

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	09	2023	To	31	08	2024

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

**Reference and administration details**

Charity name  
Other names charity is known by  
Registered charity number  
Charity's principal address

Fittie Community Development Trust SCIO
FCDT
SC046775
Footdee Gospel Hall
7 New Pier Road
Footdee
Aberdeen
Postcode AB11 5DR

**Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report**

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chair (Acting)*	01-12-2024	
	Chair	24-04-2025	
2	Secretary		
3	Treasurer		
4		28-03-2024	
5		24-10-2024	
6		28-12-2024	
7		13-01-2025	
8	*Note: Position of Chair rotated	01-10 to 30-11 2024	
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	30-09-2024 (Resigned as Chair)
	06-11-2024 (Resigned as Trustee)

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The Trust is a registered charity. It is administered in accordance with its Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) constitution.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the SCIO constitution. All Trustees retire and are re-elected at our AGM. Any member of the Trust is eligible to be elected as a trustee at the AGM with the provision they are nominated and seconded by other members.

The same process of formal nomination and seconding applies to all Trustees appointments (out with the AGM), noting that this is approved and the new Trustee is confirmed as elected at the appropriate board meeting. A formal proposal is also required to be approved where the nominated Trustee has been recommended to hold an office.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

The primary aim of the charity is to provide an accessible community space for the residents of the Footdee (Fittie) Conservation Area.

The aims are to:

- Support a sustainable community space to provide cultural, social and environmental activities for all residents-children, families and elderly members of the community.
- Provide a cultural and historical venue where residents can share their historical and social knowledge of Fittie with each other, external groups and visitors to the city
- Improve the quality of life for all residents- including the most isolated and vulnerable by engaging in shared activities, developing relationships and valuing the experience and skill of residents



**Summary  
of the  
main  
activities  
in relation  
to these  
objects**

This year has seen the community hall fully providing an accessible community space, with the sense of place as a seaside/harbourside hall, consolidating and building on our 2022/23 cultural, social and environmental programmes.

The Trust has transitioned from a grant aided charity to an independent one through our 3 streams of income generation - hall hire, merchandise and donations. This facilitates the fulfilment of our objectives. The combining of the need to generate income with the delivery of our objectives has been demanding but successful with 75% of our events and bookings satisfying both criteria. The years financial surplus will allow us to now fully subsidise bookings made by residents for residents only, for example village children's birthday parties and family activities such as the regular children's activity, the family Capoeira (Brazilian dance), with all the benefits for both the children and their parents!

*Support a sustainable community space to provide cultural, social and environmental activities for all residents-children, families and elderly members of the community.*

As a community we have continued seasonal celebration events with our second Christmas festive party with a ceilidh band, the harbour choir, quiz and food. These multigenerational events, which run every season are hugely popular with the entire community. Our monthly film night programme recommenced at the beginning of the year. These are social evenings for the village, run by and paid for by our partner Open Road with attendees making a donation to the hall. The Harbour Voices Community Choir continued throughout the period. Open Road again secured funding from Creative Scotland to support the running of a 'professional' choir. The choir is social, individually enriching and fun. Both programmes are popular and well supported. The successful FCDT and Open Road partnership hosted the Festival of the Sea with family rock pooling and art and music mornings and a sea focused creative writing day. The Family Capoeira (mentioned above) was launched as a weekly activity in August 24. The (festival) activities are a perfect fit with our purpose, sense of place and our environment. The community space has also hosted craft and environmental fairs as well as providing access to pop up markets, RNLI and beach communities (surfers).

*Provide a cultural and historical venue where residents can share their historical and social knowledge of Fittie with each other, external groups and visitors to the city.*

Fittie through time (before oil) all day local history event was run by a board member and supported by the community land fund. The event attracted a wide non village audience as well as interest from our own community. The event above all provided, either formally or informally, the opportunity for members of our original village families to share family history, stories and insight into changes over time. The increase in visitor numbers from Aberdeen, bus tours and cruise ships has led to some privacy issues for residents as well as being seen and felt as an intrusion by some residents. The situation is one that the board will monitor and take action that is proportionate and compatible with our objective and our residents' interests. FCDT will now seek to provide a cultural and historic venue on a formal basis by delivering specific theme related events. The facilitation of such events has and will be dependent on FCDT board and members capacity.

