

Music First NI  
46 Botanic Avenue Belfast  
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Wednesday the 28th of January, 2026

Dear Trustees

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Music First NI

Owing to their knowledge of my career in the financial industry, particularly my years at Santander, the Trustees of Music First NI approached me to conduct an independent review of their financial accounts, for the year ending 31 March 2025.

I served as a trustee of MusicFirst NI, taking on the role of Chairperson until the year ending 2022. I have had no involvement in the management or financial administration of the charity during the year to be examined, and I have carried this independent assessment out in an objective and impartial manner.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

It is my pleasure to provide the following report.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison against the Treasurer's Report, bank statements and financial accounts which accompany those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters, if applicable.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 65 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be



reached.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and I am pleased to say that I have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention. Whilst admittedly the financial accounts demonstrate a loss for this financial year, the appropriate reserves are in place, and I wish MusicFirst NI every success in future.

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Relevant professional qualification or body: Not applicable

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Date: 28 January 2026

