental workshops, Oral History, and Committee Skills for those who are considering volunteering in the Community.

#### **Volunteering**

318 people were involved in volunteering throughout this period. This included those involved in Environmental Projects at Colin Allotments, Old Colin Wood, Belle Steele Garden, CNP events as well as the Youth Inclusion Project and Good Morning Colin.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### Community Safety

##### Cross Community

Ongoing dialogue with Colin/Dunmurry and Suffolk (PUL) communities via the Dunmurry Positive Relations Partnership to ensure positive outcomes in relation to contentious parades. This partnership continues to be extremely important especially around the marching season, mainly July and August. This work has proved to be successful as we haven't experienced any serious issues over the past few years. Invited members of the PUL community from Blacks Road and Dunmurry to CNP's Santa comes to Colin Event, many turned up and had a great time.

##### Road Safety Initiatives

There are major concerns in relation to young people involved in illegal usage of Scramblers. Young people between the ages of 14-17 ride these powerful scramblers around the areas resulting in ongoing community safety concerns.

We, along with the PSNI developed an information leaflet which was delivered to around 15,000 homes. PSNI, NIHE, CNP, Safer neighbourhoods Project and other housing providers were involved in the delivery of the leaflets which provided information highlighting E-Scooter usage and the Law, 15,000 homes targeted for this information.

We will keep chipping away at this issue in partnership with the PSNI.

##### Halloween Safety Initiative

Needed to ensure the Halloween period was free from illegal fireworks, worked with PSNI and local shops to ensure no illegal selling of fireworks in this community, as a result a quantity of illegal fireworks were seized in the local area and no major issues occurred.

Also needed to ensure Halloween Night was free from on street drinking and drug abuse. Contacted all local off licenses reminding them of their responsibility in relation to selling alcohol to those under 18 years.

##### Litter Picking involving local Youth Centres and Primary Schools.

All our local schools and youth centre participants along with our Community Safety Officer were also involved in litter picking throughout the area, this is about fostering a clean and safe environment among our young people. This helps to instill a sense of responsibility and environmental awareness.

##### Bonfires

As work continues with our following partners, PSNI, BCC, NIHE, PCSP, Conservation Volunteers and Safer Neighbourhoods Project, thankfully for the second year there were no bonfires in the area in August 2023.

##### Older residents.

Several face-to-face sessions with older residents in respect of scams and home safety.

Good Morning clients received free home safety equipment which included window locks, doorstep and handheld alarms.

##### Community Safety subgroup.

CNP Community Safety subgroup includes participation from representatives of PSNI, Colin Safer Neighbourhoods, BCC Police & Community Safety Partnership, Housing Providers, Dunlewey, ASCERT, Translink and representatives from our Youth Strategy subgroup as well as many other community representatives.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

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#### **Colin Heritage Project**

We facilitated a field trip for La Salle school pupils and teachers.

This event explored the vibrant period, the late 18th century which witnessed the rise of the United Irishmen, formed in Belfast in 1791 by Dublin Protestant lawyer Wolfe Tone and his Presbyterian friends including Samuel Neilson and Henry Joy McCracken. Also highlighted was the role Cloona House played in the history of the area and famous people and families associated with the Colin area.

Another event, a public tour, included the story of the United Irishmen to the recent history of troubles and peace. Famous families such as the Teelings, Jaffa's and Grimshaw's to DeLorean and Bobby Sands, the history of Cloona House from the Linen Industry, role of the British Military, to the Catholic Church, facilitating the housing of nursery schools and community building. These tours highlighting all this amazing history of the Colin area are extremely popular, not only among local residents but lots of interest from others throughout Belfast. Check out our Colin Heritage website and learn about the unique history of Colin [www.colinheritage.com](http://www.colinheritage.com)

#### **Events Programmes.**

The annual calendar of community events continues to be extremely popular with our community resulting in thousands of residents attending throughout the year. The calendar continues to deliver the major events around March, Creativity Month which includes many arts, culture, training events, ending up with the "Give it a Go" day. The Summer Festival programme keeps growing each year with the thousands of residents and visitors attending. The highlights, Carnival Fun Day, Teddy Bears Picnic, outdoor Movie Shows, Heritage Tours, day trips, overnight camping at the allotment site and much more. We used the Carnival Fun Day event as an opportunity to consult with the community in relation to our plans for the major community hub, (bid to SEUPB), over 700 positive responses clocked up.

#### **Crescendo**

This partnership continues to grow from strength, involving Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Shankill Children's Zone, Ulster Orchestra and the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queen's University to deliver musicianship and instrumental workshops to 1,153 children across four Belfast schools - Good Shepherd, Malvern, Holy Evangelists', and Wheatfield all of which lie within areas of marked social deprivation. The project provides pupils with access to high-quality music education throughout their primary school careers.

This year's end of year performance in June at the Ulster Hall, witnessed the very first cohort of Primary 7 pupils, 104 completing their 7-year journey with Crescendo involving all four primary schools playing along with the Ulster Orchestra, the audience of 200+ included the children's parents, grandparents and many visitors.

Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils from Holy Evangelists and Good Shepherd displayed their singing and beat talents at the Colin Town Square singing along with the live music from the Ulster Orchestra performers, again large numbers of parents and grandparents attending.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **Early Intervention**

Successful delivery of the Colin Primary Schools Counselling Service continued throughout the year in the area's six primary schools. A total of 740 counselling sessions were delivered to 76 children, along with 213 support sessions to parents and 421 liaison and reporting meetings with teachers. Colin Early Intervention identified an additional amount of unrestricted funding to increase the level of counselling provision to one of the schools - Scoil na Fuisgeoige - on a one-off basis. There was a reduction in clinical stress levels for 96% of children, because of counselling, along with 47% improved behaviour and 61% improved social skills. 88% of parents and teachers reported that there were improvements in family communication because of the service, and 94% of parents and teachers said that the counselling service had given them a better understanding of the counselled child's behaviour. This took place against the background of the starkly increasing complexity of children's emotional health needs right across the North of Ireland (a post-Covid phenomenon) and severely increasing school absenteeism by children (characterised as 'emotionally related school refusal').

Despite this clear evidence of the growing need for counselling support for primary school children, the Colin service faced two major challenges towards the end of the year. Firstly, the loss of its major funder Urban Villages (whose time-limited involvement in Colin sadly but not unexpectedly came to an end), but secondly, also, and this time very unexpectedly, the decision by Barnardo's to wind up its regional Time4Me counselling service from June 2024. While thankfully, due to some funds being able to be carried forward, as well as our being able to identify an alternative counselling service provider, neither of these challenges will prevent the service being delivered in 2024-25, it almost certainly will mean that unless the long-talked-about statutory provision of primary school-age counselling materialises soon, we may be close to the end - after nearly 20 years - of this vital service in Colin's schools.

The Colin Primary Schools Speech & Language Therapy Service, delivered in partnership by the SE Trust and Colin Early Intervention, continued to be recognised as a critical support service by Colin's primary schools. It worked with 171 P1 and P2 pupils over the course of the 2023-24 year including 59 new referrals and 63 children who were either discharged at the end of therapy or transferred to community or specialist support services. The caseload at any one time is maintained at about 100. One of the challenges faced by the service, due to its precarious funding (primarily slippage money) is maintaining consistent staffing and an undue reliance on agency staffing. We began to have some initial discussions towards the end of this year about the feasibility of increasing the weekly hours for the Speech & Language Therapy Assistant (from 24 to 30) as an incentive for retention, as well as of employing a part time Community S&L Champion to promote S&L messages in local early years settings. We will hopefully take a decision on this in 2024-25.

The Colin Early Parenting Programme continues to operate in a challenging and increasingly complex environment. Several attempts during the year to recruit for the vacant Early Intervention Support Worker post were unsuccessful (a recruitment challenge increasingly common for community sector posts where year-on-year funding is not assured), and this was compounded when the second EISW post became vacant in December 2023 and the project's Health Visitor moved to another post in the SE Trust in January.

We were able to secure a new Health Visitor in February, but EISW posts remained vacant as we moved into 2024-25. Overall, this meant that although the core Health Visitor programme work with 27 new mothers and babies was largely unaffected, the number of home visits to additional families was significantly reduced to 101 visits benefiting 24 families. The project's work included 76 responsive feeding support sessions, 66 weaning support sessions, 54 families receiving support on maintaining smoke-free homes and cars, 20 mothers and babies being coached in baby massage, and 33 parents getting support from the Community Resilience Model. 12 parents completed Mellow Parenting programmes and a further 10 mothers and their babies took part in our Tree Babies (forest bathing) programme.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Planning activity for a proposed neurodevelopmental support pathway programme, with our cross-border partners Archways and Dundalk Institute of Technology, was a major work focus throughout the year. From April 2023 it looked as though this would involve a joint partnership bid with the CAWT statutory consortium, who had tabled a concept proposal for ASD support in early 2023 - with both ourselves and CAWT being encouraged by SEUPB to collaborate - and a full process of joint planning was undertaken throughout the year; but in January 2024, shortly before the application 'window' opened, CAWT withdrew, leaving our Changing Lives partnership to rapidly develop and submit an ambitious €8.6 million bid on its own. We remain optimistic and excited about the prospects for this EU funding bid, the outcome of which is expected by August 2024.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £126,448 (2023: net incoming resources of £37,397), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £33,233, while restricted funds increased by £93,215.

##### **Reserves policy**

In line with similar organisations, it would appear prudent for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to set aside reserves up to a level of approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COLIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2024 - 2025**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership secured funding from Dormant Accounts to embark on an ambitious strategic planning exercise to identify needs and priorities that will inform strategic direction and focus for the Partnership over the next five years. CNP see this as more than just an exercise in organisational strategic planning, but one which engages the whole community in a collective effort to generate the right information to make the best decisions to address the future needs of our community.

Looking ahead CNP and its community will face even greater challenges in the context of an ongoing 'Cost of Living' crisis coupled with an imminent squeeze on public funding. CNP needs to respond and position itself strategically to deal with these challenges. CNP has established its credentials as a trusted intermediary between the community and the state, for example, during the Covid crisis. Also, CNP has played a crucial role in facilitating collaboration between groups - essential to addressing competition for scarcer resources and maximising utility of what is available.

The very first plan produced by the Partnership back in 2004/5 was based on a wide-ranging community consultation process. The Partnership can now repeat this exercise after securing the resources from Dormant Accounts. We will

- (i) Provide evidence identifying the future needs and priorities for Colin area.
- (ii) Ensure that future planning decisions are rooted in identified needs and priorities endorsed by community.
- (iii) Provide opportunity for 'moments of community connection and reflection' on identifying issues and addressing concerns.
- (iv) Inform production of new five-year strategic plan for Colin Partnership to advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin.
- (v) Develop enhanced capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability.
- (vi) Develop and document a Transferable model for community consultation and planning.

#### **Aim and outcomes of the Strategic Review.**

The Partnership will have a clearer understanding of their environment, be more confident about their ability to adapt to future challenges and be more resilient and prepared for the future.

The Partnership will be better placed to advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin

The Partnership will have developed and documented a model for community consultation and planning which can be readily transferable. The Partnership will have enhanced their capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership will continue to work in partnership alongside Dept. for Communities, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education, and Dept. for Infrastructure, South Eastern Health Trust, C.C.M.S., B.C.C. and Urban Villages (TEO) to help deliver on the Colin Town Centre Project and the Programme for Government.

CNP and its partner organisations will continue to work collaboratively to deliver quality services across the Colin area and to work together to further develop areas of partnership to increase and improve services for all the residents of Colin.

Visit us at <http://www.newcolin.com> for further details on the activities and programmes at CNP supported through Neighbourhood Renewal and others.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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

Appointment of Trustees:

The Trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period from one Annual General meeting to the next.

Trustee Induction and Training:

New trustees are invited to an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are facilitated by Development Staff and Management Committee, they cover:

- The obligations of the Board of Trustees.
- The content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Committee and decision making processes.
- Current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

Potential Trustees are encouraged to attend a series of business committee meetings as a trial period to familiarise themselves with the work before committing themselves to the role, if this is agreed as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events in-house and external, where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

##### **Organisational structure**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been registered with the Charities Commission since March 2014. CNP board members consist of representatives from DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, NIHE, Political and Community representatives as well as representatives from each of our sub groups.