Merchandise remains an important not only to generate income for the trust, almost 1/5<sup>th</sup> but as a means to promote designs of local artists and maintain the tradition of sharing our village photographers work in our Fittie calendar. Our merchandise is promoted through our social media and sold in the village by volunteers to local, national and international visitors to promote our history, environment and pride.

*Improve the quality of life for all residents- including the most isolated and vulnerable by engaging in shared activities, developing relationships and valuing the experience and skill of residents.*

All our social, cultural and environment related activities also support engagement, relationship building and the valuing the experience and skill of residents. The FCDT members organise workshops that focused around sharing skills and knowledge e.g. the Wreath making afternoon in December. Open Road with ACVO's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund hosted a programme of free Harbour Memories coffee mornings and created a series of 5 podcasts (November 2023 to January 2024) from the stories shared through these sessions.

FCDT's gardening and environmental working groups naturally provide an opportunity to share expertise and experience.

## Achievements and performance

### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The year has been one of transition following last year's final interior renovations works. It has required us to adapt and develop from a grant aided and event income focused operation to one that is 100% dependant on FCDT generated income from hall hire (trading receipts) and ad hoc income from our Fittie merchandising products & donations. This has necessitated the careful balancing of our priorities to meet our income targets while delivering fully on FCDT's objectives. We have successfully built on our solid base of cultural, social and environmental programmes while managing the challenges presented to FCDT in this new phase. The Trustees have achieved this through careful planning and cashflow management throughout the year. The financial focus has been on the operational management and associated management of our overheads (cost of running our hall). A full review of our suppliers was undertaken and new contracts put in place e.g. SSE replaced by Octopus Energy resulting in the reduction of our utilities overheads.

As a trust we are delighted that our partnership with Open Road, a company limited by guarantee, has continued as a significant amount of hall hire income was forthcoming from the Trust's partnership. This partnership is a huge asset to the Trust, as a 'win-win' providing income and a rich and varied programme of social, cultural and entertainment community activities. The Festival of the Sea, brought to Fittie by Open Road working with ACC (Aberdeen City Council), delivered a wonderful mix of themed events from free family fun events (arts & crafts to beach rock pooling) to art, music & choral participation & learning sessions, the Harbour Voices Choir summer concert and a topical film night.

Craft Fairs have been established as a regular event now four times a year, which are enjoyed by the village as well as attracting visitors. The craft fairs orchestrated by village members, originally sharing and exhibiting their skills complimented by a wide range of crafters, have grown in size and popularity with the significant associated financial benefit. These fairs have also been stand-out events for both the trading receipts income and Ad Hoc income from merchandise sales and donations while supporting our objectives.

