

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103284

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-11-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: Colin Sure Start's objectives are to enhance the development and education of children below statutory age and to advance education, preserve and protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those in necessitous circumstances in Colin Neighbourhood and its environs. To provide recreational and leisure time facilities in the interests of social welfare for those inhabitants in the area of benefit, without distinction of age, sex, special needs, disability, race or political, religious or other opinions who are in necessitous circumstances.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training, Relief of poverty

Who the charity helps: Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Specific areas of deprivation

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£982,376	£994,590	£-5,542	32

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Diarmuid Moore		
Mr Gerard Heery		
Mrs Carla Fraser		
Mrs Claire Margaret Le Mahieu		
Mrs Florence Davidson		
Mrs Judith Searle		
Mrs Lisa Samantha Maclean		
Ms Theresa Brady		

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI 042091 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC 103284

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

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd
Statutory Auditors
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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES

Theresa Brady
Miss Carla Leah Fraser (resigned 1/9/2024)
David Simpson
Florence Davidson
Judith Searle
Hugh Moore
Sarah Grant-Jones
Gerard Heery
Lisa Samantha Maclean
Claire Le Mahieu (appointed 28/5/2024)

REGISTERED OFFICE

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CHIEF EXEC OFFICER

Roger Winter

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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).

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principle Activities and Future Development

The Company encompasses the following activities:

To enhance the development and education of children below statutory age and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those in necessitous circumstances in Colin Neighbourhood.

Colin Sure Start is a government led programme working with parents and children under the age of four in the Colin area. Our main focus is to value and support all children aged 0-4 and their families by providing free services, activities and programmes that focus on early education, health, family support and play development.

Our vision is to reach out to families with children aged 0-4 years...laying foundations, creating opportunities and working in partnership to give every child the best possible start in life.

The aims of Sure Start are to complement the work of existing local services and provide young families with advice on where to go and who to speak to, if they have more specialised needs or problems.

The ongoing support that Sure Start provides can help to make sure that children flourish both at home and when they go to school.

Sure Start aims to improve the ability to learn, health and social development of the children that use its services.

The Sure Start programme is supported by a number of key principles:

To coordinate, streamline and add value to existing services for young children and their families in local communities

To involve parents

To avoid stigma

To ensure lasting support

To be sensitive to local families' needs

To promote the participation of all local families

Sure Start work is focused on six high outcomes to ensure children are:

Being healthy

Enjoying learning and achieving

Living in safety and with stability

Living in a society which respects their rights

Experiencing economic and environmental wellbeing

Contributing positively to community and society

Colin Sure Start broadly delivers two types of service in the local community; Early Years Services and Family Services. Within each of these areas we offer a diverse range of programmes, activities and support that families can avail of.

Project review 2024/25:

The project moved into this financial year in a challenging staffing position having discontinued 2.5 posts due to planning for a cash flat budget position, which included our fathers worker post and a p/t early years post. The project also began the financial year still covering several maternity leaves, including 2 senior management posts, one of which returned in Q1 and the other in Q2, which was a big support to the management team within the project. Following receipt of our budget and contract which included an uplift to our funding, the Board of Directors took the decision to bring back some of these roles and recruitment began, although this proved challenging in Q3 & Q4, with the project still operating with several vacant posts, including our ELC manager post resulting in several in-year redeployments. Recruitment across the Early Years and community and voluntary sector has been a challenge over the year.

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Despite the above staffing challenges, the project managed a significant amount of delivery and met or exceeded 125 Core targets out of a total of 140, 89%. In many cases, targets were significantly exceeded demonstrating both the demand for these services, but also an incredible effort by our staff team, often running back-to-back sessions in some programmes to accommodate bigger numbers. These included postnatal programmes and drop in groups, for example our Parent and Toddler groups, (4 per week, target: 100 unique children, achieved: 156 unique children) Rhythm, Rhyme and Story Time (2 per week, target: 90 unique children, achieved: 120 unique children. For some postnatal programmes such as Baby Massage, we achieved more than double the target set for the year (6 programmes per year, target: 42 unique children, achieved: 90 unique children) and Baby Yoga too had excellent uptake (6 programmes per year, target: 42 unique children, achieved 81 unique children).

Also very encouraging to see was the engagement in GroBrain - our programme supporting parents with information about their baby's developing brain and how they can support with engaging activities and communication (6 programmes per year, target: 42 unique parents, achieved 62 unique parents) with very positive feedback from parents who participated (see links below). Our Antenatal service went from strength to strength with another increase in engagement this year, with total of 119 antenatal parents recorded in year, up from 95 the previous 23-24 year.

The project continued to invest in professional development during the year, and a number of staff training opportunities continued during the period, with the full staff team receiving a specific training on creativity and supporting creative environments in early years with Pete Moorhouse in September. Our SLT also delivered a bespoke training programme to our whole team on Gestalt Language Processing (GLP) and supporting children with speech delay using this method. 2 of our new Family Support team have been trained in Baby Massage and Baby Yoga, and we continue to work closely with the SE Trust Child Development Interventions Coordinator in supporting the delivery of our evidence-based parenting programmes such as Incredible Years, including professional development opportunities for our facilitators.

The project is exploring getting some of our staff trained in the Incredible Years programme for supporting children with Autism or additional needs. BFI accreditation process continued with the project passing our audit in Q4 for the Stage 3 UNICEF together with the other 4 projects in the South Eastern CCP region, a massive achievement and a credit to all the staff involved, particularly the Level 3 Breastfeeding Champion in the project, our Health Practitioner. The project also supported a number of our Early Years team to achieve further professional qualifications, one staff member undertaking a Level 3 and two in a Level 5 in CCLD, and the project has started to roll out a pilot Apprenticeship Scheme to support candidates who are currently unqualified but interested in starting a career in early years, with the applications currently open for this for the incoming academic year from September 2025.

The full project staff team, management and Board of Directors met in January for a 3-Year planning meeting to look at some of the area and census data for the Colin Area across a number of health, education and wellbeing outcomes, and put together a plan for the next 3-year period targeting improving outcomes over a number of key areas and identifying emerging need within our community and how we plan to address this over the next 3 year period.

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Public benefits are: -

(a) The promotion for the public benefit of urban regeneration in the Colin area and the surrounding catchment areas in Belfast and the city of Lisburn (the "area of benefit"), an area of social and economic deprivation, by all or any of the following means:

1. The development and education of children below statutory age
2. Better understanding of the physical, emotional and mental health needs of children and adults in the community with better health and well-being will having an impact from pregnancy to early development
3. The relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit
4. The provision of recreational facilities for families or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are improvements in the social/economic circumstances of parents/children living in the area of benefit including greater access to training and education programmes/guidance, and stronger participation of all age groups. This promotes neighbourhood renewal, resilience and healthier communities. These, benefits are demonstrated through member's feedback, quarterly/annual activity reports and outcomes-based evaluation. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

(a) private benefit to trustees may arise if the knowledge they gain as a trustee to good governance and urban regeneration is transferable to another setting. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries.

(b) To provide encouragement and practical support services to existing and new parents's groups in the area of benefit so as to increase their efficiency and effectiveness in achieving their charitable aims;

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that knowledge and skills are transferred to support parents's groups in the area of benefit, increasing levels of skills and capacity to achieve their charitable aims. Evidence to demonstrate this benefit will be the sustainability of parents's and children's activity within the area of benefit. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(c) To develop the capacity and skills of parents in the area of benefit in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that through developing a self-help model, families are supported to build their capacity and skills to identify their needs and to develop services to meet their distinct needs. The evidence to demonstrate this benefit is provided from members' feedback, increased representation on community forums/networks, quarterly/annual monitoring and activity reports. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all families and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(d) To promote social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good relations across all diversity strands, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability and to encourage diversity. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that the project will contribute to the development of a more inclusive, equitable and diverse society through delivery of good relations programmes. This will increase local understanding and acceptance of diversity.

These benefits are demonstrated through greater inclusively and diversity within the membership/community. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children. There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

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

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £12,214 (2024: net incoming resources of £2,577), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds decreased during the year by £232 whilst restricted funds decreased by £11,982.

Principle funding sources

Principle funders are:

- Eastern Childcare Partnership
- SEHSCT - Fruit + Vegetables Programme
- Public Health Agency
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reserves policy

The Charity is funded by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board through the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

On Occasion the charity also receives restricted income from other funders. The Charity has to monitor its compliance with the policy of funding on a regular basis. Principle funding sources are the Department of Education.