CNP established an audit committee to support the Board in its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance by reviewing the comprehensiveness of assurances being provided in meeting the Board's assurance needs as a collective 'Accounting Officer' and also reviewing the reliability and integrity of these assurances. The Committee is an advisory body and has no executive powers.

Dept. for Communities and TEO, have allocated a "Robust" status in relation to the "Organisation's" Financial Systems and Controls Rating"

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



B J Moane - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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11 September 2024

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	80,319	8,832	89,151	54,998
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Grants Receivable		-	1,009,859	1,009,859	1,085,866
Other trading activities	3	-	8,246	8,246	-
Other income		1,520	45,647	47,167	62,270
<b>Total</b>		<u>81,839</u>	<u>1,072,584</u>	<u>1,154,423</u>	<u>1,203,134</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Direct Charitable Expenses		48,606	970,516	1,019,122	1,139,413
Governance		-	8,853	8,853	26,324
<b>Total</b>		<u>48,606</u>	<u>979,369</u>	<u>1,027,975</u>	<u>1,165,737</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		33,233	93,215	126,448	37,397
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		130,330	583,910	714,240	676,843
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>163,563</u></u>	<u><u>677,125</u></u>	<u><u>840,688</u></u>	<u><u>714,240</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Statement of Financial Position  
31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	42,524	52,426
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	216,134	199,958
Cash at bank and in hand		681,397	521,920
		<u>897,531</u>	<u>721,878</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(99,367)	(60,064)
		<u>798,164</u>	<u>661,814</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>840,688</u>	<u>714,240</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>840,688</u>	<u>714,240</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>840,688</u>	<u>714,240</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		163,564	130,330
Restricted funds		677,124	583,910
		<u>840,688</u>	<u>714,240</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>840,688</u>	<u>714,240</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



M J Cooper - Trustee



B J Moane - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	159,477	(35,486)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>159,477</u>	<u>(35,486)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(14,568)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(14,568)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		159,477	(50,054)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>521,920</u>	<u>571,974</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>681,397</u></u>	<u><u>521,920</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	126,448	37,397
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	9,903	10,190
Increase in debtors	(16,176)	(544)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	39,302	(82,529)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>159,477</u>	<u>(35,486)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>521,920</u>	<u>159,477</u>	<u>681,397</u>
	<u>521,920</u>	<u>159,477</u>	<u>681,397</u>
Total	<u>521,920</u>	<u>159,477</u>	<u>681,397</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI047757). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice..

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Property	- 2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	- 25% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	- 25% Straight Line and 25% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	- 25% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	- 25% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**(m) Judgements estimates**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

**(i) depreciation method and asset useful lives**

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.charity

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(i) Restricted Funds

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation

(ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital. trustees

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	<u>89,151</u>	<u>54,998</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
HLC Revenue	<u>8,246</u>	<u>-</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Grants	<u>1,009,859</u>	<u>1,085,866</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Belfast City Council	46,232	41,937
Public Health Agency	77,953	93,163
National Lottery Fund	40,000	10,000
Department for Communities	383,112	397,355
SEH&SCT	153,636	130,535
Teo Urban Villages Initiative	249,049	346,189
Education Authority SE Region	27,111	10,500
SEUPB	(3,986)	(8,084)
Carried forward	<u>973,107</u>	<u>1,021,595</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Brought forward	973,107	1,021,595
Community Relations Council	-	449
Community Foundation	16,115	9,740
BCC Festival of Learning	-	940
NSCCT Crescendo	-	20,000
University of Ulster	-	25,984
NI Housing Executive	7,817	6,733
Volunteer Now Mens Shed	-	425
Clear Project	7,742	-
Federation of Family Practices	5,078	-
	<u>1,009,859</u>	<u>1,085,866</u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,003,241	15,881	1,019,122
Governance	-	8,853	8,853
	<u>1,003,241</u>	<u>24,734</u>	<u>1,027,975</u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,178	14,703	15,881
Governance	-	8,853	8,853
	<u>1,178</u>	<u>23,556</u>	<u>24,734</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,800	5,160
Depreciation - owned assets	9,902	10,190
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	418,815	439,818
Social security costs	40,146	44,649
Other pension costs	24,865	24,157
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>483,826</u>	<u>508,624</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
CNP Staff	14	14
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and the Finance Manager. The salaries paid to key management personnel during the year totalled £108,041. (2023: £111,173)

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	50,412	82,331	51,862
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	21,684	64,126	49,280
Charge for year	756	7,367	657
At 31 March 2024	22,440	71,493	49,937
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	27,972	10,838	1,925
At 31 March 2023	28,728	18,205	2,582
	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	77,040	71,129	332,774
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	76,046	69,212	280,348
Charge for year	249	873	9,902
At 31 March 2024	76,295	70,085	290,250
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	745	1,044	42,524
At 31 March 2023	994	1,917	52,426

Freehold property includes the following

Cloona House, 31 Colin Road, Belfast, BT17 OLG  
This property was donated to Colin Neighbourhood Partnership in March 2014.

Healthy Living Centre, Colinglen Road, Belfast, BT17 0LR.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	90,590	13,075
Prepayments and accrued income	125,544	186,883
	<u>216,134</u>	<u>199,958</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	90,228	47,875
Pensions	2,551	2,858
Other creditors	1,588	3,204
Accruals and deferred income	5,000	6,127
	<u>99,367</u>	<u>60,064</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	31.3.24	31.3.23
	fund	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	funds
			£	£
Fixed assets	3,119	39,405	42,524	52,426
Current assets	171,525	726,006	897,531	721,878
Current liabilities	(11,080)	(88,287)	(99,367)	(60,064)
	<u>163,564</u>	<u>677,124</u>	<u>840,688</u>	<u>714,240</u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	130,330	33,234	163,564
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	94,999	67,864	162,863
Health For All	349,115	(14,424)	334,691
General	26,540	25,975	52,515
Good Morning Colin	54,582	8,973	63,555
Youth Strategy	1,239	2,241	3,480
Big Lottery	2,826	-	2,826
Allotment	3,628	2,655	6,283
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	50,981	(70)	50,911
	<u>583,910</u>	<u>93,214</u>	<u>677,124</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>714,240</u>	<u>126,448</u>	<u>840,688</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,839	(48,605)	33,234
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	127,388	(59,524)	67,864
Health For All	282,833	(297,257)	(14,424)
BRO	334,425	(334,425)	-
General	91,651	(65,676)	25,975
Good Morning Colin	74,082	(65,109)	8,973
Youth Strategy	69,491	(67,250)	2,241
Allotment	68,714	(66,059)	2,655
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	24,000	(24,070)	(70)
	<u>1,072,584</u>	<u>(979,370)</u>	<u>93,214</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,154,423</u>	<u>(1,027,975)</u>	<u>126,448</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	132,423	(2,093)	130,330
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	42,612	52,387	94,999
Health For All	383,396	(34,281)	349,115
General	531	26,009	26,540
Good Morning Colin	63,929	(9,347)	54,582
Youth Strategy	1,399	(160)	1,239
Big Lottery	9	2,817	2,826
Allotment	-	3,628	3,628
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	50,573	408	50,981
SIF	1,971	(1,971)	-
	<u>544,420</u>	<u>39,490</u>	<u>583,910</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>676,843</u></u>	<u><u>37,397</u></u>	<u><u>714,240</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	36,057	(38,150)	(2,093)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	235,826	(183,439)	52,387
Health For All	275,861	(310,142)	(34,281)
BRO	345,700	(345,700)	-
General	60,303	(34,294)	26,009
Good Morning Colin	29,757	(39,104)	(9,347)
Youth Strategy	110,740	(110,900)	(160)
Big Lottery	2,900	(83)	2,817
Allotment	81,493	(77,865)	3,628
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	24,497	(24,089)	408
SIF	-	(1,971)	(1,971)
	<u>1,167,077</u>	<u>(1,127,587)</u>	<u>39,490</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,203,134</u></u>	<u><u>(1,165,737)</u></u>	<u><u>37,397</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**16. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**17. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	89,151	54,998
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
HLC Revenue	8,246	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	1,009,859	1,085,866
<b>Other income</b>		
Other Income	47,167	62,270
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>1,154,423</u>	<u>1,203,134</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	418,815	439,818
Social security	40,146	44,649
Pensions	24,865	24,157
Rates and water	4,644	7,590
Insurance	12,950	12,433
Light and heat	21,977	20,306
Telephone	7,549	7,160
Postage and stationery	526	590
Advertising	600	-
Sundries	1,349	2,542
Repairs and Maintenance	17,085	26,052
Subscriptions	1,345	320
Cleaning	3,799	6,661
Programme Costs	411,739	481,195
Management Fees	24,000	24,000
Repaid to Funder	305	28,742
Motor Expenses	2,613	3,916
Travel and Subsistence	3,453	4,079
Hospitality	548	304
Staff Training and Welfare	1,893	107
Volunteer Expenses	3,040	3,320
	<u>1,003,241</u>	<u>1,137,941</u>

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	1,178	1,472
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	4,800	5,160
Computer Costs	8,133	9,474
Professional Fees	720	1,500
Freehold property	756	756
Plant and machinery	7,368	7,369
Fixtures and fittings	657	861
Motor vehicles	249	331
Computer equipment	873	873
	<hr/> 23,556	<hr/> 26,324
	<hr/> 1,027,975	<hr/> 1,165,737
Total resources expended		
	<hr/> 126,448	<hr/> 37,397
<b>Net income</b>		

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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# Annual report

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## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plans priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

Health

Early Intervention

Education

Physical Developments/Improvements/Major Capital Projects

Community Development: Arts/Culture

Community Safety

Environment

Youth (Inclusion)

Men

Older residents

Children & Families

It should be noted that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

DfC support has been and remains key to the success of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. DfC funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and capital projects in the Colin Area.

##### **Principle funding sources**

Department for Communities

Belfast City Council

Public Health Agency

SEHSCT

Education Authority

TEO - Urban Villages

N.I.H.E.

The National Lottery Community Fund

Community Foundation N. I.

Federation of Family Practices

SEUPB

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Colin Neighbourhood Partnership continues to provide an annual calendar of events for all in the community, provide training in capacity building, provide opportunities for volunteering, improve community relations, family support, provide support for local community and voluntary groups, and provide projects and activities that promote healthy eating and physical activity in our major shared space resource at Colin Allotments site. It is also important to note that CNP very often must react to address issues that emerge, for example the establishment of drug and alcohol and suicide prevention task groups which brings all statutory, voluntary and community organizations together to focus on the issue and address immediate and emerging need to ensure those that need support are offered it as a matter of urgency. This approach helps to address a sense of fear and panic in the local area when such occurrences take place.

All of this enables us to sustain the real sense of community spirit and pride in this area.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership sees community renewal as an action that helps people to develop their own ability and help build resilience to address problems and their needs. We try to achieve this in many ways by offering programmes, activities, and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents.

This is an opportunity to establish strong communities and gives a voice to communities to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental, and other themes to ensure better positive outcomes.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Significant activities**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership aims to reduce social and economic inequalities which characterise this area. It does so by making a long-term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is an established representative body of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

The partnership established in 2004 has active participation from community representatives, public sector organisations, political representatives, voluntary organisations, and the private sector that have an interest in the area's development. The organisation promotes a holistic approach to addressing economic and social inequality closing the gap between neighbourhood renewal areas and those that are not included in neighbourhood renewal. CNP board meets on a bi-monthly basis, holds an annual AGM, and produces annual audited accounts.

Administration and other services are provided through a Partnership Manager, Finance and Office Manager, and a Development Network consisting of, Good Morning Colin Manager, Early Intervention Manager, Allotment Manager, Development Officers with specific remits i.e., Arts & Culture, Community Safety, Men, Youth, Capacity Building and Volunteering, Environmental, Early Intervention Services, and a Marketing Officer.