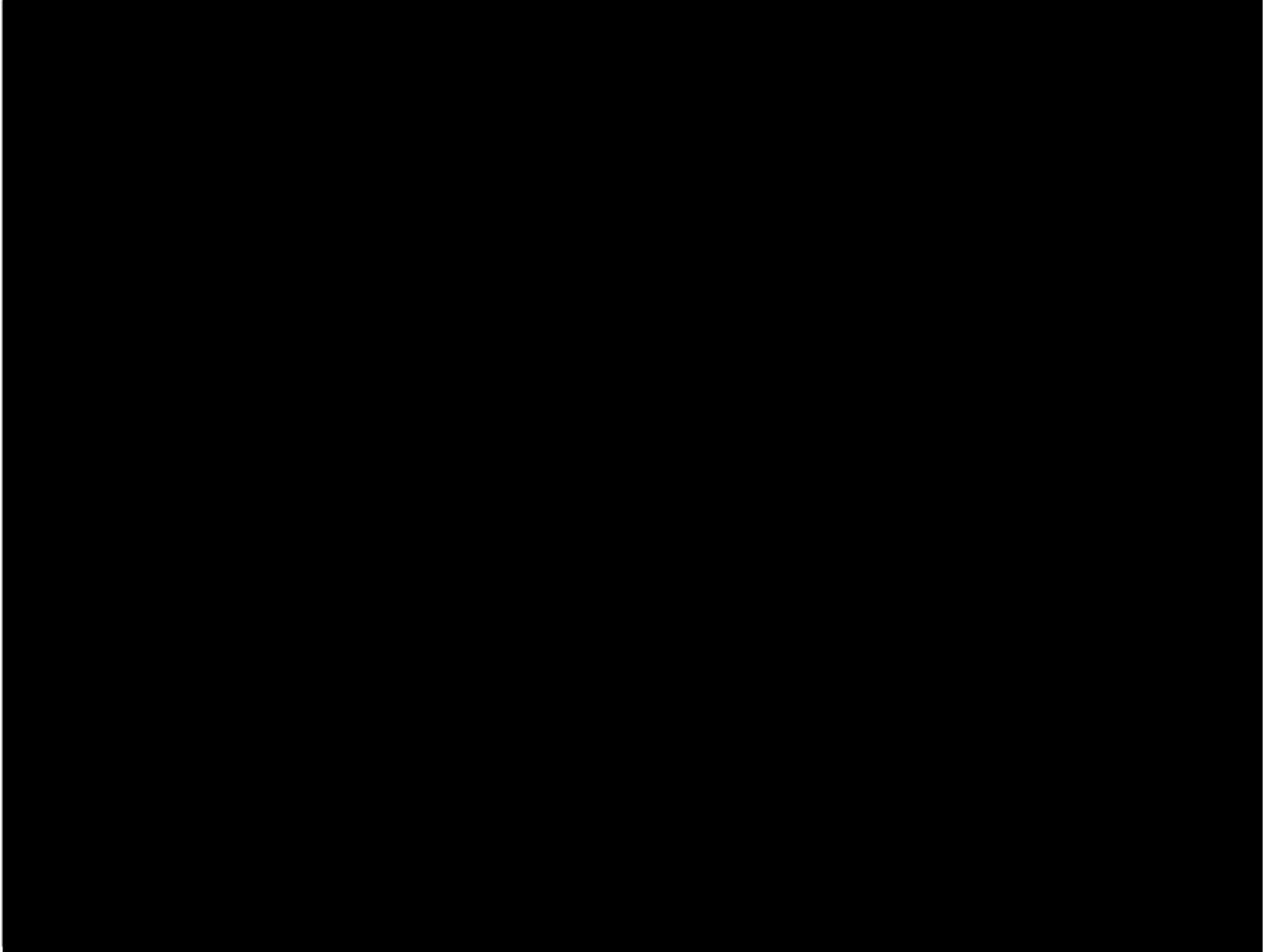
*Fittie Through Time* was funded by Community Land Scotland as part of the Community Land Week celebrations. The day was a huge success thanks to all involved. The day was run morning and afternoon activities: guided walking tours; an exhibition of archaeological finds unearthed by residents when preparing the ground to create our community garden; a talk by University of Aberdeen academics on what our finds revealed about life and diet in Fittie and the harbour area; an opportunity to explore your family tree hosted by a Fittie family member support by a volunteer from the Aberdeen Family History Society and a display of historic photos and maps. (see pictures below)

Our working groups continue to be a significant and valuable asset to our community. The Community Garden a special place for our community has continued to be developed with beautiful manicured beds along with areas to encourage pollinators and wild grasses to flourish, furthering the connection between our gardening and environmental groups. In August the Gardening Group were asked to participate as part of Aberdeen's entry to 'Keep Scotland Beautiful'. The Trust registered through CFINE (Community Food Initiatives North East) as a food business operator last year and this remains a weekly support service and an important environmental group initiative to make a significant contribution to the reduction of food waste.

Our communication channels (traditional to social media) remain important to share updates, news and promote events. The refreshing of our logo design and a new look and feel website are an important part of consolidating and building on what FCDT do.

This year has been another very busy and successful year thanks to all our members, our Trustees and particularly our volunteers.

## Fittie Through Time



## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All unrestricted funds held at the bank constitute the reserves of the charity.

### Details of any deficit

NA

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

NA

## Other optional information

**The Trust acknowledges the support** it has had during the year from a range of organisations with thanks.

See the list below indicating the nature of support:

*Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations* (ACVO) and Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) for ongoing support and advice.