Future plans

The project is focussing on returning to a full staff with a comprehensive recruitment campaign to fill vacant posts. The project has also begun a pilot apprenticeship scheme and will be taking on one or two apprentices this current business year with a view to developing the next generation of early years practitioners. The project continues to work closely with Trust statutory services and plans to further develop and bed in a pilot programme that was tested at the end of 24-25 financial year, supporting children who are on the waiting list for assessment of learning difficulties or additional needs.

The project is determined to continue some recent positive development of outside play opportunities and spaces for such activities, and sharing the benefits of the outdoor environment for children's health with parents and carers. The project continues to develop services for newcomer families or families where in English is a second language.

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.

Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Related parties

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project has no directly related parties but does have partner organisations.

Colin Sure Start works closely with a number of partner organisations throughout the Colin area. These partnerships help us achieve a cohesive approach to Early Years education and health promotion in Colin and give local residents the best service that we can.

We currently fund a number of organisations and also work closely in partnership with other relevant bodies.

Barnardos Travellers Early Years' Service - Colin Sure Start currently funds Barnardos to help support local travellers in the Colin area with children from 0-4.

Ionad Na Fuisgeoige - Ionad Na Fuisgeoige is a local Irish immersion family centre and crèche. Colin Sure Start currently assist the centre to provide one of our Sure Start Developmental Programme for Two Year Olds programmes and a crèche. We also use the centre to deliver a weekly parent and toddlers group and other programmes and activities.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust - Colin Sure Start works in close partnership with the SEHSCT to deliver our Speech and Language support programmes.

St Luke's Family Centre - Cara House - Cara House offers support to families in the community through their parents drop in and programme of activities which are supported by our daily crèche facility for children aged 0-4 years. Their range of programmes aim to improve personal development, provide information on family and personal health, learn new skills and support members of the community to move away from the benefits cycle and back into employment if that is their aim. Colin Sure Start currently provides financial assistance to the centre to run their crèche. We also run several programmes and activities in the facility.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage. A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 25 July 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Judith Searle

Judith Searle - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project (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 Sure Start Project**

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.

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 Sure Start Project

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 Sure Start Project**

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.

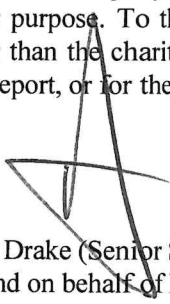
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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. 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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25 July 2025

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
SEH&SCT		-	978,172	978,172	889,237
Public Health Agency		-	3,470	3,470	3,385
Other trading activities	2	734	-	734	1,260
Total		<u>734</u>	<u>981,642</u>	<u>982,376</u>	<u>893,882</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
SEH&SCT		389	985,210	985,599	725,814
South Eastern Trust		-	-	-	156,178
Public Health Agency		-	3,470	3,470	3,385
Governance		577	4,944	5,521	5,928
Total		<u>966</u>	<u>993,624</u>	<u>994,590</u>	<u>891,305</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(232)	(11,982)	(12,214)	2,577
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		3,552	11,982	15,534	12,957
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>3,320</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,320</u></u>	<u><u>15,534</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	3,257	13,697
Cash at bank		5,605	5,797
		8,862	19,494
 CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,542)	(3,960)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,320	15,534
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,320	15,534
NET ASSETS		3,320	15,534
 FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		3,320	3,552
Restricted funds		-	11,982
TOTAL FUNDS		3,320	15,534

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Judith Searle - Trustee



Theresa Brady - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(192)	74
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(192)	74
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(192)	74
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		5,797	5,723
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		5,605	5,797

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(12,214)	2,577
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	10,440	(2,767)
Increase in creditors	1,582	264
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(192)</u>	<u>74</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	5,797	(192)	5,605
	<u>5,797</u>	<u>(192)</u>	<u>5,605</u>
Total	<u>5,797</u>	<u>(192)</u>	<u>5,605</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI042091). 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.

(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.

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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;

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.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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:

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.

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.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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.

(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.

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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.

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.

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.

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Access NI	644	1,260
Sundry Income	90	-
	<u>734</u>	<u>1,260</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Grants	SEH&SCT	978,172	889,237
Grants	Public Health Agency	3,470	3,385
		<u>981,642</u>	<u>892,622</u>

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	978,172	889,237
Public Health Agency	3,470	3,385
	<u>981,642</u>	<u>892,622</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
SEH&SCT	985,599	-	985,599
Public Health Agency	3,470	-	3,470
Governance	-	5,521	5,521
	<u>989,069</u>	<u>5,521</u>	<u>994,590</u>

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

5. SUPPORT COSTS

		Governance costs
		£
Governance		5,521
		<u> </u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	2,660	2,804
Audit Fee	1,300	1,300
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. 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.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	569,628	523,974
Social security costs	32,184	29,064
Other pension costs	30,118	28,781
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	631,930	581,819
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management & Administration	32	33
	<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 Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Manager, Finance Manager and Programme Co-ordinator during the year totalled £148,279. (2024: £149,313)

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

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
SEH&SCT	-	889,237	889,237
Public Health Agency	-	3,385	3,385
Other trading activities	1,260	-	1,260
Total	<u>1,260</u>	<u>892,622</u>	<u>893,882</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
SEH&SCT	-	725,814	725,814
South Eastern Trust	-	156,178	156,178
Public Health Agency	-	3,385	3,385
Governance	-	5,928	5,928
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>891,305</u>	<u>891,305</u>
NET INCOME	1,260	1,317	2,577
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,292	10,665	12,957
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>3,552</u>	<u>11,982</u>	<u>15,534</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>25,165</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>25,165</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>

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

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Prepayments	3,257	13,697

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	5,542	3,960

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.25 Total funds	31.3.24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	3,320	5,542	8,862	19,494
Current liabilities	-	(5,542)	(5,542)	(3,960)
	3,320	-	3,320	15,534

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,552	(232)	3,320
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	11,982	(11,982)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	15,534	(12,214)	3,320

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	734	(966)	(232)
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	978,172	(990,154)	(11,982)
Public Health Agency	3,470	(3,470)	-
	<u>981,642</u>	<u>(993,624)</u>	<u>(11,982)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>982,376</u>	<u>(994,590)</u>	<u>(12,214)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,292	1,260	3,552
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	10,665	1,317	11,982
	<u>12,957</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>15,534</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,957</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>15,534</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,260	-	1,260
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	889,237	(887,920)	1,317
Public Health Agency	3,385	(3,385)	-
	<u>892,622</u>	<u>(891,305)</u>	<u>1,317</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>893,882</u>	<u>(891,305)</u>	<u>2,577</u>

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

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust paid the Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project £23,086 in the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: £21,988) with regard to salaries and wages for staff seconded to the CNSSP.

Payments were also made on behalf of CNSSP by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust to the CNSSP Partners. Total partner spend in the year ended 31 March 2025 was £147,609 (2024: £134,191). A service level agreement has been agreed between CNSSP and each specific partner before processing of these payments.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There are no events undertaken by the charity after 31 March 2025 to be disclosed in this accounting period.

18. 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.

19. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Access NI	644	1,260
Sundry Income	90	-
	734	1,260
Charitable activities		
Grants	981,642	892,622
Total incoming resources	982,376	893,882
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Salaries	569,628	523,974
Social security	32,184	29,064
Pensions	30,118	28,781
Insurance	3,984	3,906
Light and heat	7,089	6,987
Telephone	11,980	10,059
Sundries	389	43
Staff Travel	2,293	2,071
Training and Development	3,812	3,110
Programme Costs - Outreach	83,892	75,811
Programme Costs - Toys	5,928	6,638
Grants to Other Partners/Group	147,609	134,190
Repairs and Maintenance	19,496	3,159
Rent & Room Hire	28,436	24,046
Printing, Stationery & Postage	9,072	6,094
Direct Development Project Costs	3,470	3,385
Uniforms	1,182	2,379
Hospitality	1,513	900
Staff Recruitment and Adverts	6,168	8,879
IT Support	16,538	7,311
Cleaning and Materials	4,288	4,590
	989,069	885,377
 Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fee	2,660	2,804
Carried forward	2,660	2,804

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Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	2,660	2,804
Audit Fee	1,300	1,300
Bank charges and interest	158	154
Affiliation Fees	1,403	1,670
	5,521	5,928
Total resources expended	994,590	891,305
Net (expenditure)/income	(12,214)	2,577

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI 042091 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC 103284

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

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd
Statutory Auditors
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Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES	Theresa Brady Miss Carla Leah Fraser David Simpson Florence Davidson Judith Searle Hugh Moore Isobella Loughran (resigned 15/11/2023) Sarah Grant-Jones Gerard Heery Ms Lisa Samantha Maclean (appointed 15/11/2023)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Unit 21 Dairy Farm Complex Stewartstown Road Dunmurry Co. Antrim BT17 0AW
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	NI 042091 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	NIC 103284
AUDITORS	Lynn Drake & Co Ltd Statutory Auditors 1st Floor 34 B-D Main Street Moira Co. Armagh BT67 0LE
CHIEF EXEC OFFICER	Roger Winter

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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).

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principle Activities and Future Development

The Company encompasses the following activities:

To enhance the development and education of children below statutory age and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those in necessitous circumstances in Colin Neighbourhood.

Colin Sure Start is a government led programme working with parents and children under the age of four in the Colin area. Our main focus is to value and support all children aged 0-4 and their families by providing free services, activities and programmes that focus on early education, health, family support and play development.

Our vision is to reach out to families with children aged 0-4 years...laying foundations, creating opportunities and working in partnership to give every child the best possible start in life.

The aims of Sure Start are to complement the work of existing local services and provide young families with advice on where to go and who to speak to, if they have more specialised needs or problems.

The ongoing support that Sure Start provides can help to make sure that children flourish both at home and when they go to school.

Sure Start aims to improve the ability to learn, health and social development of the children that use its services.

The Sure Start programme is supported by a number of key principles:

To coordinate, streamline and add value to existing services for young children and their families in local communities

To involve parents

To avoid stigma

To ensure lasting support

To be sensitive to local families' needs

To promote the participation of all local families

Sure Start work is focused on six high outcomes to ensure children are:

Being healthy

Enjoying learning and achieving

Living in safety and with stability

Living in a society which respects their rights

Experiencing economic and environmental wellbeing

Contributing positively to community and society

Colin Sure Start broadly delivers two types of service in the local community; Early Years Services and Family Services. Within each of these areas we offer a diverse range of programmes, activities and support that families can avail of.

Project review 2023/24:

A busy year and high demand in our postnatal groups and programmes and hard work on the part of staff has led to the project exceeding a number of its targets for these group delivery programmes. These included our Baby Massage programme (exceeded annual target) and Baby Time programme (exceeded annual target).

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

Another programme that has exceeded expectations has been our Outdoor Explorers programme, which was new for this year. It has received great interest and uptake and has exceeded target for the year, despite increasing the target at Q2. Our Breastfeeding Support group has gone from strength to strength as well, exceeded annual target for unique parents and getting regular attendances of 6-10 parents per week. Some of our play programmes, particularly our Parent and Toddler Groups have seen very positive engagement over the year, exceeding their annual target, and with 4 groups running each week getting regular attendances of 8 or more parents, again a huge effort by staff in promoting these and delivering quality services. Antenatal engagement saw an increase from the previous year and further development of this service took place training and offering new programmes of support to parents.

The project also further developed its new services to families where English is a second language and also Grandparents. The overall engagement by users in these services increased, and the project developed the offer and ran some new initiatives in the year, such as the cultural celebration event as well as regular groups.

Awareness in the community and other services of what we are offering also increased and referrals are now coming in regularly for support with ESL families. Another very positive new development during the year was a partnership with the local womens centre Footprints to expand a social supermarket into a new area, supporting families in the Mount Eagles and Lagmore areas. This is operating as part of one of our speech and language programmes, where all parents who attend the Rhythm, Rhyme and Story time are able to avail of the social supermarket at the end, getting shopping and store cupboard staples for less than cost price.

There are monthly workshops on aspects of healthy diet, nutrition and practical cooking demonstrations making nutritious home cooked and health meals from the ingredients provided in the social supermarket. The interest and engagement in this new initiative surpassed even our highest expectations, with weekly numbers of 12 - 15 families availing of this service.

This accounting year once again presented financial challenges, which at the beginning of the year were well documented in the news, with major cuts to community and voluntary funding feared, and many protest taking place across Belfast and Northern Ireland. As it transpired, Sure Start were saved from any cuts to its budget, but a 'cash flat' year with no uplift to the budget had real terms implications.

The project made efficiency savings where it could, but rising operating costs certainly proved a challenge. Several posts that became vacant during the year were not recruited for with the money saved from these redeployed to programme delivery costs. The Board of Directors and project management were able to navigate these challenges, but keenly aware of the prospect of another year with no budget uplift for 24/25, took some difficult decisions around the projects staffing, with several vacant posts not retained for the coming year. The project has been in regular contact with its funder about the implications - which unfortunately are not unique to Colin Sure Start, but are challenges facing many in the sector, and our Business Plan is reflective of these changes in staffing numbers and hours.

Despite these challenges there were many positives in the year: the project is well on its pathway in getting fully accredited through UNICEF as a Breastfeeding Support centre along with other Sure Start projects in the SE Trust area, having passed the BFI Stage 3 assessment in Feb 2023. The project will now maintain this status with regular audits and training before applying for the Gold standard accreditation in 2025. The project has made some great steps during the year in measuring outcomes.

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The Outcome Star tool is now being used regularly in our home-based family support and other teams who are providing home-based support as a way of measuring outcomes, and numbers of stars being completed are increasing now that face to face delivery of home support has returned which has provided more opportunities for use of this tool. The project is also committed to developing quality and outcomes measures within its own home-grown programmes, and the Project Manager and Project Support Coordinator are involved in a training programme with NICVA and the CES supporting the community and voluntary sector to develop outcome measurement tools themselves.

Training and professional development also forms a central part of the projects quality improvement strategy, with investment this year into a number of Early Years practice development workshops and courses, internal training and development days, and with a number of staff currently being supported to take on further early years qualifications. We have facilitated opportunities for our DP423YO staff to visit other Sure Start settings to gain inspiration, new ideas and share practice which has had positive feedback. Recent Social Services inspections of our Lagmore and Lagan Valley registered settings prompted very positive feedback about the atmosphere, staff interactions observed and positive, interesting and inviting environments that staff have worked hard to develop.

Staffing during the year was affected by 5 different Maternity leaves across a variety of posts with different cover arrangements put in place, but the project has managed this over the past year without disruption to service delivery.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Public benefits are: -

(a) The promotion for the public benefit of urban regeneration in the Colin area and the surrounding catchment areas in Belfast and the city of Lisburn (the "area of benefit"), an area of social and economic deprivation, by all or any of the following means:

1. The development and education of children below statutory age
2. Better understanding of the physical, emotional and mental health needs of children and adults in the community with better health and well-being will having an impact from pregnancy to early development
3. The relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit
4. The provision of recreational facilities for families or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are improvements in the social/economic circumstances of parents/children living in the area of benefit including greater access to training and education programmes/guidance, and stronger participation of all age groups. This promotes neighbourhood renewal, resilience and healthier communities. These, benefits are demonstrated through member's feedback, quarterly/annual activity reports and outcomes-based evaluation. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

(a) private benefit to trustees may arise if the knowledge they gain as a trustee to good governance and urban regeneration is transferable to another setting. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries.

(b) To provide encouragement and practical support services to existing and new parents's groups in the area of benefit so as to increase their efficiency and effectiveness in achieving their charitable aims;

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that knowledge and skills are transferred to support parents's groups in the area of benefit, increasing levels of skills and capacity to achieve their charitable aims. Evidence to demonstrate this benefit will be the sustainability of parents's and children's activity within the area of benefit. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(c) To develop the capacity and skills of parents in the area of benefit in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that through developing a self-help model, families are supported to build their capacity and skills to identify their needs and to develop services to meet their distinct needs. The evidence to demonstrate this benefit is provided from members' feedback, increased representation on community forums/networks, quarterly/annual monitoring and activity reports. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all families and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(d) To promote social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good relations across all diversity strands, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability and to encourage diversity. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that the project will contribute to the development of a more inclusive, equitable and diverse society through delivery of good relations programmes. This will increase local understanding and acceptance of diversity.

These benefits are demonstrated through greater inclusively and diversity within the membership/community. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children. There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £2,577 (2023: net outgoing resources of £976), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased during the year by £1,260 whilst restricted funds increased by £1,317.

Principle funding sources

Principle funders are:

- Eastern Childcare Partnership
- SEHSCT - Fruit + Vegetables Programme
- Public Health Agency
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reserves policy

The Charity is funded by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board through the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

On Occasion the charity also receives restricted income from other funders. The Charity has to monitor its compliance with the policy of funding on a regular basis. Principle funding sources are the Department of Education.

Future plans

The project is keen to support new practitioners starting their journey in early years and family support, and also using our varied work and experience within the community and sector, are keen to exploring an apprenticeship scheme, where unqualified staff could gain the experience and qualifications.

The project is also determined to continue our work on supporting health and early intervention work in supporting good health habits in the early years, and as part of this continuing to develop our outdoor play provision, with a number of new programmes recently started and rolled out offering parents and children outdoor play opportunities and information about the benefits that these can have on childrens health.

The project will continue to develop our services for children with additional needs both as home support and small group-based provision based on the needs of the community. The project hopes that if additional funding or a budget uplift is obtained in the future, to be able to revisit the recruitment of staff to support fathers work in some form.

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.

Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Related parties

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project has no directly related parties but does have partner organisations.

Colin Sure Start works closely with a number of partner organisations throughout the Colin area. These partnerships help us achieve a cohesive approach to Early Years education and health promotion in Colin and give local residents the best service that we can.

We currently fund a number of organisations and also work closely in partnership with other relevant bodies.

Barnardos Travellers Early Years' Service - Colin Sure Start currently funds Barnardos to help support local travellers in the Colin area with children from 0-4.

Ionad Na Fuisgeoige - Ionad Na Fuisgeoige is a local Irish immersion family centre and crèche. Colin Sure Start currently assist the centre to provide one of our Sure Start Developmental Programme for Two Year Olds programmes and a crèche. We also use the centre to deliver a weekly parent and toddlers group and other programmes and activities.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust - Colin Sure Start works in close partnership with the SEHSCT to deliver our Speech and Language support programmes.

St Luke's Family Centre - Cara House - Cara House offers support to families in the community through their parents drop in and programme of activities which are supported by our daily crèche facility for children aged 0-4 years. Their range of programmes aim to improve personal development, provide information on family and personal health, learn new skills and support members of the community to move away from the benefits cycle and back into employment if that is their aim. Colin Sure Start currently provides financial assistance to the centre to run their crèche. We also run several programmes and activities in the facility.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage. A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 3 June 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carla Leah Fraser', written in a cursive style.

Miss Carla Leah Fraser - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project (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.

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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.

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

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 determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. 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.

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.

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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 charge 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. 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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3 June 2024

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
SEH&SCT		-	889,237	889,237	889,247
Public Health Agency		-	3,385	3,385	3,385
Other trading activities	2	1,260	-	1,260	1,358
Total		1,260	892,622	893,882	893,990
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
SEH&SCT		-	725,814	725,814	727,468
South Eastern Trust		-	156,178	156,178	156,179
Public Health Agency		-	3,385	3,385	3,385
Governance		-	5,928	5,928	7,934
Total		-	891,305	891,305	894,966
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,260	1,317	2,577	(976)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,292	10,665	12,957	13,933
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		3,552	11,982	15,534	12,957

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	13,697	10,930
Cash at bank		5,797	5,723
		19,494	16,653
 CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,960)	(3,696)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		15,534	12,957
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,534	12,957
NET ASSETS		15,534	12,957
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		3,552	2,292
Restricted funds		11,982	10,665
TOTAL FUNDS		15,534	12,957

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Carla Leah Fraser - Trustee 

Theresa Brady - Trustee 

Judith Searle - Trustee 

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	74	(465)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		74	(465)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		74	(465)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		5,723	6,188
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		5,797	5,723

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

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	2,577	(976)
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,767)	2,069
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	264	(1,558)
	<u>74</u>	<u>(465)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>74</u>	<u>(465)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/23	Cash flow	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	5,723	74	5,797
	<u>5,723</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>5,797</u>
Total	<u>5,723</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>5,797</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI042091). 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.

(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.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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;

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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:

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.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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.

(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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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.

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.

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.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Access NI	1,260	858
CNP Mens Shed	-	500
	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,358</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Grants	SEH&SCT	889,237	889,247
Grants	Public Health Agency	3,385	3,385
		<u>892,622</u>	<u>892,632</u>

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	889,237	889,247
Public Health Agency	3,385	3,385
	<u>892,622</u>	<u>892,632</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
SEH&SCT	725,814	-	725,814
South Eastern Trust	156,178	-	156,178
Public Health Agency	3,385	-	3,385
Governance	-	5,928	5,928
	<u>885,377</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>891,305</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

		Governance costs
		£
Governance		<u>5,928</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	2,804	2,396
Audit Fee	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,300</u>

7. 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.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	523,974	537,710
Social security costs	29,064	29,410
Other pension costs	<u>28,781</u>	<u>28,932</u>
	<u>581,819</u>	<u>596,052</u>

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management & Administration	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Manager, Finance Manager and Programme Co-ordinator during the year totalled £149,313. (2023: £142,020)

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
SEH&SCT	-	889,247	889,247
Public Health Agency	-	3,385	3,385
Other trading activities	1,358	-	1,358
Total	<u>1,358</u>	<u>892,632</u>	<u>893,990</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
SEH&SCT	-	727,468	727,468
South Eastern Trust	-	156,179	156,179
Public Health Agency	-	3,385	3,385
Governance	-	7,934	7,934
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>894,966</u>	<u>894,966</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,358	(2,334)	(976)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	934	12,999	13,933
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>2,292</u>	<u>10,665</u>	<u>12,957</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>25,165</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>25,165</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>

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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments	13,697	10,930
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,960	3,696
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.24 Total funds	31.3.23 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	3,552	15,942	19,494	16,653
Current liabilities	-	(3,960)	(3,960)	(3,696)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	3,552	11,982	15,534	12,957
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,292	1,260	3,552
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	10,665	1,317	11,982
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	12,957	2,577	15,534
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,260	-	1,260
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	889,237	(887,920)	1,317
Public Health Agency	3,385	(3,385)	-
	<u>892,622</u>	<u>(891,305)</u>	<u>1,317</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>893,882</u>	<u>(891,305)</u>	<u>2,577</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	934	1,358	2,292
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	12,999	(2,334)	10,665
	<u>13,933</u>	<u>(976)</u>	<u>12,957</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,358	-	1,358
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	889,247	(891,581)	(2,334)
Public Health Agency	3,385	(3,385)	-
	<u>892,632</u>	<u>(894,966)</u>	<u>(2,334)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>893,990</u>	<u>(894,966)</u>	<u>(976)</u>

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15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust paid the Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project £21,988 in the year ended 31 March 2024 (2023: £21,989) with regard to salaries and wages for staff seconded to the CNSSP.

Payments were also made on behalf of CNSSP by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust to the CNSSP Partners. Total partner spend in the year ended 31 March 2024 was £134,190 (2023: £134,191). A service level agreement has been agreed between CNSSP and each specific partner before processing of these payments.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There are no events undertaken by the charity after 31 March 2024 to be disclosed in this accounting period.

18. 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.

19. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

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	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Access NI	1,260	858
CNP Mens Shed	-	500
	1,260	1,358
Charitable activities		
Grants	892,622	892,632
Total incoming resources	893,882	893,990
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Salaries	523,974	537,710
Social security	29,064	29,410
Pensions	28,781	28,932
Insurance	3,906	3,234
Light and heat	6,987	6,547
Telephone	10,059	7,086
Sundries	43	422
Staff Travel	2,071	2,355
Training and Development	3,110	5,674
Programme Costs - Outreach	75,811	21,896
Programme Costs - Toys	6,638	49,761
Grants to Other Partners/Group	134,190	134,190
Repairs and Maintenance	3,159	7,789
Rent & Room Hire	24,046	27,554
Publications and Resources	-	1,367
Printing, Stationery & Postage	6,094	6,941
Direct Development Project Costs	3,385	3,385
Uniforms	2,379	2,245
Hospitality	900	815
Staff Recruitment and Adverts	8,879	-
IT Support	7,311	4,391
Cleaning and Materials	4,590	5,368
	885,377	887,072

Support costs

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fee	2,804	2,396
Audit Fee	1,300	1,300
Bank charges and interest	154	328
Affiliation Fees	1,670	1,480
Staff Recruitment and Adverts	-	1,700
Legal fees	-	690
	5,928	7,894
Total resources expended	891,305	894,966
Net income/(expenditure)	2,577	(976)

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Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103284

Annual report

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principle Activities and Future Development

The Company encompasses the following activities:

To enhance the development and education of children below statutory age and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those in necessitous circumstances in Colin Neighbourhood.

Colin Sure Start is a government led programme working with parents and children under the age of four in the Colin area. Our main focus is to value and support all children aged 0-4 and their families by providing free services, activities and programmes that focus on early education, health, family support and play development.

Our vision is to reach out to families with children aged 0-4 years...laying foundations, creating opportunities and working in partnership to give every child the best possible start in life.

The aims of Sure Start are to complement the work of existing local services and provide young families with advice on where to go and who to speak to, if they have more specialised needs or problems.

The ongoing support that Sure Start provides can help to make sure that children flourish both at home and when they go to school.

Sure Start aims to improve the ability to learn, health and social development of the children that use its services.

The Sure Start programme is supported by a number of key principles:

To coordinate, streamline and add value to existing services for young children and their families in local communities

To involve parents

To avoid stigma

To ensure lasting support

To be sensitive to local families' needs

To promote the participation of all local families

Sure Start work is focused on six high outcomes to ensure children are:

Being healthy

Enjoying learning and achieving

Living in safety and with stability

Living in a society which respects their rights

Experiencing economic and environmental wellbeing

Contributing positively to community and society

Colin Sure Start broadly delivers two types of service in the local community; Early Years Services and Family Services. Within each of these areas we offer a diverse range of programmes, activities and support that families can avail of.

Project review 2023/24:

A busy year and high demand in our postnatal groups and programmes and hard work on the part of staff has led to the project exceeding a number of its targets for these group delivery programmes. These included our Baby Massage programme (exceeded annual target) and Baby Time programme (exceeded annual target).

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Another programme that has exceeded expectations has been our Outdoor Explorers programme, which was new for this year. It has received great interest and uptake and has exceeded target for the year, despite increasing the target at Q2. Our Breastfeeding Support group has gone from strength to strength as well, exceeded annual target for unique parents and getting regular attendances of 6-10 parents per week. Some of our play programmes, particularly our Parent and Toddler Groups have seen very positive engagement over the year, exceeding their annual target, and with 4 groups running each week getting regular attendances of 8 or more parents, again a huge effort by staff in promoting these and delivering quality services. Antenatal engagement saw an increase from the previous year and further development of this service took place training and offering new programmes of support to parents.

The project also further developed its new services to families where English is a second language and also Grandparents. The overall engagement by users in these services increased, and the project developed the offer and ran some new initiatives in the year, such as the cultural celebration event as well as regular groups.

Awareness in the community and other services of what we are offering also increased and referrals are now coming in regularly for support with ESL families. Another very positive new development during the year was a partnership with the local womens centre Footprints to expand a social supermarket into a new area, supporting families in the Mount Eagles and Lagmore areas. This is operating as part of one of our speech and language programmes, where all parents who attend the Rhythm, Rhyme and Story time are able to avail of the social supermarket at the end, getting shopping and store cupboard staples for less than cost price.

There are monthly workshops on aspects of healthy diet, nutrition and practical cooking demonstrations making nutritious home cooked and health meals from the ingredients provided in the social supermarket. The interest and engagement in this new initiative surpassed even our highest expectations, with weekly numbers of 12 - 15 families availing of this service.

This accounting year once again presented financial challenges, which at the beginning of the year were well documented in the news, with major cuts to community and voluntary funding feared, and many protest taking place across Belfast and Northern Ireland. As it transpired, Sure Start were saved from any cuts to its budget, but a 'cash flat' year with no uplift to the budget had real terms implications.

The project made efficiency savings where it could, but rising operating costs certainly proved a challenge. Several posts that became vacant during the year were not recruited for with the money saved from these redeployed to programme delivery costs. The Board of Directors and project management were able to navigate these challenges, but keenly aware of the prospect of another year with no budget uplift for 24/25, took some difficult decisions around the projects staffing, with several vacant posts not retained for the coming year. The project has been in regular contact with its funder about the implications - which unfortunately are not unique to Colin Sure Start, but are challenges facing many in the sector, and our Business Plan is reflective of these changes in staffing numbers and hours.

Despite these challenges there were many positives in the year: the project is well on its pathway in getting fully accredited through UNICEF as a Breastfeeding Support centre along with other Sure Start projects in the SE Trust area, having passed the BFI Stage 3 assessment in Feb 2023. The project will now maintain this status with regular audits and training before applying for the Gold standard accreditation in 2025. The project has made some great steps during the year in measuring outcomes.

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The Outcome Star tool is now being used regularly in our home-based family support and other teams who are providing home-based support as a way of measuring outcomes, and numbers of stars being completed are increasing now that face to face delivery of home support has returned which has provided more opportunities for use of this tool. The project is also committed to developing quality and outcomes measures within its own home-grown programmes, and the Project Manager and Project Support Coordinator are involved in a training programme with NICVA and the CES supporting the community and voluntary sector to develop outcome measurement tools themselves.

Training and professional development also forms a central part of the projects quality improvement strategy, with investment this year into a number of Early Years practice development workshops and courses, internal training and development days, and with a number of staff currently being supported to take on further early years qualifications. We have facilitated opportunities for our DP423YO staff to visit other Sure Start settings to gain inspiration, new ideas and share practice which has had positive feedback. Recent Social Services inspections of our Lagmore and Lagan Valley registered settings prompted very positive feedback about the atmosphere, staff interactions observed and positive, interesting and inviting environments that staff have worked hard to develop.

Staffing during the year was affected by 5 different Maternity leaves across a variety of posts with different cover arrangements put in place, but the project has managed this over the past year without disruption to service delivery.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Public benefits are: -

(a) The promotion for the public benefit of urban regeneration in the Colin area and the surrounding catchment areas in Belfast and the city of Lisburn (the "area of benefit"), an area of social and economic deprivation, by all or any of the following means:

1. The development and education of children below statutory age
2. Better understanding of the physical, emotional and mental health needs of children and adults in the community with better health and well-being will having an impact from pregnancy to early development
3. The relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit
4. The provision of recreational facilities for families or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are improvements in the social/economic circumstances of parents/children living in the area of benefit including greater access to training and education programmes/guidance, and stronger participation of all age groups. This promotes neighbourhood renewal, resilience and healthier communities. These, benefits are demonstrated through member's feedback, quarterly/annual activity reports and outcomes-based evaluation. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

(a) private benefit to trustees may arise if the knowledge they gain as a trustee to good governance and urban regeneration is transferable to another setting. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries.

(b) To provide encouragement and practical support services to existing and new parents's groups in the area of benefit so as to increase their efficiency and effectiveness in achieving their charitable aims;

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that knowledge and skills are transferred to support parents's groups in the area of benefit, increasing levels of skills and capacity to achieve their charitable aims. Evidence to demonstrate this benefit will be the sustainability of parents's and children's activity within the area of benefit. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(c) To develop the capacity and skills of parents in the area of benefit in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that through developing a self-help model, families are supported to build their capacity and skills to identify their needs and to develop services to meet their distinct needs. The evidence to demonstrate this benefit is provided from members' feedback, increased representation on community forums/networks, quarterly/annual monitoring and activity reports. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all families and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(d) To promote social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good relations across all diversity strands, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability and to encourage diversity. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that the project will contribute to the development of a more inclusive, equitable and diverse society through delivery of good relations programmes. This will increase local understanding and acceptance of diversity.

These benefits are demonstrated through greater inclusively and diversity within the membership/community. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children. There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £2,577 (2023: net outgoing resources of £976), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased during the year by £1,260 whilst restricted funds increased by £1,317.

Principle funding sources

Principle funders are:

- Eastern Childcare Partnership
- SEHSCT - Fruit + Vegetables Programme
- Public Health Agency
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reserves policy

The Charity is funded by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board through the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

On Occasion the charity also receives restricted income from other funders. The Charity has to monitor its compliance with the policy of funding on a regular basis. Principle funding sources are the Department of Education.

Future plans

The project is keen to support new practitioners starting their journey in early years and family support, and also using our varied work and experience within the community and sector, are keen to exploring an apprenticeship scheme, where unqualified staff could gain the experience and qualifications.

The project is also determined to continue our work on supporting health and early intervention work in supporting good health habits in the early years, and as part of this continuing to develop our outdoor play provision, with a number of new programmes recently started and rolled out offering parents and children outdoor play opportunities and information about the benefits that these can have on childrens health.

The project will continue to develop our services for children with additional needs both as home support and small group-based provision based on the needs of the community. The project hopes that if additional funding or a budget uplift is obtained in the future, to be able to revisit the recruitment of staff to support fathers work in some form.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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.

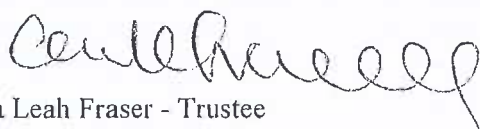
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- 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.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 3 June 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Miss Carla Leah Fraser - Trustee

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project (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
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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.

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 Sure Start Project**

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

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 determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. 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.

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.

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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 charge 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. 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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Accounts

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

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Roger Winter

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

Principle Activities and Future Development

The Company encompasses the following activities:

To enhance the development and education of children below statutory age and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those in necessitous circumstances in Colin Neighbourhood.

Colin Sure Start is a government led programme working with parents and children under the age of four in the Colin area. Our main focus is to value and support all children aged 0-4 and their families by providing free services, activities and programmes that focus on early education, health, family support and play development.

Our vision is to reach out to families with children aged 0-4 years...laying foundations, creating opportunities and working in partnership to give every child the best possible start in life.

The aims of Sure Start are to complement the work of existing local services and provide young families with advice on where to go and who to speak to, if they have more specialised needs or problems.

The ongoing support that Sure Start provides can help to make sure that children flourish both at home and when they go to school.

Sure Start aims to improve the ability to learn, health and social development of the children that use its services.

The Sure Start programme is supported by a number of key principles:

To coordinate, streamline and add value to existing services for young children and their families in local communities

To involve parents

To avoid stigma

To ensure lasting support

To be sensitive to local families' needs

To promote the participation of all local families

Sure Start work is focused on six high outcomes to ensure children are:

Being healthy

Enjoying learning and achieving

Living in safety and with stability

Living in a society which respects their rights

Experiencing economic and environmental wellbeing

Contributing positively to community and society

Colin Sure Start broadly delivers two types of service in the local community; Early Years Services and Family Services. Within each of these areas we offer a diverse range of programmes, activities and support that families can avail of.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Public benefits are: -

(a) The promotion for the public benefit of urban regeneration in the Colin area and the surrounding catchment areas in Belfast and the city of Lisburn (the "area of benefit"), an area of social and economic deprivation, by all or any of the following means:

1. The development and education of children below statutory age
2. Better understanding of the physical, emotional and mental health needs of children and adults in the community with better health and well-being will having an impact from pregnancy to early development
3. The relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit
4. The provision of recreational facilities for families or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are improvements in the social/economic circumstances of parents/children living in the area of benefit including greater access to training and education programmes/guidance, and stronger participation of all age groups. This promotes neighbourhood renewal, resilience and healthier communities. These, benefits are demonstrated through member's feedback, quarterly/annual activity reports and outcomes-based evaluation. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

(a) private benefit to trustees may arise if the knowledge they gain as a trustee to good governance and urban regeneration is transferable to another setting. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries.

(b) To provide encouragement and practical support services to existing and new parents's groups in the area of benefit so as to increase their efficiency and effectiveness in achieving their charitable aims;

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that knowledge and skills are transferred to support parents's groups in the area of benefit, increasing levels of skills and capacity to achieve their charitable aims. Evidence to demonstrate this benefit will be the sustainability of parents's and children's activity within the area of benefit. This purpose does not lead to harm.

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There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(c) To develop the capacity and skills of parents in the area of benefit in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that through developing a self-help model, families are supported to build their capacity and skills to identify their needs and to develop services to meet their distinct needs. The evidence to demonstrate this benefit is provided from members' feedback, increased representation on community forums/networks, quarterly/annual monitoring and activity reports. This purpose does not lead to harm.

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There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(d) To promote social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good relations across all diversity strands, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability and to encourage diversity. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that the project will contribute to the development of a more inclusive, equitable and diverse society through delivery of good relations programmes. This will increase local understanding and acceptance of diversity.

These benefits are demonstrated through greater inclusively and diversity within the membership/community. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children. There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The company had net Outgoing resources for the year of £976 (2022: net incoming resources of £6,917), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased during the year by £1,358 whilst restricted funds decreased by £2,334.

As we began the 2022 year in April, Covid-19 measures and restrictions were very much still in place, and while face-to-face delivery had returned for the project in our childrens groups and parent support programmes, this was still with significant mitigations in place, including social distancing. This continued to have an impact on the group sizes that the project was able to cater for across many of our postnatal programmes, and there was significant additional work required in implementing safe procedures, risk assessments, additional hygiene measures and planning. But the project, with the experience of the previous period had developed good systems to continue to deliver services in a safe way and these were implemented by a committed staff team who were determined to continue to provide quality early years experiences for parents and families.

We had also experienced increasing demand as services returned to face-to-face delivery following the Covid-19 lockdowns, with high volumes of referrals from external agencies and parents and families themselves coming forward seeking support and services. This was really positive, and demonstrated the value of our work and also perhaps many activities that were taken for granted until they were stopped during lockdowns and their impact was truly felt. But it also meant that a backlog of families who had missed out on these vital social groups and experiences suddenly were all seeking to engage at the same time, and this created challenges for the project, in trying to support all these families and manage this increased demand. In many cases, the project ran additional groups, often delivering back-to-back programmes to facilitate twice the number of attendees. Once again, this is a huge testament to the dedication and commitment of the staff team at Colin Sure Start, stepping up and finding solutions to meet the family's needs. These additional programmes were reflected in our outcomes and outputs report, with many of our business plan targets for delivered programmes being exceeded by significant numbers.

Another challenge that the project had to manage during this accounting year was the rising costs of delivery - energy costs for both gas, oil and electric all increased significantly during the year, and many goods and services that the project require for delivery increased in price due to increased costs of production and transportation. Many of the venues that the project hires or leases to deliver our services in the community passed on these increasing energy costs in the form of higher hourly rates, which also contributed to higher running costs for the project. The project managed this by undertaking a number of efficiency savings: looking at where we could deliver more activities in the same venues, or making better use of venues that the project is able to use for free. We were also helped by the completion of a major and long-planned renovation and upgrade of one of our settings in Lagmore, which added an additional facilitation venue in this area for own exclusive use which gave us significant scope and less reliance on community hire venues.

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One big positive and a major development during the year, as mentioned above, was the redevelopment and complete refit of one of our venues in Lagmore on the grounds of Christ the Redeemer Chapel. Those involved in the project will know this has been something that we have been trying to get resolved for many years; as the classroom that we were renting for the delivery of our Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds was slowly falling into disrepair and the building itself aging and becoming affected by damp and subsidence. We were able to work with the Down and Connor Diocese, who agreed to fund a major and complete refit of the mobile classroom unit, provided that Sure Start were willing to take on the whole building on a 6-year lease. The Board sought advice and the project manager worked closely with representatives of the Diocese on plans and an agreed timescale, with the work all being completed and a grand re-opening of the refurbished building taking place in September 2022. This is really an excellent development for the project, and has allowed not only the resumption of the Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year olds to continue to be delivered on the one side of the building, but another classroom on the other side of the building now supports a range of parent and baby support programmes on a daily basis, with some evening programmes for Antenatal parents also delivered from this venue. This was a real success and the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance and planning, and great commitment and support from the local parish and Diocese to the work that Sure Start is doing.

Staffing continued to be affected by Covid-19 sickness absence and cover for programmes remained challenging, but the project recruited for additional bank staff in Early Years during the year and have increased the staff that have been through checks and vetted on the Bank register now to 3 currently which can help out with cover on short-term basis.

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Principle funding sources

Principle funders are:

- Eastern Childcare Partnership
- SEHSCT - Fruit + Vegetables Programme
- Public Health Agency
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reserves policy

The Charity is funded by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board through the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

On Occasion the charity also receives restricted income from other funders. The Charity has to monitor its compliance with the policy of funding on a regular basis. Principle funding sources are the Department of Education.

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The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Boards responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage, A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 4 September 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Miss Carla Leah Fraser - Trustee



Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project (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 Sure Start Project**

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.

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 Sure Start Project

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

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 determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. 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.

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.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of
Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project**

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 charge 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. 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.



Billy Drake (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd
Statutory Auditors
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4 September 2023

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
SEH&SCT		-	889,247	889,247	856,817
Public Health Agency		-	3,385	3,385	3,385
Other trading activities	2	1,358	-	1,358	1,060
Total		<u>1,358</u>	<u>892,632</u>	<u>893,990</u>	<u>861,262</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
SEH&SCT		-	727,468	727,468	697,400
South Eastern Trust		-	156,179	156,179	146,597
Public Health Agency		-	3,385	3,385	3,385
Governance		-	7,934	7,934	6,963
Total		<u>-</u>	<u>894,966</u>	<u>894,966</u>	<u>854,345</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,358	(2,334)	(976)	6,917
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		934	12,999	13,933	7,016
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>2,292</u>	<u>10,665</u>	<u>12,957</u>	<u>13,933</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

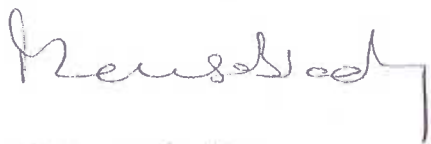
	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	10,930	12,999
Cash at bank		5,723	6,188
		<u>16,653</u>	<u>19,187</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,696)	(5,254)
		<u>12,957</u>	<u>13,933</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>12,957</u>	<u>13,933</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>12,957</u>	<u>13,933</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>12,957</u>	<u>13,933</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		2,292	934
Restricted funds		10,665	12,999
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>12,957</u>	<u>13,933</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Carla Leah Fraser - Trustee



Theresa Brady - Trustee



Judith Searle - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(465)	(53,223)
Net cash used in operating activities		(465)	(53,223)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(465)	(53,223)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		6,188	59,411
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		5,723	6,188

The notes form part of these financial statements

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(976)	6,917
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	2,069	(827)
Decrease in creditors	(1,558)	(59,313)
Net cash used in operations	<u>(465)</u>	<u>(53,223)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Cash flow	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>6,188</u>	<u>(465)</u>	<u>5,723</u>
	<u>6,188</u>	<u>(465)</u>	<u>5,723</u>
Total	<u>6,188</u>	<u>(465)</u>	<u>5,723</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI042091). 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.

(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.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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;

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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:

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.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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.

(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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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.

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.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Access NI	858	959
Belfast City Council	-	101
CNP Mens Shed	500	-
	<u>1,358</u>	<u>1,060</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Grants	SEH&SCT	889,247	856,817
Grants	Public Health Agency	3,385	3,385
		<u>892,632</u>	<u>860,202</u>

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	889,247	856,817
Public Health Agency	3,385	3,385
	<u>892,632</u>	<u>860,202</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
SEH&SCT	727,508	(40)	727,468
South Eastern Trust	156,179	-	156,179
Public Health Agency	3,385	-	3,385
Governance	-	7,934	7,934
	<u>887,072</u>	<u>7,894</u>	<u>894,966</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
SEH&SCT	(40)
Governance	7,934
	<u>7,894</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	2,396	2,650
Audit Fee	1,300	1,300
	<u>3,696</u>	<u>3,950</u>

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	537,710	548,070
Social security costs	29,410	-
Other pension costs	28,932	27,200
	<u>596,052</u>	<u>575,270</u>

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management & Administration	33	36
	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>

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

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Manager, Finance Manager and Programme Co-ordinator during the year totalled £139,456. (2021: £146,309)

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
SEH&SCT	-	856,817	856,817
Public Health Agency	-	3,385	3,385
Other trading activities	1,060	-	1,060
Total	<u>1,060</u>	<u>860,202</u>	<u>861,262</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
SEH&SCT	-	697,400	697,400
South Eastern Trust	-	146,597	146,597
Public Health Agency	-	3,385	3,385
Governance	1,438	5,525	6,963
Total	<u>1,438</u>	<u>852,907</u>	<u>854,345</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(378)	7,295	6,917
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,312	5,704	7,016
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>934</u>	<u>12,999</u>	<u>13,933</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>25,165</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>25,165</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>

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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Prepayments	10,930	12,999

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,696	5,254

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.23 Total funds	31.3.22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	2,292	14,361	16,653	19,187
Current liabilities	-	(3,696)	(3,696)	(5,254)
	2,292	10,665	12,957	13,933

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	934	1,358	2,292
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	12,999	(2,334)	10,665
TOTAL FUNDS	13,933	(976)	12,957

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,358	-	1,358
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	889,247	(891,581)	(2,334)
Public Health Agency	3,385	(3,385)	-
	<u>892,632</u>	<u>(894,966)</u>	<u>(2,334)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>893,990</u>	<u>(894,966)</u>	<u>(976)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,312	(378)	934
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	5,704	7,295	12,999
	<u>7,016</u>	<u>6,917</u>	<u>13,933</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,016</u>	<u>6,917</u>	<u>13,933</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,060	(1,438)	(378)
Restricted funds			
Eastern Childcare Partnership	856,817	(849,522)	7,295
Public Health Agency	3,385	(3,385)	-
	<u>860,202</u>	<u>(852,907)</u>	<u>7,295</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>861,262</u>	<u>(854,345)</u>	<u>6,917</u>

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15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust paid the Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project £21,989 in the year ended 31 March 2023 (2022: £22,022) with regard to salaries and wages for staff seconded to the CNSSP.

Payments were also made on behalf of CNSSP by the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust to the CNSSP Partners. Total partner spend in the year ended 31 March 2023 was £134,191 (2022: £124,564). A service level agreement has been agreed between CNSSP and each specific partner before processing of these payments.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There are no events undertaken by the charity after 31 March 2023 to be disclosed in this accounting period.

18. 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.

19. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital

20. 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 Sure Start Project**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Access NI	858	959
Belfast City Council	-	101
CNP Mens Shed	500	-
	1,358	1,060
Charitable activities		
Grants	892,632	860,202
Total incoming resources	893,990	861,262
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Salaries	537,710	548,070
Social security	29,410	-
Pensions	28,932	27,200
Insurance	3,234	2,639
Light and heat	6,547	5,226
Telephone	7,086	11,014
Sundries	422	798
Staff Travel	2,355	928
Training and Development	5,674	1,069
Programme Costs - Outreach	21,896	19,384
Programme Costs - Toys	49,761	2,876
Grants to Other Partners/Group	134,190	124,564
Repairs and Maintenance	7,789	1,438
Rent & Room Hire	27,554	36,327
Publications and Resources	1,367	1,658
Printing, Stationery & Postage	6,941	8,530
Direct Development Project Costs	3,385	47,493
Uniforms	2,245	3,088
Hospitality	815	1,023
Staff Recruitment and Adverts	-	1,373
IT Support	4,391	2,684
Cleaning and Materials	5,368	-
	887,072	847,382
 Support costs		

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fee	2,396	2,650
Audit Fee	1,300	1,300
Bank charges and interest	328	158
Affiliation Fees	1,480	815
Staff Recruitment and Adverts	1,700	2,040
Legal fees	690	-
	<u>7,894</u>	<u>6,963</u>
Total resources expended	<u>894,966</u>	<u>854,345</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(976)</u>	<u>6,917</u>

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Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103284

Annual report

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project

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

Principle Activities and Future Development

The Company encompasses the following activities:

To enhance the development and education of children below statutory age and to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those in necessitous circumstances in Colin Neighbourhood.

Colin Sure Start is a government led programme working with parents and children under the age of four in the Colin area. Our main focus is to value and support all children aged 0-4 and their families by providing free services, activities and programmes that focus on early education, health, family support and play development.

Our vision is to reach out to families with children aged 0-4 years...laying foundations, creating opportunities and working in partnership to give every child the best possible start in life.

The aims of Sure Start are to complement the work of existing local services and provide young families with advice on where to go and who to speak to, if they have more specialised needs or problems.

The ongoing support that Sure Start provides can help to make sure that children flourish both at home and when they go to school.

Sure Start aims to improve the ability to learn, health and social development of the children that use its services.

The Sure Start programme is supported by a number of key principles:

To coordinate, streamline and add value to existing services for young children and their families in local communities

To involve parents

To avoid stigma

To ensure lasting support

To be sensitive to local families' needs

To promote the participation of all local families

Sure Start work is focused on six high outcomes to ensure children are:

Being healthy

Enjoying learning and achieving

Living in safety and with stability

Living in a society which respects their rights

Experiencing economic and environmental wellbeing

Contributing positively to community and society

Colin Sure Start broadly delivers two types of service in the local community; Early Years Services and Family Services. Within each of these areas we offer a diverse range of programmes, activities and support that families can avail of.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Public benefits are: -

(a) The promotion for the public benefit of urban regeneration in the Colin area and the surrounding catchment areas in Belfast and the city of Lisburn (the "area of benefit"), an area of social and economic deprivation, by all or any of the following means:

1. The development and education of children below statutory age
2. Better understanding of the physical, emotional and mental health needs of children and adults in the community with better health and well-being will having an impact from pregnancy to early development
3. The relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit
4. The provision of recreational facilities for families or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities;

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are improvements in the social/economic circumstances of parents/children living in the area of benefit including greater access to training and education programmes/guidance, and stronger participation of all age groups. This promotes neighbourhood renewal, resilience and healthier communities. These, benefits are demonstrated through member's feedback, quarterly/annual activity reports and outcomes-based evaluation. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

(a) private benefit to trustees may arise if the knowledge they gain as a trustee to good governance and urban regeneration is transferable to another setting. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries.

(b) To provide encouragement and practical support services to existing and new parents's groups in the area of benefit so as to increase their efficiency and effectiveness in achieving their charitable aims;

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that knowledge and skills are transferred to support parents's groups in the area of benefit, increasing levels of skills and capacity to achieve their charitable aims. Evidence to demonstrate this benefit will be the sustainability of parents's and children's activity within the area of benefit. This purpose does not lead to harm.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(c) To develop the capacity and skills of parents in the area of benefit in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that through developing a self-help model, families are supported to build their capacity and skills to identify their needs and to develop services to meet their distinct needs. The evidence to demonstrate this benefit is provided from members' feedback, increased representation on community forums/networks, quarterly/annual monitoring and activity reports. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are all families and children.

There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

(d) To promote social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good relations across all diversity strands, including race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability and to encourage diversity. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is that the project will contribute to the development of a more inclusive, equitable and diverse society through delivery of good relations programmes. This will increase local understanding and acceptance of diversity.

These benefits are demonstrated through greater inclusively and diversity within the membership/community. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are all parents and children. There is no private benefit arising from this purpose.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The company had net Outgoing resources for the year of £976 (2022: net incoming resources of £6,917), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased during the year by £1,358 whilst restricted funds decreased by £2,334.

As we began the 2022 year in April, Covid-19 measures and restrictions were very much still in place, and while face-to-face delivery had returned for the project in our childrens groups and parent support programmes, this was still with significant mitigations in place, including social distancing. This continued to have an impact on the group sizes that the project was able to cater for across many of our postnatal programmes, and there was significant additional work required in implementing safe procedures, risk assessments, additional hygiene measures and planning. But the project, with the experience of the previous period had developed good systems to continue to deliver services in a safe way and these were implemented by a committed staff team who were determined to continue to provide quality early years experiences for parents and families.

We had also experienced increasing demand as services returned to face-to-face delivery following the Covid-19 lockdowns, with high volumes of referrals from external agencies and parents and families themselves coming forward seeking support and services. This was really positive, and demonstrated the value of our work and also perhaps many activities that were taken for granted until they were stopped during lockdowns and their impact was truly felt. But it also meant that a backlog of families who had missed out on these vital social groups and experiences suddenly were all seeking to engage at the same time, and this created challenges for the project, in trying to support all these families and manage this increased demand. In many cases, the project ran additional groups, often delivering back-to-back programmes to facilitate twice the number of attendees. Once again, this is a huge testament to the dedication and commitment of the staff team at Colin Sure Start, stepping up and finding solutions to meet the family's needs. These additional programmes were reflected in our outcomes and outputs report, with many of our business plan targets for delivered programmes being exceeded by significant numbers.

Another challenge that the project had to manage during this accounting year was the rising costs of delivery - energy costs for both gas, oil and electric all increased significantly during the year, and many goods and services that the project require for delivery increased in price due to increased costs of production and transportation. Many of the venues that the project hires or leases to deliver our services in the community passed on these increasing energy costs in the form of higher hourly rates, which also contributed to higher running costs for the project. The project managed this by undertaking a number of efficiency savings: looking at where we could deliver more activities in the same venues, or making better use of venues that the project is able to use for free. We were also helped by the completion of a major and long-planned renovation and upgrade of one of our settings in Lagmore, which added an additional facilitation venue in this area for own exclusive use which gave us significant scope and less reliance on community hire venues,

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One big positive and a major development during the year, as mentioned above, was the redevelopment and complete refit of one of our venues in Lagmore on the grounds of Christ the Redeemer Chapel. Those involved in the project will know this has been something that we have been trying to get resolved for many years; as the classroom that we were renting for the delivery of our Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds was slowly falling into disrepair and the building itself aging and becoming affected by damp and subsidence. We were able to work with the Down and Connor Diocese, who agreed to fund a major and complete refit of the mobile classroom unit, provided that Sure Start were willing to take on the whole building on a 6-year lease. The Board sought advice and the project manager worked closely with representatives of the Diocese on plans and an agreed timescale, with the work all being completed and a grand re-opening of the refurbished building taking place in September 2022. This is really an excellent development for the project, and has allowed not only the resumption of the Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year olds to continue to be delivered on the one side of the building, but another classroom on the other side of the building now supports a range of parent and baby support programmes on a daily basis, with some evening programmes for Antenatal parents also delivered from this venue. This was a real success and the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance and planning, and great commitment and support from the local parish and Diocese to the work that Sure Start is doing.

Staffing continued to be affected by Covid-19 sickness absence and cover for programmes remained challenging, but the project recruited for additional bank staff in Early Years during the year and have increased the staff that have been through checks and vetted on the Bank register now to 3 currently which can help out with cover on short-term basis.

The project also celebrated achieving stage 3 of the prestigious UNICEF BFI accreditation in February, an accolade that acknowledges good practice in supporting breastfeeding and responsive bottle feeding as an organisation. This involved external auditors visiting the project, interviewing staff and parents and review the support structures for breastfeeding that the project has in place. The feedback from assessors was very positive, remarking on the value and good support that parents are receiving to encourage health development but also messages about the close bond and relationship building being so important for new parents and babies.

Principle funding sources

Principle funders are:

- Eastern Childcare Partnership
- SEHSCT - Fruit + Vegetables Programme
- Public Health Agency
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Reserves policy

The Charity is funded by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board through the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust.

On Occasion the charity also receives restricted income from other funders. The Charity has to monitor its compliance with the policy of funding on a regular basis. Principle funding sources are the Department of Education.

Future plans

The project will continue our work on developing our outdoor play provision, with a number of new programmes already being piloted and rolled out offering parents and children outdoor play opportunities and information about the benefits that these can have on children's health. The project will continue to develop our services for children with additional needs both as home support and small group-based provision based on the needs of the community.

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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.

Governance of the Charity

During the period under review the directors met monthly. Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

Related parties

Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project has no directly related parties but does have partner organisations.

Colin Sure Start works closely with a number of partner organisations throughout the Colin area. These partnerships help us achieve a cohesive approach to Early Years education and health promotion in Colin and give local residents the best service that we can.

We currently fund a number of organisations and also work closely in partnership with other relevant bodies.

Barnardos Travellers Early Years' Service - Colin Sure Start currently funds Barnardos to help support local travellers in the Colin area with children from 0-4.

Ionad Na Fuisgeoige - Ionad Na Fuisgeoige is a local Irish immersion family centre and crèche. Colin Sure Start currently assist the centre to provide one of our Sure Start Developmental Programme for Two Year Olds programmes and a crèche. We also use the centre to deliver a weekly parent and toddlers group and other programmes and activities.

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust - Colin Sure Start works in close partnership with the SEHSCT to deliver our Speech and Language support programmes.

St Luke's Family Centre - Cara House - Cara House offers support to families in the community through their parents drop in and programme of activities which are supported by our daily crèche facility for children aged 0-4 years. Their range of programmes aim to improve personal development, provide information on family and personal health, learn new skills and support members of the community to move away from the benefits cycle and back into employment if that is their aim. Colin Sure Start currently provides financial assistance to the centre to run their crèche. We also run several programmes and activities in the facility.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Board's responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage. A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited establishment. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie Project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project Limited is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders' objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the statutory audit confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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.

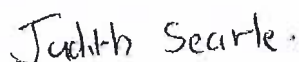
AUDITORS

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

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 4 September 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Miss Carla Leah Fraser - Trustee



Annual return

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of
Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Colin Neighbourhood Sure Start Project (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 Sure Start Project**

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.

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

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 determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. 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.

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.

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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.

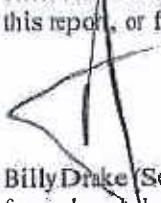
Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charge 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. 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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