The Partnership comprises 16 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector, and local statutory organisations. The Partnership has several subgroups and task groups engaging approx. 200 individuals in task specific remits. The subgroups and task groups assist in the identification, development and where appropriate; the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's four strategic objectives of: Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. Each subgroup has developed its own action plan working in partnership with all the relevant organisations: DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, PSNI, PCSP, BCC, NIHE, TEO, DfC, CYPSPB, PHA, Urban Villages as well as all local community and voluntary organisations.

##### **Public benefit**

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The cost-of-living crisis continued throughout this year impacting on many more people. This included many more working families because of the high rates of Child Care services. Many of these families had to choose between work and staying at home, most of which wanted to be able to continue working.

Between March - December 2023 we supported close to 500 families with food and meat parcels, meat vouchers and vouchers for gas and electricity, all enabled because of the support from Urban Villages, BCC, Glenwood Business Centre, The Conway Group, Silo Tank and many generous individuals.

In the run-up to Christmas, with the support of Cash for Kids, REAL LIFE Gym, and donations from local individuals, CNP were able to distribute over 1200 Christmas gifts for children to ensure they had a visit from Santa.

During the period January - March 2024 142 families were supported with vouchers for food gas and electricity, all with the support from BCC and SEHSCT.

Thankfully we managed to support all those that were referred from various organisations, which included Schools, Social Services, Family Support groups and others.

With the support of James Brown Funeral Directors, the local Credit Union and MACS Food, the Good Morning Colin, Service, provided 106 Christmas Hampers to older and vulnerable residents as well as providing their annual Christmas dinner for over 100 clients and Carers.

##### **Colin Town Centre Masterplan**

CNP made a bid to SEUPB under their Investment Area 1.4: PEACEPLUS Re-imagining Communities in September 2023. This £13.2m proposal would see the delivery of another element of the Town Centre Master Plan. A Community Hub that will enable a range of local services to become more accessible and effective developing vital services.

The Community Hub will be a high profile, accessible shared space with a high quality design creating 4221m<sup>2</sup> of shared space across three floors including: - 200 seater auditorium, Staff offices to allow increased reach of services for CNP including Good Morning Colin - 7 office facilities tailored for statutory and community led services with tenant organisations agreed providing: SureStart services, Library, Counselling, NI Housing Executive, Education Authority Youth Services, Learning Disability support and skills and employability services. Approximately 50% of the £13.2m will be secured from the N.I. Executive Office (Urban Villages) and Department for Communities (DfC). We will not know of the outcome of SEUPB proposal until August/September 2024.

As mentioned in our previous Trustees report the delay in securing support from DoH and SEHSCT to replace the current health centre, we did manage to convince the DfC to provide funding to improve the exterior of the current health with replacement fencing, additional street lighting, signage and landscaping.

##### **Good Morning Colin**

GMC continues to deliver a 7 day a week morning call service, 52 weeks throughout the year, the clientele has now reached a massive 430+ clients.

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With the support of 34 dedicated volunteers, they continue to deliver the annual calendar of events throughout the year including, Valentines Ball, St. Patrick's celebrations, May Ball, many trips and outings through the summer months as well as local events during the West Belfast Festival in August, celebration of World Mental Health Day and of course the major Christmas Dinner.

The service continues to support the Carers group on a weekly basis offering many activities throughout the year and a weekend at Corry Meela Retreat, Ballycastle, a June day out at the beautiful surroundings of Mary Catherines Cottage, Newry for both Carers and clients.

The "Warms Space" initiative a weekly event which runs from September to the end of March, (approx.38 weeks) providing a hot meal and film show for 35 older residents established in September 2022, has now become an important feature within the GMC yearly calendar, provides clients with an opportunity to connect with others they may not otherwise see during the winter months.

#### **Men's Shed**

This service continues to grow from strength, these men are extremely keen to remain active by getting out and about, learning new skills, becoming involved in all sorts of activities as well as assisting the local area by their involvement in volunteering, engaging with primary school pupils in relation to environmental projects as well as helping with CNP's major community public events.

One of the highlights this year was their involvement in a photography project with the renowned photographer Jim Corr. Jim worked with Colin Men's Shed teaching the basics of photography, such as composition, lighting, and exposure. He also encouraged them to experiment with different techniques and styles. As a result, 16 amazing photographs were produced that anyone would be extremely proud of.

Another major achievement was when they decided to learn to play the Ukulele with the help of former Principal of St. Kieran's Primary School, Brian McAlea. Known as CUBS they have entertained many residents in several Care Homes throughout Belfast and have entertained the Good Morning Clients at all their large social events throughout the year. CUBS are now in demand throughout the city. They also attended several of the NVTV show "Conversations with Gerry Kelly" two members auditioned to step into Gerry's shoes, seems sometimes they're getting ahead of themselves, but you never know, at least they're full of confidence and happy.

#### **Allotments**

Many groups continue to use this site in relation to cookery sessions, growing produce, tips for healthy eating, Bird Ringing, physical activity, talking therapies, and schools to highlight the dangers of sugar and energy drinks as well as highlighting the dangers of vaping. Many corporate organizations are also keen to support the site by allowing their employees to volunteer at the site during their staff days out.

The site is also very much used to support organisations in respect of mental health programmes, i.e. Victims & Survivors, Carers, and those supporting people with leaning disabilities.

The Men's Shed, Colin Carers and Volunteers make good use of this site in learning to cook on a budget. The Colin Allotment holders were extremely generous during this period in that they decided to grow produce on their own space to donate to food banks and other organisations that were supporting those in need due to the Cost-of-Living crisis.

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#### **Youth Inclusion**

Supported by CNP's Youth Inclusion worker, this project consists of 3 separate elements, Colin Autism advice and support, Colin Autism Parents lobbying group and Colin Youth Inclusion project. Autism advice and support group consisting of 30 parents who continue to meet 3 times per week, 2 morning sessions and 1 evening session.

These parents have been lobbying extremely hard throughout the year to highlight the uncertainty of services for children with Autism and other developmental conditions.

These parents help to advise and educate parents on advocating for autistic children, provide support and information on how to request an evaluation, schools are legally obligated to assess students for special education services.

Establish open communication with teachers, special education coordinators, and other school personnel. Collaborate with the school team to create a supportive environment.

Advice is also available in relation to benefits and how to apply.

This enables members of this group to provide up to date information to many other families not involved in the group. With the help of our Inclusion worker, they organize various activities throughout the year, especially day trips during summer months and mid-term breaks to provide respite for families.

Young people are involved in various activities 4 times per week at Cloona House. Programmes of day trips during October 23 and February 2024 during school midterm breaks which included visits to various locations involving many physical activity programmes. Also, many activities during the Christmas holiday period.

Most of these young people fall into the category of SENs, i.e., ADHD, ASD etc. Many parents of these children assist during these events. The project depends on the availability of volunteers of which we have a core of 4 volunteers to assist with the larger events.

#### **Capacity Building/Volunteering/Environment**

A total of 422 individuals took part in capacity building training sessions including several sessions delivered by Parenting N.I. which included Assertiveness, Building Resilience and Managing Emotions. It is great to see that many parents in the community are recognizing that rearing children is not easy, and any assistance offered will not only benefit their children but also help them to ensure their children can get the best start in life. Not surprisingly, there was a continued demand for Mental Health and Well-being information i.e., Living Life to the Full, Heal Your Life, ASIST, Mental Health Awareness and Writing for Well-being.

Other hands-on training included a 6-week Sign Language course, AED and CPR training as well as many environmental workshops, Oral History, and Committee Skills for those who are considering volunteering in the Community.

#### **Volunteering**

318 people were involved in volunteering throughout this period. This included those involved in Environmental Projects at Colin Allotments, Old Colin Wood, Belle Steele Garden, CNP events as well as the Youth Inclusion Project and Good Morning Colin.

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#### Community Safety

##### Cross Community

Ongoing dialogue with Colin/Dunmurry and Suffolk (PUL) communities via the Dunmurry Positive Relations Partnership to ensure positive outcomes in relation to contentious parades. This partnership continues to be extremely important especially around the marching season, mainly July and August. This work has proved to be successful as we haven't experienced any serious issues over the past few years. Invited members of the PUL community from Blacks Road and Dunmurry to CNP's Santa comes to Colin Event, many turned up and had a great time.

##### Road Safety Initiatives

There are major concerns in relation to young people involved in illegal usage of Scramblers. Young people between the ages of 14-17 ride these powerful scramblers around the areas resulting in ongoing community safety concerns.

We, along with the PSNI developed an information leaflet which was delivered to around 15,000 homes. PSNI, NIHE, CNP, Safer neighbourhoods Project and other housing providers were involved in the delivery of the leaflets which provided information highlighting E-Scooter usage and the Law, 15,000 homes targeted for this information.

We will keep chipping away at this issue in partnership with the PSNI.

##### Halloween Safety Initiative

Needed to ensure the Halloween period was free from illegal fireworks, worked with PSNI and local shops to ensure no illegal selling of fireworks in this community, as a result a quantity of illegal fireworks were seized in the local area and no major issues occurred.

Also needed to ensure Halloween Night was free from on street drinking and drug abuse. Contacted all local off licenses reminding them of their responsibility in relation to selling alcohol to those under 18 years.

##### Litter Picking involving local Youth Centres and Primary Schools.

All our local schools and youth centre participants along with our Community Safety Officer were also involved in litter picking throughout the area, this is about fostering a clean and safe environment among our young people. This helps to instill a sense of responsibility and environmental awareness.

##### Bonfires

As work continues with our following partners, PSNI, BCC, NIHE, PCSP, Conservation Volunteers and Safer Neighbourhoods Project, thankfully for the second year there were no bonfires in the area in August 2023.

##### Older residents.

Several face-to-face sessions with older residents in respect of scams and home safety.

Good Morning clients received free home safety equipment which included window locks, doorstep and handheld alarms.

##### Community Safety subgroup.

CNP Community Safety subgroup includes participation from representatives of PSNI, Colin Safer Neighbourhoods, BCC Police & Community Safety Partnership, Housing Providers, Dunlewey, ASCERT, Translink and representatives from our Youth Strategy subgroup as well as many other community representatives.

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#### **Colin Heritage Project**

We facilitated a field trip for La Salle school pupils and teachers.

This event explored the vibrant period, the late 18th century which witnessed the rise of the United Irishmen, formed in Belfast in 1791 by Dublin Protestant lawyer Wolfe Tone and his Presbyterian friends including Samuel Neilson and Henry Joy McCracken. Also highlighted was the role Cloona House played in the history of the area and famous people and families associated with the Colin area.

Another event, a public tour, included the story of the United Irishmen to the recent history of troubles and peace. Famous families such as the Teelings, Jaffa's and Grimshaw's to DeLorean and Bobby Sands, the history of Cloona House from the Linen Industry, role of the British Military, to the Catholic Church, facilitating the housing of nursery schools and community building. These tours highlighting all this amazing history of the Colin area are extremely popular, not only among local residents but lots of interest from others throughout Belfast. Check out our Colin Heritage website and learn about the unique history of Colin [www.colinheritage.com](http://www.colinheritage.com)

#### **Events Programmes.**

The annual calendar of community events continues to be extremely popular with our community resulting in thousands of residents attending throughout the year. The calendar continues to deliver the major events around March, Creativity Month which includes many arts, culture, training events, ending up with the "Give it a Go" day. The Summer Festival programme keeps growing each year with the thousands of residents and visitors attending. The highlights, Carnival Fun Day, Teddy Bears Picnic, outdoor Movie Shows, Heritage Tours, day trips, overnight camping at the allotment site and much more. We used the Carnival Fun Day event as an opportunity to consult with the community in relation to our plans for the major community hub, (bid to SEUPB), over 700 positive responses clocked up.

#### **Crescendo**

This partnership continues to grow from strength, involving Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Shankill Children's Zone, Ulster Orchestra and the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queen's University to deliver musicianship and instrumental workshops to 1,153 children across four Belfast schools - Good Shepherd, Malvern, Holy Evangelists', and Wheatfield all of which lie within areas of marked social deprivation. The project provides pupils with access to high-quality music education throughout their primary school careers.

This year's end of year performance in June at the Ulster Hall, witnessed the very first cohort of Primary 7 pupils, 104 completing their 7-year journey with Crescendo involving all four primary schools playing along with the Ulster Orchestra, the audience of 200+ included the children's parents, grandparents and many visitors.

Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils from Holy Evangelists and Good Shepherd displayed their singing and beat talents at the Colin Town Square singing along with the live music from the Ulster Orchestra performers, again large numbers of parents and grandparents attending.

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#### **Early Intervention**

Successful delivery of the Colin Primary Schools Counselling Service continued throughout the year in the area's six primary schools. A total of 740 counselling sessions were delivered to 76 children, along with 213 support sessions to parents and 421 liaison and reporting meetings with teachers. Colin Early Intervention identified an additional amount of unrestricted funding to increase the level of counselling provision to one of the schools - Scoil na Fuiseoige - on a one-off basis. There was a reduction in clinical stress levels for 96% of children, because of counselling, along with 47% improved behaviour and 61% improved social skills. 88% of parents and teachers reported that there were improvements in family communication because of the service, and 94% of parents and teachers said that the counselling service had given them a better understanding of the counselled child's behaviour. This took place against the background of the starkly increasing complexity of children's emotional health needs right across the North of Ireland (a post-Covid phenomenon) and severely increasing school absenteeism by children (characterised as 'emotionally related school refusal').

Despite this clear evidence of the growing need for counselling support for primary school children, the Colin service faced two major challenges towards the end of the year. Firstly, the loss of its major funder Urban Villages (whose time-limited involvement in Colin sadly but not unexpectedly came to an end), but secondly, also, and this time very unexpectedly, the decision by Barnardo's to wind up its regional Time4Me counselling service from June 2024. While thankfully, due to some funds being able to be carried forward, as well as our being able to identify an alternative counselling service provider, neither of these challenges will prevent the service being delivered in 2024-25, it almost certainly will mean that unless the long-talked-about statutory provision of primary school-age counselling materialises soon, we may be close to the end - after nearly 20 years - of this vital service in Colin's schools.

The Colin Primary Schools Speech & Language Therapy Service, delivered in partnership by the SE Trust and Colin Early Intervention, continued to be recognised as a critical support service by Colin's primary schools. It worked with 171 P1 and P2 pupils over the course of the 2023-24 year including 59 new referrals and 63 children who were either discharged at the end of therapy or transferred to community or specialist support services. The caseload at any one time is maintained at about 100. One of the challenges faced by the service, due to its precarious funding (primarily slippage money) is maintaining consistent staffing and an undue reliance on agency staffing. We began to have some initial discussions towards the end of this year about the feasibility of increasing the weekly hours for the Speech & Language Therapy Assistant (from 24 to 30) as an incentive for retention, as well as of employing a part time Community S&L Champion to promote S&L messages in local early years settings. We will hopefully take a decision on this in 2024-25.

The Colin Early Parenting Programme continues to operate in a challenging and increasingly complex environment. Several attempts during the year to recruit for the vacant Early Intervention Support Worker post were unsuccessful (a recruitment challenge increasingly common for community sector posts where year-on-year funding is not assured), and this was compounded when the second EISW post became vacant in December 2023 and the project's Health Visitor moved to another post in the SE Trust in January.

We were able to secure a new Health Visitor in February, but EISW posts remained vacant as we moved into 2024-25. Overall, this meant that although the core Health Visitor programme work with 27 new mothers and babies was largely unaffected, the number of home visits to additional families was significantly reduced to 101 visits benefiting 24 families. The project's work included 76 responsive feeding support sessions, 66 weaning support sessions, 54 families receiving support on maintaining smoke-free homes and cars, 20 mothers and babies being coached in baby massage, and 33 parents getting support from the Community Resilience Model. 12 parents completed Mellow Parenting programmes and a further 10 mothers and their babies took part in our Tree Babies (forest bathing) programme.

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Planning activity for a proposed neurodevelopmental support pathway programme, with our cross-border partners Archways and Dundalk Institute of Technology, was a major work focus throughout the year. From April 2023 it looked as though this would involve a joint partnership bid with the CAWT statutory consortium, who had tabled a concept proposal for ASD support in early 2023 - with both ourselves and CAWT being encouraged by SEUPB to collaborate - and a full process of joint planning was undertaken throughout the year; but in January 2024, shortly before the application 'window' opened, CAWT withdrew, leaving our Changing Lives partnership to rapidly develop and submit an ambitious €8.6 million bid on its own. We remain optimistic and excited about the prospects for this EU funding bid, the outcome of which is expected by August 2024.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £126,448 (2023: net incoming resources of £37,397), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £33,233, while restricted funds increased by £93,215.

##### **Reserves policy**

In line with similar organisations, it would appear prudent for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to set aside reserves up to a level of approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

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#### **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COLIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2024 - 2025**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership secured funding from Dormant Accounts to embark on an ambitious strategic planning exercise to identify needs and priorities that will inform strategic direction and focus for the Partnership over the next five years. CNP see this as more than just an exercise in organisational strategic planning, but one which engages the whole community in a collective effort to generate the right information to make the best decisions to address the future needs of our community.

Looking ahead CNP and its community will face even greater challenges in the context of an ongoing 'Cost of Living' crisis coupled with an imminent squeeze on public funding. CNP needs to respond and position itself strategically to deal with these challenges. CNP has established its credentials as a trusted intermediary between the community and the state, for example, during the Covid crisis. Also, CNP has played a crucial role in facilitating collaboration between groups - essential to addressing competition for scarcer resources and maximising utility of what is available.

The very first plan produced by the Partnership back in 2004/5 was based on a wide-ranging community consultation process. The Partnership can now repeat this exercise after securing the resources from Dormant Accounts. We will

- (i) Provide evidence identifying the future needs and priorities for Colin area.
- (ii) Ensure that future planning decisions are rooted in identified needs and priorities endorsed by community.
- (iii) Provide opportunity for 'moments of community connection and reflection' on identifying issues and addressing concerns.
- (iv) Inform production of new five-year strategic plan for Colin Partnership to advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin.
- (v) Develop enhanced capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability.
- (vi) Develop and document a Transferable model for community consultation and planning.

#### **Aim and outcomes of the Strategic Review.**

The Partnership will have a clearer understanding of their environment, be more confident about their ability to adapt to future challenges and be more resilient and prepared for the future.

The Partnership will be better placed to advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin

The Partnership will have developed and documented a model for community consultation and planning which can be readily transferable. The Partnership will have enhanced their capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership will continue to work in partnership alongside Dept. for Communities, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education, and Dept. for Infrastructure, South Eastern Health Trust, C.C.M.S., B.C.C. and Urban Villages (TEO) to help deliver on the Colin Town Centre Project and the Programme for Government.

CNP and its partner organisations will continue to work collaboratively to deliver quality services across the Colin area and to work together to further develop areas of partnership to increase and improve services for all the residents of Colin.

Visit us at <http://www.newcolin.com> for further details on the activities and programmes at CNP supported through Neighbourhood Renewal and others.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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

Appointment of Trustees:

The Trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period from one Annual General meeting to the next.

Trustee Induction and Training:

New trustees are invited to an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are facilitated by Development Staff and Management Committee, they cover:

- The obligations of the Board of Trustees.
- The content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Committee and decision making processes.
- Current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

Potential Trustees are encouraged to attend a series of business committee meetings as a trail period to familiarise themselves with the work before committing themselves to the role, if this is agreed as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events in-house and external, where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

##### **Organisational structure**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been registered with the Charities Commission since March 2014. CNP board members consist of representatives from DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, NIHE, Political and Community representatives as well as representatives from each of our sub groups.

CNP established an audit committee to support the Board in its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance by reviewing the comprehensiveness of assurances being provided in meeting the Board's assurance needs as a collective 'Accounting Officer' and also reviewing the reliability and integrity of these assurances. The Committee is an advisory body and has no executive powers.

Dept. for Communities and TEO, have allocated a "Robust" status in relation to the "Organisation's" Financial Systems and Controls Rating"

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



B J Moane - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100092

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# Annual return

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Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

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Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

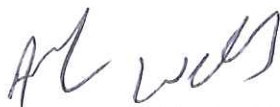
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alistair Wells (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
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11 September 2024

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100092

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI047757 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 100092

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**  
**for**  
**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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Reference and Administrative Details  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

**TRUSTEES**

T Brady  
B J Moane  
A Aicken (resigned 22/8/2023)  
Dr J Bradley  
Fr C J Crossey  
J Duffy  
Ms O Flynn (resigned 19/5/2022)  
P Kelly (resigned 29/3/2023)  
S J Magennis  
J P McCarthy (resigned 8/8/2022)  
Ms M Scott  
Ms P A Smart  
Ms M T Smith  
Ms L A L Vladeanu  
D G Wall (resigned 29/3/2023)  
Ms I Loughran  
M J Cooper (appointed 29/3/2023)  
L Stitt (appointed 29/3/2023)  
D Baker (appointed 17/5/2022) (resigned 19/6/2023)  
Councillor M Garrett (appointed 20/9/2023)

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Ms L A L Vladeanu

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** A Armstrong

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plans priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

Health

Early Intervention

Education

Physical Developments/Improvements/Major Capital Projects

Community Development: Arts/Culture

Community Safety

Environment

Youth (Inclusion)

Men

Older residents

Children & Families

It should be noted that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

DfC support has been and remains key to the success of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. DfC funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and capital projects in the Colin Area. Other funders of CNP include:

Belfast City Council

CLEAR Project

NIHE

Education Authority

Public Health Agency

S.E.H.S.C.T.

The Executive Office - Urban Villages Initiative

SEUPB

Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership

National Lottery Community Fund

Glenwood Business Centre

Ulster University

Community Foundation

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership continues to provide an annual calendar of events for all in the community, provide training in capacity building, provide opportunities for volunteering, improve community relations, family support, provide support for local community and voluntary groups, and provide projects and activities that promote healthy eating and physical activity in our major shared space resource at Colin Allotments Site. It is also important to note that CNP very often have to react to address issues that emerge, for example the establishment of a drug and alcohol and suicide prevention task groups which brings all Statutory, Voluntary and Community organizations together to focus on the issue and address immediate and emerging need to ensure those that need support are offered it as a matter of urgency. This approach helps to address a sense of fear and panic in the local area when such occurrences take place.

All of this enables us to sustain the real sense of community spirit and pride in this area.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership sees community renewal as an action that helps people to develop their own ability and help build resilience to address problems and their needs. We try to achieve this in many ways by offering programmes, activities and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents.

This is an opportunity to establish strong communities and gives a voice to communities to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental, and other themes to ensure better positive outcomes.

#### **Significant activities**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership aims to reduce social and economic inequalities which characterise this area. It does so by making a long-term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is an established representative body of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

The partnership established in 2004 has active participation from community representatives, public sector organisations, political representatives, voluntary organisations and the private sector that have interest in the area's development. The organisation promotes a holistic approach to addressing economic and social inequality closing the gap between neighbourhood renewal areas and those that are not included in neighbourhood renewal. CNP board meets on a bi-monthly basis, holds an annual AGM and produces annual audited accounts.

Administration and other services are provided through a Partnership Manager, Finance and Office Manager, and a Development Network consisting of; Good Morning Colin Manager, Early Intervention Manager, Allotment Manager, Development Officers with specific remits i.e. Arts & Culture, Community Safety, Men, Youth, Capacity Building and Volunteering, Early Intervention Services, and a Marketing Officer.

The Partnership comprises 16 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. The Partnership has a number of sub groups and task groups engaging approx. 200 individuals in task specific remits. The sub groups and task groups assist in the identification, development and where appropriate; the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's four strategic objectives of: Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. Each sub group has developed its own action plan working in partnership with all the relevant organisations: DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, PSNI, PCSP, BCC, NIHE, TEO, DfC, CYPSPB, PHA, Urban Villages as well as all local community and voluntary organisations.

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

Because of the cost-of-living crisis many more people are facing the highest rates of household bills ever. Soaring energy bills, cost of food, petrol and everyday needs. We found ourselves under immense pressure to support many more families and individuals because of the current crisis. In the run-up to Christmas and the New Year period, CNP were able to provide support to over 350 families by providing Christmas gifts for children with the support of "Cash for Kids", and vouchers for gas, electricity, and food from Belfast City Council.

We also delivered through Good Morning Colin, over 170 food hampers to older residents with the help of ASDA, staff, and patients in Ward 14 at Lagan Valley Hospital who provided food hampers for those living alone. We received very kind donations from Glenwood Enterprises, Hi-Performance Training, who raised over £1200, and REAL-LIFE Gym, who donated many gifts for children, as well as toys and other items from local individual residents. Support from Urban Villages enabled us to purchase a stock of food items to continue supporting families throughout the year, referrals were received from statutory, community and voluntary agencies, as well as individuals.

Thankfully we managed to support all those that were referred.

**Colin Town Centre Masterplan**

Another major element of the Masterplan came to fruition on 24th November 2022 with the official opening of Páirc Nua Chollan.

The park, a £5.6million project, was more than a year behind schedule because the work commenced just before Covid, Brexit also had an impact of the development.

Children from the local primary schools joined elected representatives, government officials and community workers for the ribbon cutting ceremony which included performances by the children alongside parkour demonstrations.

Another feature of the park includes a nature-focused education zone, a cycle pump track and much more, as well as the 13 metre "Leap of Faith" sculpture at the entrance.

**Good Morning Colin**

It was great to get back to normality in respect of volunteers being able to return to the Call Centre at Cloona House and holding many of our events and activities that the clients very much missed during Covid lockdowns.

While the number of those needing this service increased due to Covid, the numbers requiring support didn't decrease after restrictions were lifted. We continue to provide support to around 400+ clients.

We therefore were able to hold our annual calendar of events, i.e., Valentines Ball, St. Patrick's celebrations, May Ball, many trips and outings through the summer months, celebration of World Mental Health Day and of course the major Christmas Dinner.

The service continued to support the Carers group on a weekly basis offering many activities throughout the year and a weekend at Corrymeela Retreat, Ballycastle and a June day out at the beautiful surroundings of Mary Catherines Cottage, Newry for both Carers and Clients.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, GMC established a "Warm Space" Initiative, to support our older residents who are struggling or desperately worried about the cost of heating their homes and cooking hot meals. The Warm Space programme commenced in September 2022 through to March 2023. Each Wednesday (38 weeks) 30 - 35 older residents attended Cloona House to receive a hot meal and watch a film show. It also provided clients with an opportunity to connect with others they hadn't seen for a while and alleviate the burden of needing to heat their homes for a few hours per week.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Men's Shed - This service grows from strength, this group of men are extremely keen to remain active by getting out about, learning new skills, becoming involved in physical activities, i.e., fishing, swimming (some learning for the first time), football, ebikes, etc. as well as taking care of their mental health and well-being by attending information and support programmes.

They are also keen to support many other communities, e.g., they used their skills to build toolboxes to be sent to carpenters in the Artisan Vocational Training Centre in Njombe a region of Tanzania, to help develop their skills. The focus of the project is to provide the necessary resources and skills for Artisans and groups to improve their income generation capacity and to meet the challenges that they face in running small enterprises.

Members of the Shed are also involved in many volunteering activities in the Colin area, they support all CNP's large community events, are involved in many community environmental projects as well as building bug hotels for use by local primary school children.

#### **Allotments**

The site became alive again during this period as many organisations that used the site before Covid were delighted to get back to using this tranquil site for many of their users. Colin Sure Start makes use of this site to hold many family events, i.e., Teddy Bears Picnics, BBQs, Fun Days and much more. Youth services also continue to use the site for healthy eating and nutritional cooking sessions, encouraging young people to learn to cook but also promoting healthy diets.

Many other groups use the site for cookery sessions, i.e., Carers Group, GMC volunteers, Victims and Survivors, Men's Shed members, CNP staff and many of the allotment holders.

The site is also used by many corporate organisations, i.e., Virgin Media, O2 and others to allow their employees time to volunteer for local communities.

L'Arche - an organisation supporting people with and without learning disabilities, promotes the well-being of each member, regardless of their faith, or religious traditions. Around 230 participants from L'Arche use this site throughout the year.

Youth Inclusion - Again, it was great to get back to providing face to face services for young people with various disabilities. Re-established our Youth Inclusion evening programme for 30 young people 3 times per week at Cloona House.

A Colin Autism advice and support group was established, this is a group of around 25 parents who meet 3 times per week, 2 morning sessions and 1 evening session each week at CNP's community hub facilitated by our Youth Inclusion Worker. These parents are a lobbying group hoping to secure additional support for all parents with children suffering from Autism, AD/HD, and other worrying conditions. They also advise others of the availability of benefits and other support available. With the help of our Inclusion worker, they organize various activities throughout the year, especially day trips during summer months and mid-term breaks to provide respite for families.

#### **Capacity Building/Volunteering**

There is increasing demand for capacity building training in this area, especially after the Covid crisis. Over 200 individuals participated in various training programmes, some of which were one-off sessions and others for a period of 4 - 6 weeks.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Training relevant to the individuals included, 6-week Sign Language, Scam Awareness, Everyday First Aid, 6 week Living with Pain, managing Arthritis etc., New expectant mums took part in Holistic Mums holistic wellbeing programme over 8 weeks, this is a great sign in that new mums are not just crying out for information about their children's development, but are also interested in their own health and wellbeing.

Other training, focused on mental health and well-being, included Mindfulness, ASIST, Mood Matters, and lots more.

#### **Cross Community Activities.**

South-West Belfast Cross Community Area Network Place Shaping Vision

The Cross Community Area Network (CCAN) Project, funded by SEUPB's Peace IV Initiative, was developed in collaboration with the Verbal, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and Belfast City Council. Six CCAN areas were identified in Greater Belfast to bring together communities from interface areas through the application of a tailored programme designed to foster good relations within and between CRN and PUL communities, increase community dialogue and increase opportunities for sharing across and between neighbouring communities. Colin and Suffolk were chosen for this project. Both communities worked through this for a period of 12 months involving approx. 14 individuals. The final report, "a place shaping plan" for each area was published around July/August 2023. This provided us with a great opportunity to connect better with the Suffolk, Blacks Road communities, which resulted in residents from these areas attending a number of a large community events, as well as supporting each other's community due to the cost-of-living crisis.

#### **Community Safety and Environmental activities.**

CNP Community Safety subgroup includes participation from representatives of PSNI, Colin Safer Neighbourhoods, BCC Police & Community Safety Partnership, Housing Providers, Dunlewey, ASCERT and representatives from our Youth Strategy Project as well as other community representatives.

The Schools Road Safety Initiative campaign targeted P5s,6s, and 7s in local schools, with 480 children involved. TransLink's Community Safety Bus visited several of the schools and CNP'S Community Safety Officer was invited along to speak to the children about the importance of Road Safety, high viz vest and arm bands were provided to children who walk to and from school.

Home safety packs were given to 65 Good Morning Colin clients, packs included door alarms and window locks.

In May CNP facilitated a visit with Ideell Arena Group from Stockholm, their visit organised by CO3 Chief Officers included a presentation from CNP around the general work of the partnership. A focus was on community safety which highlighted the major improvements in our local community, i.e., reduction in crime rates, anti-social rates etc., One of PSNI's Chief Inspectors and a local Inspector attended this presentation, they highlighted the positive results and benefits of working alongside the community and the positive impact locally.

Continue to work with community representatives in the Dunmurry area to help monitor Loyal Order Parades which potentially could result in community tensions throughout the marching season. Thankfully all went off peacefully as in previous years.

Again, working with PSNI, BCC, NIHE, PCSP, Conservation Volunteers and Safer Neighbourhoods Project, we managed to ensure there were no bonfires in the Colin area during the internment commemoration dates. Work on this commenced in May keeping a close lookout for young people gathering wood etc. and making sure it is cleared asap. Thankfully for the first year there were no bonfires in the area in August 2022, a big thanks to all our partners.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

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Many Environmental Projects were addressed and developed throughout this period involving Capacity Building and Community Safety Officers, but mainly a large group of volunteers, known as the Colin Wildlife Group, out and about several times per week throughout the year, in snow, ice, rain and of course occasionally sunshine.

Just to mention some of this work.

Old Colin Wood - Family Bat Night at Colin Allotments - Community Environment & Recycling Awareness Day - Graffiti Blitzes

Hundreds of volunteers freely give up their time throughout the year, involved in all the above environmental projects, also with the Youth Inclusion Project, Good Morning Colin, Community Safety Initiatives, and our large community events. A massive BIG THANK YOU TO THEM ALL.

#### **Events Programmes.**

We were delighted that we could hold our large free community events throughout the year without having social distancing rules dictating numbers etc. This resulted in a major increase in numbers attending these events, it was clear that people were crying out for such activities after being locked down for so long a period. Events included.

Creativity Month - March, Easter programme, Graffiti Blitzes, Summer festival, Camp Night at Allotments, Halloween at Cloona including spooky haunted house and the major Winter Wonderland event at Páirc Nua Chollan, where around 7,000 people attended. Also, a free family Fun Virtual Winter Wonderland experience at Colin Town square.

#### **Crescendo**

The Crescendo Project works with Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Shankill Children's Zone, and the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queen's University to deliver musicianship and instrumental workshops to almost 900 children across four Belfast schools - Good Shepherd, Malvern, Holy Evangelists', and Wheatfield - all of which lie within areas of marked social deprivation.

The project aims to provide pupils with access to high-quality music education throughout their primary school careers.

An end of year performance in June involving all 4 primary schools along with the Ulster Orchestra included interactive music play was an opportunity for the young people to showcase their emerging musical talents to their families and the local Colin community.

Children from Holy Evangelists and Good Shepherd showcased their talents locally by performing live with the Ulster Orchestra in the Colin Town Square. It's great to see such enthusiasm in their performances and the number of the parents and grandparents who attended and loved being part of the audience.

This is an amazing opportunity for our young people. Not only are they developing their musical skills but also their well-being and self-confidence.

#### **Colin Heritage Project**

We formally launched the Colin Heritage Project in May 2022, the project developed with the support of Dr Eamon Phoenix showcasing this area of west Belfast as a microcosm of Irish History. Sadly, Dr Eamon Phoenix passed away in November 2022, this was devastating news as Eamon enriched the lives of us here in Colin by educating us about the history of our area. We miss him desperately, but we will continue to do our very best to build on the legacy that he helped us build.

Known as Colin Heritage Project, the programme includes a tourist trail that looks back on the history of the Colin area, which includes Twinbrook and Poleglass. Several visitor trails, a series of videos, website and new historical research into the rich history and associations of the area all feature.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

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Street signage has been installed representing key historical figures and places, including pre-Christian settlements on the slopes of Colin Mountain, to the Norman conquest, Plantation of Ulster, Penal Times, the 1798 Rebellion, the Troubles and the rise and fall of DeLorean - all these stories are being told together for the first time.

Check out our Colin Heritage website and learn about the unique history of Colin [www.colinheritage.com](http://www.colinheritage.com)

#### **Early Intervention**

Continued to successfully deliver one-to-one counselling across Colin's six primary schools. Over the 2022-23 financial year we provided a total of 617 counselling sessions to children, along with 169 support sessions to their parents and 384 sessions to their teachers. Additional in-year funding from Urban Villages enabled us to increase the number of children receiving intensive counselling support from 54 to 66. Of children commencing counselling support in clinical stress, 91% were within the normal range for stress at the end of counselling; 79% showed improved prosocial behaviours; 85% had improved social skills; and 94% of parents reported that family communication had improved. Over the summer period we put the delivery contract for this service out to tender, in line with our procurement policy: once again, Barnardo's Time 4 Me service was the successful bidder.

The Speech & Language Therapy Service continued to support large numbers of P1 and P2 children across the Colin primary school sector, with the complexity of support issues continuing to increase, following school closures during the Covid lockdown period. In total, the S&L Therapist worked with 168 children over the financial year. There were 71 new referrals over this period, 66 children reached the end of their therapy and were discharged, and 102 children continued their therapy support into the final term of the school year.

This year was challenging in terms of staff capacity for the Colin Early Parenting Programme, with a vacant Early intervention Support Worker post only being filled in August, and then becoming vacant again in January 2023. Nonetheless, the programme's Health Visitor worked with 26 mothers and babies on the core support programme, while the Early intervention Support Workers carried out 261 home visits with 51 parents. This involves sessions dealing with feeding, weaning, smoke free homes, car environments, and a 6-week baby massage program for 22 parents and their child.

By the end of the 2022-23-year, persistence looked as though it might pay off in respect of our continuing Changing Lives planning process. Throughout the year, our partnership with Archways in Dublin, and Dundalk Institute of Technology, continued to meet regularly under the umbrella of All-Island Fund support, and we attended and presented at a two-day AIF conference in Dundalk in October 2022. Through an ongoing series of discussions with the Department of Health, we began to broaden our plans for a revived Changing Lives Initiative from a specifically ADHD focus to a wider notion of developing an Early Help neurodevelopmental support pathway that would also encompass ASD and other behavioural conditions. The main obstacle, in the current climate of political and economic stalemate, seemed to be the absence of a funding mechanism we could pitch for - until towards the end of the year a concept note was submitted to the 4.1 health theme of the EU Peace Plus programme. By the end of the financial year under review, because of positive feedback we received from SEUPB, we had begun detailed partnership planning discussions with a cross-border statutory consortium and were confidently looking to submit a joint funding proposal for €10m once the application window opened in autumn 2023. If successful, this proposal would envisage Colin Early Intervention being the delivery body for this initiative right across the Belfast, South-Eastern and Northern health trust areas.

#### **Colin Town Centre Masterplan**

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Dept. for Communities and Urban Villages, through The Executive Office, is continuing to invest in and support the development of the Town Centre Masterplan, through several other projects including the new park in Colin.

The business case being carried out by the Dept. for Communities and Urban Villages for the development of the major Community Hub is ongoing, the hub will house several organisations operating under one roof.

Still lobbying to secure funding for the Colin Active Travel project.

The Dept. of Education issued a call out towards the end of 2022 for several new build schools. We submitted an application to be placed on the list but were unsuccessful this time for a new Post Primary School in this area.

Given the delay in securing support from DoH and SEHSCT to replace the current health centre, we have requested that funding should be secured to improve the exterior of the current building as well as additional street lighting, signage, landscaping etc.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £37,397 (2022: net outgoing resources of £58,062), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £2,092, while restricted funds increased by £39,489.

##### **Principal funding sources**

Department for Communities  
Belfast City Council  
Public Health Agency  
SEHSCT  
Education Authority  
TEO - Urban Villages  
SEUPB

##### **Reserves policy**

In line with similar organisations, it would appear prudent for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to set aside reserves up to a level of approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COLIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2023 - 2024**

CNP is a story of progress for both the neighbourhood as a whole and for the many individuals who have benefitted from the work of CNP. It is also a story that describes the collective experience of the neighbourhood, that provides a firm platform from which to launch a vision for the next ten years and action plans for the next five years.

It is a statement of intent that defines and describes how many outstanding and new challenges might need to be addressed. The successes and experiences of the last eighteen years provide us with a sound foundation for moving forward. The success of Colin over the last twenty years and most recently in dealing with the consequences of the Covid pandemic, shows that working together we can deal with even the most difficult challenges.

Constructing a Review Document for a Consultation Process Leading to a Strategic Plan for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP).

The outcomes expected can be summarised as follows:

- I. Connections/relationships between the partnership and community are strengthened.
- II. The Community has enhanced participation in planning decisions affecting them.
- III. The Partnership has Improved connections/relationships with statutory agencies and funders.
- IV. The Partnership can advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin.
- V. The Partnership has enhanced capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability.
- VI. Transferable model for community consultation and planning developed and documented.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership will continue to work in partnership alongside Dept. for Communities, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education, and Dept. for Infrastructure, South Eastern Health Trust, C.C.M.S., B.C.C. and Urban Villages (TEO) to help deliver on the Colin Town Centre Project and the Programme for Government.

CNP and its partner organisations will continue to work collaboratively to deliver quality services across the Colin area and to work together to further develop areas of partnership to increase and improve services for all the residents of Colin.

Visit us at <http://www.newcolin.com> for further details on the activities and programmes at CNP supported through Neighbourhood Renewal and others.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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

Appointment of Trustees:

The Trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period from one Annual General meeting to the next.

Trustee Induction and Training:

New trustees are invited to an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are facilitated by Development Staff and Management Committee, they cover:

- The obligations of the Board of Trustees.
- The content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Committee and decision making processes.
- Current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

Potential Trustees are encouraged to attend a series of business committee meetings as a trial period to familiarise themselves with the work before committing themselves to the role, if this is agreed as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events in-house and external, where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

##### **Organisational structure**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been registered with the Charities Commission since March 2014. CNP board members consist of representatives from DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, NIHE, Political and Community representatives as well as representatives from each of our sub groups.

CNP established an audit committee to support the Board in its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance by reviewing the comprehensiveness of assurances being provided in meeting the Board's assurance needs as a collective 'Accounting Officer' and also reviewing the reliability and integrity of these assurances. The Committee is an advisory body and has no executive powers.

Dept. for Communities and TEO, have allocated a "Robust" status in relation to the "Organisation's" Financial Systems and Controls Rating"

##### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



B J Moane - Trustee

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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15 November 2023

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	35,000	19,998	54,998	10,079
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants Receivable	3	1,057	1,084,809	1,085,866	878,676
Other income		-	62,270	62,270	78,293
<b>Total</b>		<u>36,057</u>	<u>1,167,077</u>	<u>1,203,134</u>	<u>967,048</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	36,536	1,102,877	1,139,413	997,525
Governance		1,613	24,711	26,324	27,585
<b>Total</b>		<u>38,149</u>	<u>1,127,588</u>	<u>1,165,737</u>	<u>1,025,110</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(2,092)	39,489	37,397	(58,062)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		132,423	544,420	676,843	734,905
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>130,331</u></u>	<u><u>583,909</u></u>	<u><u>714,240</u></u>	<u><u>676,843</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	9	52,426	48,048
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	10	199,958	199,414
Cash at bank and in hand		521,920	571,974
		<u>721,878</u>	<u>771,388</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(60,064)	(142,593)
		<u>661,814</u>	<u>628,795</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>714,240</u>	<u>676,843</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>714,240</u>	<u>676,843</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>714,240</u>	<u>676,843</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13		
Unrestricted funds		130,330	132,423
Restricted funds		583,910	544,420
		<u>714,240</u>	<u>676,843</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>714,240</u>	<u>676,843</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

M J Cooper - Trustee



B J Moane - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	(35,486)	19,574
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(35,486)</u>	<u>19,574</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(14,568)</u>	<u>(18,395)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(14,568)</u>	<u>(18,395)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(50,054)</u>	<u>1,179</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>571,974</u>	<u>570,795</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>521,920</u></u>	<u><u>571,974</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	37,397	(58,062)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	10,190	11,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(544)	38,023
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(82,529)	28,613
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(35,486)</u>	<u>19,574</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Cash flow	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	571,974	(50,054)	521,920
	<u>571,974</u>	<u>(50,054)</u>	<u>521,920</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>571,974</u>	<u>(50,054)</u>	<u>521,920</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI047757). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice..

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Property	- 2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	- 25% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	- 25% Straight Line and 25% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	- 25% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	- 25% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**(m) Judgements estimates**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

**(i) depreciation method and asset useful lives**

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.charity

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Fund accounting**

The Charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

##### (i) Restricted Funds

Grants or donations received, which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes within the overall aims of the organisation

##### (ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital. trustees

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	54,998	10,079

#### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Grants	1,085,866	878,676

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Belfast City Council	41,937	29,710
Public Health Agency	93,163	51,661
Department for Infrastructure	-	459
National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	16,033
Department for Communities	397,355	408,364
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	130,535	75,858
Teo Urban Villages Initiative	346,189	203,799
Education Authority SE Region	10,500	12,700
SEUPB	(8,084)	7,815
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	-	18,347
BCC Covid Support	-	38,000
Daera	-	500
Apex Housing Association	-	499
Community Relations Council	449	450
Carried forward	1,022,044	864,195

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Brought forward	1,022,044	864,195
Community Foundation	9,740	500
Community Pharmacy	-	2,000
BCC Home Safety	-	4,681
BCC Volunteer Recognition Programme	-	7,300
BCC Festival of Learning	940	-
NSCCT Crescendo	20,000	-
University of Ulster	25,984	-
NI Housing Executive	6,733	-
Volunteer Now Mens Shed	425	-
	<u>1,085,866</u>	<u>878,676</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,137,941	1,472	1,139,413
Governance	-	26,324	26,324
	<u>1,137,941</u>	<u>27,796</u>	<u>1,165,737</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,472	-	1,472
Governance	-	26,324	26,324
	<u>1,472</u>	<u>26,324</u>	<u>27,796</u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,160	4,800
Depreciation - owned assets	10,190	10,999
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**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	439,818	426,461
Social security costs	44,649	40,862
Other pension costs	24,157	23,746
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	<u>508,624</u>	<u>491,069</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
CNP Staff	14	14
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and the Finance Manager. The salaries paid to key management personnel during the year totalled £111,173. (2022: £110,660)

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2022	50,412	68,447	51,862
Additions	-	13,884	-
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At 31 March 2023	50,412	82,331	51,862
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2022	20,928	56,757	48,419
Charge for year	756	7,369	861
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At 31 March 2023	21,684	64,126	49,280
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	28,728	18,205	2,582
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At 31 March 2022	29,484	11,690	3,443
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	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2022	77,040	70,445	318,206
Additions	-	684	14,568
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At 31 March 2023	77,040	71,129	332,774
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2022	75,715	68,339	270,158
Charge for year	331	873	10,190
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At 31 March 2023	76,046	69,212	280,348
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	994	1,917	52,426
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At 31 March 2022	1,325	2,106	48,048
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Freehold property includes the following

Cloona House, 31 Colin Road, Belfast, BT17 OLG  
This property was donated to Colin Neighbourhood Partnership in March 2014.

Healthy Living Centre, Colinglen Road, Belfast, BT17 0LR.

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	13,075	1,120
Prepayments and accrued income	186,883	198,294
	<u>199,958</u>	<u>199,414</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	47,875	74,708
Pensions	2,858	-
Other creditors	3,204	2,535
Accruals and deferred income	6,127	65,350
	<u>60,064</u>	<u>142,593</u>

**12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

			31.3.23	31.3.22
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	fund	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	300	52,126	52,426	48,048
Current assets	59,760	662,118	721,878	771,388
Current liabilities	70,270	(130,334)	(60,064)	(142,593)
	<u>130,330</u>	<u>583,910</u>	<u>714,240</u>	<u>676,843</u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	132,423	(2,093)	130,330
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	42,612	52,387	94,999
Health For All	383,396	(34,281)	349,115
General	531	26,009	26,540
Good Morning Colin	63,929	(9,347)	54,582
Youth Strategy	1,399	(160)	1,239
Big Lottery	9	2,817	2,826
Allotment	-	3,628	3,628
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	50,573	408	50,981
SIF	1,971	(1,971)	-
	<u>544,420</u>	<u>39,490</u>	<u>583,910</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>676,843</u></u>	<u><u>37,397</u></u>	<u><u>714,240</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	36,057	(38,150)	(2,093)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	235,826	(183,439)	52,387
Health For All	275,861	(310,142)	(34,281)
BRO	345,700	(345,700)	-
General	60,303	(34,294)	26,009
Good Morning Colin	29,757	(39,104)	(9,347)
Youth Strategy	110,740	(110,900)	(160)
Big Lottery	2,900	(83)	2,817
Allotment	81,493	(77,865)	3,628
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	24,497	(24,089)	408
SIF	-	(1,971)	(1,971)
	<u>1,167,077</u>	<u>(1,127,587)</u>	<u>39,490</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,203,134</u></u>	<u><u>(1,165,737)</u></u>	<u><u>37,397</u></u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	284,960	(71,618)	(80,919)	132,423
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Arts and Culture	7,373	56,176	(20,937)	42,612
Health For All	344,632	11,175	27,589	383,396
BRO	-	15,168	(15,168)	-
General	13,981	(10,581)	(2,869)	531
Good Morning Colin	13,381	2,803	47,745	63,929
Youth Strategy	5,636	(61,281)	57,044	1,399
Big Lottery	2,070	(1,496)	(565)	9
Allotment	69	7,714	(7,783)	-
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	60,514	(5,804)	(4,137)	50,573
SIF	2,289	(318)	-	1,971
	<u>449,945</u>	<u>13,556</u>	<u>80,919</u>	<u>544,420</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>734,905</u>	<u>(58,062)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>676,843</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	15,223	(86,841)	(71,618)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Arts and Culture	176,717	(120,541)	56,176
Health For All	253,157	(241,982)	11,175
BRO	357,969	(342,801)	15,168
General	28,151	(38,732)	(10,581)
Good Morning Colin	29,987	(27,184)	2,803
Youth Strategy	26,936	(88,217)	(61,281)
Big Lottery	-	(1,496)	(1,496)
Allotment	63,908	(56,194)	7,714
Dairy Farm Centre Compensation	15,000	(20,804)	(5,804)
SIF	-	(318)	(318)
	<u>951,825</u>	<u>(938,269)</u>	<u>13,556</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>967,048</u>	<u>(1,025,110)</u>	<u>(58,062)</u>

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**15. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

**16. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

**17. COVID 19**

The trustees continue to monitor the impact of Covid 19. The trustees believe there is no adjusting events to report after the reporting date. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation closely to secure the viability of the organisation.

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	54,998	10,079
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	1,085,866	878,676
<b>Other income</b>		
Other Income	62,270	78,293
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>1,203,134</u>	<u>967,048</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	439,818	426,461
Social security	44,649	40,862
Pensions	24,157	23,746
Rates and water	7,590	6,423
Insurance	12,433	12,355
Light and heat	20,306	14,107
Telephone	7,160	6,489
Postage and stationery	590	1,393
Advertising	-	170
Sundries	2,542	3,324
Repairs and Maintenance	26,052	12,295
Subscriptions	320	1,423
Cleaning	6,661	10,309
Programme Costs	481,195	330,347
Management Fees	24,000	21,200
Repaid to Funder	28,742	-
Motor Expenses	3,916	3,585
Travel and Subsistence	4,079	1,637
Hospitality	304	-
Staff Training and Welfare	107	1,281
Volunteer Expenses	3,320	4,510
Enviro Care Transfer	-	74,103
	<u>1,137,941</u>	<u>996,020</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	1,472	1,505
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	5,160	4,800
Computer Costs	9,474	8,641
Professional Fees	1,500	3,144
Freehold property	756	756
Plant and machinery	7,369	3,897
Fixtures and fittings	861	1,148
Motor vehicles	331	442
Computer equipment	873	4,757
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	26,324	27,585
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Total resources expended	1,165,737	1,025,110
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<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>37,397</u>	<u>(58,062)</u>

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**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100092

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# Annual report

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## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Under review of the Colin Neighbourhood Action Plans priorities were identified and agreed, they are:

Health

Early Intervention

Education

Physical Developments/Improvements/Major Capital Projects

Community Development: Arts/Culture

Community Safety

Environment

Youth (Inclusion)

Men

Older residents

Children & Families

It should be noted that Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Subgroups have all signed up to and abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

DfC support has been and remains key to the success of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. DfC funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and capital projects in the Colin Area. Other funders of CNP include:

Belfast City Council

CLEAR Project

NIHE

Education Authority

Public Health Agency

S.E.H.S.C.T.

The Executive Office - Urban Villages Initiative

SEUPB

Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership

National Lottery Community Fund

Glenwood Business Centre

Ulster University

Community Foundation

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership continues to provide an annual calendar of events for all in the community, provide training in capacity building, provide opportunities for volunteering, improve community relations, family support, provide support for local community and voluntary groups, and provide projects and activities that promote healthy eating and physical activity in our major shared space resource at Colin Allotments Site. It is also important to note that CNP very often have to react to address issues that emerge, for example the establishment of a drug and alcohol and suicide prevention task groups which brings all Statutory, Voluntary and Community organizations together to focus on the issue and address immediate and emerging need to ensure those that need support are offered it as a matter of urgency. This approach helps to address a sense of fear and panic in the local area when such occurrences take place.

All of this enables us to sustain the real sense of community spirit and pride in this area.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership sees community renewal as an action that helps people to develop their own ability and help build resilience to address problems and their needs. We try to achieve this in many ways by offering programmes, activities and training for parents of young children, parents of adolescents, children, young people, men, women, and older residents to help improve the quality of life for all our residents.

This is an opportunity to establish strong communities and gives a voice to communities to decide the best use of assets, it strengthens the capacity of people to become active citizens and provides opportunities for community, statutory and other sectors to work in collaboration to develop social, economic, environmental, and other themes to ensure better positive outcomes.

#### **Significant activities**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership aims to reduce social and economic inequalities which characterise this area. It does so by making a long-term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is an established representative body of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

The partnership established in 2004 has active participation from community representatives, public sector organisations, political representatives, voluntary organisations and the private sector that have interest in the area's development. The organisation promotes a holistic approach to addressing economic and social inequality closing the gap between neighbourhood renewal areas and those that are not included in neighbourhood renewal. CNP board meets on a bi-monthly basis, holds an annual AGM and produces annual audited accounts.

Administration and other services are provided through a Partnership Manager, Finance and Office Manager, and a Development Network consisting of; Good Morning Colin Manager, Early Intervention Manager, Allotment Manager, Development Officers with specific remits i.e. Arts & Culture, Community Safety, Men, Youth, Capacity Building and Volunteering, Early Intervention Services, and a Marketing Officer.

The Partnership comprises 16 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. The Partnership has a number of sub groups and task groups engaging approx. 200 individuals in task specific remits. The sub groups and task groups assist in the identification, development and where appropriate; the delivery of projects which aim to address Neighbourhood Renewal's four strategic objectives of: Community Renewal, Social Renewal, Economic Renewal and Physical Renewal. Each sub group has developed its own action plan working in partnership with all the relevant organisations: DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, PSNI, PCSP, BCC, NIHE, TEO, DfC, CYPSPB, PHA, Urban Villages as well as all local community and voluntary organisations.

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

## Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Because of the cost-of-living crisis many more people are facing the highest rates of household bills ever. Soaring energy bills, cost of food, petrol and everyday needs. We found ourselves under immense pressure to support many more families and individuals because of the current crisis. In the run-up to Christmas and the New Year period, CNP were able to provide support to over 350 families by providing Christmas gifts for children with the support of "Cash for Kids", and vouchers for gas, electricity, and food from Belfast City Council.

We also delivered through Good Morning Colin, over 170 food hampers to older residents with the help of ASDA, staff, and patients in Ward 14 at Lagan Valley Hospital who provided food hampers for those living alone. We received very kind donations from Glenwood Enterprises, Hi-Performance Training, who raised over £1200, and REAL-LIFE Gym, who donated many gifts for children, as well as toys and other items from local individual residents. Support from Urban Villages enabled us to purchase a stock of food items to continue supporting families throughout the year, referrals were received from statutory, community and voluntary agencies, as well as individuals.

Thankfully we managed to support all those that were referred.

##### **Colin Town Centre Masterplan**

Another major element of the Masterplan came to fruition on 24th November 2022 with the official opening of Páirc Nua Chollan.

The park, a £5.6million project, was more than a year behind schedule because the work commenced just before Covid, Brexit also had an impact of the development.

Children from the local primary schools joined elected representatives, government officials and community workers for the ribbon cutting ceremony which included performances by the children alongside parkour demonstrations.

Another feature of the park includes a nature-focused education zone, a cycle pump track and much more, as well as the 13 metre "Leap of Faith" sculpture at the entrance.

##### **Good Morning Colin**

It was great to get back to normality in respect of volunteers being able to return to the Call Centre at Cloona House and holding many of our events and activities that the clients very much missed during Covid lockdowns.

While the number of those needing this service increased due to Covid, the numbers requiring support didn't decrease after restrictions were lifted. We continue to provide support to around 400+ clients.

We therefore were able to hold our annual calendar of events, i.e., Valentines Ball, St. Patrick's celebrations, May Ball, many trips and outings through the summer months, celebration of World Mental Health Day and of course the major Christmas Dinner.

The service continued to support the Carers group on a weekly basis offering many activities throughout the year and a weekend at Corrymeela Retreat, Ballycastle and a June day out at the beautiful surroundings of Mary Catherines Cottage, Newry for both Carers and Clients.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, GMC established a "Warm Space" Initiative, to support our older residents who are struggling or desperately worried about the cost of heating their homes and cooking hot meals. The Warm Space programme commenced in September 2022 through to March 2023. Each Wednesday (38 weeks) 30 - 35 older residents attended Cloona House to receive a hot meal and watch a film show. It also provided clients with an opportunity to connect with others they hadn't seen for a while and alleviate the burden of needing to heat their homes for a few hours per week.

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Men's Shed - This service grows from strength, this group of men are extremely keen to remain active by getting out about, learning new skills, becoming involved in physical activities, i.e., fishing, swimming (some learning for the first time), football, ebikes, etc. as well as taking care of their mental health and well-being by attending information and support programmes.

They are also keen to support many other communities, e.g., they used their skills to build toolboxes to be sent to carpenters in the Artisan Vocational Training Centre in Njombe a region of Tanzania, to help develop their skills. The focus of the project is to provide the necessary resources and skills for Artisans and groups to improve their income generation capacity and to meet the challenges that they face in running small enterprises.

Members of the Shed are also involved in many volunteering activities in the Colin area, they support all CNP's large community events, are involved in many community environmental projects as well as building bug hotels for use by local primary school children.

#### **Allotments**

The site became alive again during this period as many organisations that used the site before Covid were delighted to get back to using this tranquil site for many of their users. Colin Sure Start makes use of this site to hold many family events, i.e., Teddy Bears Picnics, BBQs, Fun Days and much more. Youth services also continue to use the site for healthy eating and nutritional cooking sessions, encouraging young people to learn to cook but also promoting healthy diets.

Many other groups use the site for cookery sessions, i.e., Carers Group, GMC volunteers, Victims and Survivors, Men's Shed members, CNP staff and many of the allotment holders. The site is also used by many corporate organisations, i.e., Virgin Media, O2 and others to allow their employees time to volunteer for local communities.

L'Arche - an organisation supporting people with and without learning disabilities, promotes the well-being of each member, regardless of their faith, or religious traditions. Around 230 participants from L'Arche use this site throughout the year.

Youth Inclusion - Again, it was great to get back to providing face to face services for young people with various disabilities. Re-established our Youth Inclusion evening programme for 30 young people 3 times per week at Cloona House.

A Colin Autism advice and support group was established, this is a group of around 25 parents who meet 3 times per week, 2 morning sessions and 1 evening session each week at CNP's community hub facilitated by our Youth Inclusion Worker. These parents are a lobbying group hoping to secure additional support for all parents with children suffering from Autism, AD/HD, and other worrying conditions. They also advise others of the availability of benefits and other support available. With the help of our Inclusion worker, they organize various activities throughout the year, especially day trips during summer months and mid-term breaks to provide respite for families.

#### **Capacity Building/Volunteering**

There is increasing demand for capacity building training in this area, especially after the Covid crisis. Over 200 individuals participated in various training programmes, some of which were one-off sessions and others for a period of 4 - 6 weeks.

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Training relevant to the individuals included, 6-week Sign Language, Scam Awareness, Everyday First Aid, 6 week Living with Pain, managing Arthritis etc., New expectant mums took part in Holistic Mums holistic wellbeing programme over 8 weeks, this is a great sign in that new mums are not just crying out for information about their children's development, but are also interested in their own health and wellbeing.

Other training, focused on mental health and well-being, included Mindfulness, ASIST, Mood Matters, and lots more.

#### **Cross Community Activities.**

South-West Belfast Cross Community Area Network Place Shaping Vision

The Cross Community Area Network (CCAN) Project, funded by SEUPB's Peace IV Initiative, was developed in collaboration with the Verbal, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and Belfast City Council. Six CCAN areas were identified in Greater Belfast to bring together communities from interface areas through the application of a tailored programme designed to foster good relations within and between CRN and PUL communities, increase community dialogue and increase opportunities for sharing across and between neighbouring communities. Colin and Suffolk were chosen for this project. Both communities worked through this for a period of 12 months involving approx. 14 individuals. The final report, "a place shaping plan" for each area was published around July/August 2023. This provided us with a great opportunity to connect better with the Suffolk, Blacks Road communities, which resulted in residents from these areas attending a number of a large community events, as well as supporting each other's community due to the cost-of-living crisis.

#### **Community Safety and Environmental activities.**

CNP Community Safety subgroup includes participation from representatives of PSNI, Colin Safer Neighbourhoods, BCC Police & Community Safety Partnership, Housing Providers, Dunlewey, ASCERT and representatives from our Youth Strategy Project as well as other community representatives.

The Schools Road Safety Initiative campaign targeted P5s,6s, and 7s in local schools, with 480 children involved. TransLink's Community Safety Bus visited several of the schools and CNP'S Community Safety Officer was invited along to speak to the children about the importance of Road Safety, high viz vest and arm bands were provided to children who walk to and from school.

Home safety packs were given to 65 Good Morning Colin clients, packs included door alarms and window locks.

In May CNP facilitated a visit with Ideell Arena Group from Stockholm, their visit organised by CO3 Chief Officers included a presentation from CNP around the general work of the partnership. A focus was on community safety which highlighted the major improvements in our local community, i.e., reduction in crime rates, anti-social rates etc., One of PSNI's Chief Inspectors and a local Inspector attended this presentation, they highlighted the positive results and benefits of working alongside the community and the positive impact locally.

Continue to work with community representatives in the Dunmurry area to help monitor Loyal Order Parades which potentially could result in community tensions throughout the marching season. Thankfully all went off peacefully as in previous years.

Again, working with PSNI, BCC, NIHE, PCSP, Conservation Volunteers and Safer Neighbourhoods Project, we managed to ensure there were no bonfires in the Colin area during the internment commemoration dates. Work on this commenced in May keeping a close lookout for young people gathering wood etc. and making sure it is cleared asap. Thankfully for the first year there were no bonfires in the area in August 2022, a big thanks to all our partners.

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Many Environmental Projects were addressed and developed throughout this period involving Capacity Building and Community Safety Officers, but mainly a large group of volunteers, known as the Colin Wildlife Group, out and about several times per week throughout the year, in snow, ice, rain and of course occasionally sunshine.

Just to mention some of this work.

Old Colin Wood - Family Bat Night at Colin Allotments - Community Environment & Recycling Awareness Day - Graffiti Blitzes

Hundreds of volunteers freely give up their time throughout the year, involved in all the above environmental projects, also with the Youth Inclusion Project, Good Morning Colin, Community Safety Initiatives, and our large community events. A massive BIG THANK YOU TO THEM ALL.

#### **Events Programmes.**

We were delighted that we could hold our large free community events throughout the year without having social distancing rules dictating numbers etc. This resulted in a major increase in numbers attending these events, it was clear that people were crying out for such activities after being locked down for so long a period. Events included.

Creativity Month - March, Easter programme, Graffiti Blitzes, Summer festival, Camp Night at Allotments, Halloween at Cloona including spooky haunted house and the major Winter Wonderland event at Páirc Nua Chollan, where around 7,000 people attended. Also, a free family Fun Virtual Winter Wonderland experience at Colin Town square.

#### **Crescendo**

The Crescendo Project works with Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Shankill Children's Zone, and the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queen's University to deliver musicianship and instrumental workshops to almost 900 children across four Belfast schools - Good Shepherd, Malvern, Holy Evangelists', and Wheatfield - all of which lie within areas of marked social deprivation.

The project aims to provide pupils with access to high-quality music education throughout their primary school careers.

An end of year performance in June involving all 4 primary schools along with the Ulster Orchestra included interactive music play was an opportunity for the young people to showcase their emerging musical talents to their families and the local Colin community.

Children from Holy Evangelists and Good Shepherd showcased their talents locally by performing live with the Ulster Orchestra in the Colin Town Square. It's great to see such enthusiasm in their performances and the number of the parents and grandparents who attended and loved being part of the audience.

This is an amazing opportunity for our young people. Not only are they developing their musical skills but also their well-being and self-confidence.

#### **Colin Heritage Project**

We formally launched the Colin Heritage Project in May 2022, the project developed with the support of Dr Eamon Phoenix showcasing this area of west Belfast as a microcosm of Irish History. Sadly, Dr Eamon Phoenix passed away in November 2022, this was devastating news as Eamon enriched the lives of us here in Colin by educating us about the history of our area. We miss him desperately, but we will continue to do our very best to build on the legacy that he helped us build.

Known as Colin Heritage Project, the programme includes a tourist trail that looks back on the history of the Colin area, which includes Twinbrook and Poleglass. Several visitor trails, a series of videos, website and new historical research into the rich history and associations of the area all feature.

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Street signage has been installed representing key historical figures and places, including pre-Christian settlements on the slopes of Colin Mountain, to the Norman conquest, Plantation of Ulster, Penal Times, the 1798 Rebellion, the Troubles and the rise and fall of DeLorean - all these stories are being told together for the first time.

Check out our Colin Heritage website and learn about the unique history of Colin [www.colinheritage.com](http://www.colinheritage.com)

#### **Early Intervention**

Continued to successfully deliver one-to-one counselling across Colin's six primary schools. Over the 2022-23 financial year we provided a total of 617 counselling sessions to children, along with 169 support sessions to their parents and 384 sessions to their teachers. Additional in-year funding from Urban Villages enabled us to increase the number of children receiving intensive counselling support from 54 to 66. Of children commencing counselling support in clinical stress, 91% were within the normal range for stress at the end of counselling; 79% showed improved prosocial behaviours; 85% had improved social skills; and 94% of parents reported that family communication had improved. Over the summer period we put the delivery contract for this service out to tender, in line with our procurement policy: once again, Barnardo's Time 4 Me service was the successful bidder.

The Speech & Language Therapy Service continued to support large numbers of P1 and P2 children across the Colin primary school sector, with the complexity of support issues continuing to increase, following school closures during the Covid lockdown period. In total, the S&L Therapist worked with 168 children over the financial year. There were 71 new referrals over this period, 66 children reached the end of their therapy and were discharged, and 102 children continued their therapy support into the final term of the school year.

This year was challenging in terms of staff capacity for the Colin Early Parenting Programme, with a vacant Early intervention Support Worker post only being filled in August, and then becoming vacant again in January 2023. Nonetheless, the programme's Health Visitor worked with 26 mothers and babies on the core support programme, while the Early intervention Support Workers carried out 261 home visits with 51 parents. This involves sessions dealing with feeding, weaning, smoke free homes, car environments, and a 6-week baby massage program for 22 parents and their child.

By the end of the 2022-23-year, persistence looked as though it might pay off in respect of our continuing Changing Lives planning process. Throughout the year, our partnership with Archways in Dublin, and Dundalk Institute of Technology, continued to meet regularly under the umbrella of All-Island Fund support, and we attended and presented at a two-day AIF conference in Dundalk in October 2022. Through an ongoing series of discussions with the Department of Health, we began to broaden our plans for a revived Changing Lives Initiative from a specifically ADHD focus to a wider notion of developing an Early Help neurodevelopmental support pathway that would also encompass ASD and other behavioural conditions. The main obstacle, in the current climate of political and economic stalemate, seemed to be the absence of a funding mechanism we could pitch for - until towards the end of the year a concept note was submitted to the 4.1 health theme of the EU Peace Plus programme. By the end of the financial year under review, because of positive feedback we received from SEUPB, we had begun detailed partnership planning discussions with a cross-border statutory consortium and were confidently looking to submit a joint funding proposal for €10m once the application window opened in autumn 2023. If successful, this proposal would envisage Colin Early Intervention being the delivery body for this initiative right across the Belfast, South-Eastern and Northern health trust areas.

#### **Colin Town Centre Masterplan**

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The Dept. for Communities and Urban Villages, through The Executive Office, is continuing to invest in and support the development of the Town Centre Masterplan, through several other projects including the new park in Colin.

The business case being carried out by the Dept. for Communities and Urban Villages for the development of the major Community Hub is ongoing, the hub will house several organisations operating under one roof.

Still lobbying to secure funding for the Colin Active Travel project.

The Dept. of Education issued a call out towards the end of 2022 for several new build schools. We submitted an application to be placed on the list but were unsuccessful this time for a new Post Primary School in this area.

Given the delay in securing support from DoH and SEHSCT to replace the current health centre, we have requested that funding should be secured to improve the exterior of the current building as well as additional street lighting, signage, landscaping etc.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £37,397 (2022: net outgoing resources of £58,062), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased by £2,092, while restricted funds increased by £39,489.

##### **Principal funding sources**

Department for Communities  
Belfast City Council  
Public Health Agency  
SEHSCT  
Education Authority  
TEO - Urban Villages  
SEUPB

##### **Reserves policy**

In line with similar organisations, it would appear prudent for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to set aside reserves up to a level of approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

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#### **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COLIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2023 - 2024**

CNP is a story of progress for both the neighbourhood as a whole and for the many individuals who have benefitted from the work of CNP. It is also a story that describes the collective experience of the neighbourhood, that provides a firm platform from which to launch a vision for the next ten years and action plans for the next five years.

It is a statement of intent that defines and describes how many outstanding and new challenges might need to be addressed. The successes and experiences of the last eighteen years provide us with a sound foundation for moving forward. The success of Colin over the last twenty years and most recently in dealing with the consequences of the Covid pandemic, shows that working together we can deal with even the most difficult challenges.

Constructing a Review Document for a Consultation Process Leading to a Strategic Plan for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP).

The outcomes expected can be summarised as follows:

- I. Connections/relationships between the partnership and community are strengthened.
- II. The Community has enhanced participation in planning decisions affecting them.
- III. The Partnership has Improved connections/relationships with statutory agencies and funders.
- IV. The Partnership can advocate for better planning and improved service provision for Colin.
- V. The Partnership has enhanced capacity to generate resources and ensure sustainability.
- VI. Transferable model for community consultation and planning developed and documented.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership will continue to work in partnership alongside Dept. for Communities, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Education, and Dept. for Infrastructure, South Eastern Health Trust, C.C.M.S., B.C.C. and Urban Villages (TEO) to help deliver on the Colin Town Centre Project and the Programme for Government.

CNP and its partner organisations will continue to work collaboratively to deliver quality services across the Colin area and to work together to further develop areas of partnership to increase and improve services for all the residents of Colin.

Visit us at <http://www.newcolin.com> for further details on the activities and programmes at CNP supported through Neighbourhood Renewal and others.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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

###### Appointment of Trustees:

The Trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period from one Annual General meeting to the next.

###### Trustee Induction and Training:

New trustees are invited to an induction meeting to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are facilitated by Development Staff and Management Committee, they cover:

- The obligations of the Board of Trustees.
- The content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- The Committee and decision making processes.
- Current financial position.
- Future plans and objectives.

Potential Trustees are encouraged to attend a series of business committee meetings as a trial period to familiarise themselves with the work before committing themselves to the role, if this is agreed as appropriate. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events in-house and external, where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

##### **Organisational structure**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been registered with the Charities Commission since March 2014. CNP board members consist of representatives from DfC, SEHSCT, E.A., CCMS, NIHE, Political and Community representatives as well as representatives from each of our sub groups.

CNP established an audit committee to support the Board in its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance by reviewing the comprehensiveness of assurances being provided in meeting the Board's assurance needs as a collective 'Accounting Officer' and also reviewing the reliability and integrity of these assurances. The Committee is an advisory body and has no executive powers.

Dept. for Communities and TEO, have allocated a "Robust" status in relation to the "Organisation's" Financial Systems and Controls Rating"

##### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



B J Moane - Trustee

**Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

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# Annual return

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**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of  
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management for risk of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and identified the greatest potential for fraud. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

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Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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