*Aberdeen City Council* (ACC) Common Good Fund support for our Christmas Festive costs including Clattering Kist the fabulous ceilidh band.

Castlehill & Pittodrie Community Council for the generous donation of £400.

Community Land Scotland (Scottish Government) for the Community Land Week event funding of £300

A special thanks must also go again to Open Road as a valued partner.

### Acknowledgement to our Trustees and Volunteers:

The Trust acknowledges the continuing support over the years of Trustee and Secretary Cheryl Croydon.

#### A special thankyou to:

██████████ for their ongoing support for our Trust Facebook and Instagram content.

██████████ her on-going contribution to the production/sourcing and sales of our FCDT merchandise.

To all the members of our Gardening and Environmental working groups – led by ██████████

To our small but invaluable caretaker team: ██████████.

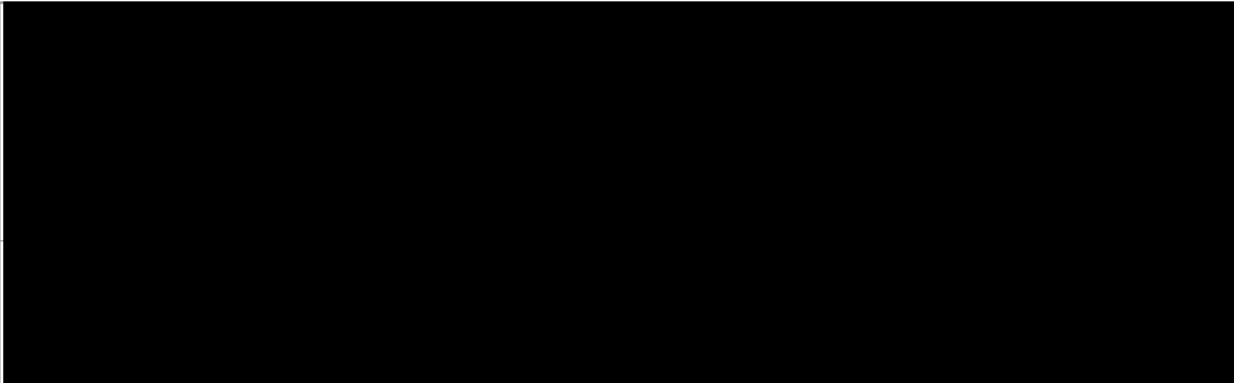
██████████ for all her significant and tireless support.

Finally, a huge thankyou to all our village volunteers without whom the activities of the Trust would not be possible.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	28/04/2025	01/05/2025

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2023		31	08	2024

### Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	1,298				1,298	2,234
Legacies					-	
Grants	300				300	9,096
Receipts from fundraising activities	3,189				3,189	4,049
Gross trading receipts	12,904				12,904	7,856
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>23,235</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,692</b>	<b>23,235</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	2,626				2,626	1,040
Gross trading payments	1,545				1,545	2,318
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,613				5,613	19,349
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	100				100	100
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	75				75	83
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>22,889</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>22,889</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>7,733</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,733</b>	<b>346</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>7,733</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,733</b>	<b>346</b>

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**Section B Statement of balances**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year	8,653				8,653	8,308
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	7,733				7,733	345
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	Cash and bank balances at end of year	16,386	-	-	-	16,386	8,653
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Investments</b>				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B3 Other assets</b>					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B4 Liabilities</b>				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B5 Contingent liabilities</b>				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval




## Section C Notes to the Accounts

### C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

All grants have been held as restricted funds for the hall renovation and specific project activities. All other funds have been used for our charities purposes.

### C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

### C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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### C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

### C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	x
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### C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

### C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Trustee is also on board of company which utilizes hall	B2B - Hall rental at normal market rate	3,500	0

### C6 Other information



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## APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Fittie Community Development Trust SCIO						
	Registered charity number	SC046775						
	On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	09	2023	to	31	08	2024	
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.							
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> <p>have not been met, or</p> </li> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ol>							
Signed**:					Date:	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025		
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
Address:								

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

\*\* OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

## APPENDIX 3

### Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose