

1st Strathaven Scout Group Activities Facility Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC052919

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-10-31
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The charity is set up to source premises that will help the 1st Strathaven Scout Group grow as the current Scout & Guide Hall has limited capacity. The Scout Group has a huge waiting list and no shortage of trained leaders, but there is nowhere in the hall to put them. The charity does not manage the Scout Group. Its function is to secure funding from grant awarding bodies, build more suitable premises that will allow the Scout Group to create more scout sections, promote the facility as available for hire when the Scout Group is not in session, and to manage and maintain the building. We have applied for the Community Asset Transfer of ground on Lethame Road, Strathaven, but are also looking at derelict land beside an industrial estate off Station Road, Strathaven. At this stage, discussions with South Lanarkshire Council are progressing but we can't yet approach funding bodies. Our architecture is in draft form and will change depending on the final location of the building.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4 The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 to benefit the community of Strathaven comprising those within the designated area of Post Code District ML10 and surrounding villages 4.2 the provision, management and organisation of recreational facilities to improve the condition of life for the persons for whom the activities are intended 4.3 the acquisition by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise, and the management, administration and maintenance of premises suitable to further the foregoing purposes.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** South Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31		£0	£0	- 0
2024-10-31		£0	£0	- 0

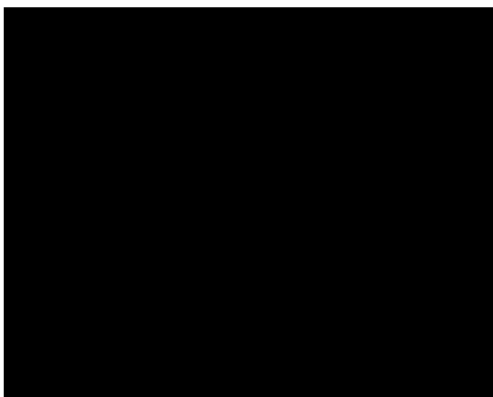
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Accounts

1ST. STRATHAVEN SCOUT GROUP ACTIVITES FACILITY TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

Scottish Charity number SC052919



1st Strathaven Scout Group Activities Facility Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st October 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31st October 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The Trust was set up to source a facility that would help the 1st Strathaven Scout Group grow. The current Scout & Guide Hall is not big enough for all the Scouts & Guides who want to use it. With 90 children on the waiting list just to join the Scouts at the time we were applying to become a charity, and under pressure from the Scout Association to get more children off the list and into Scouts, the Scout leaders and Executive Committee with others sought the Community Asset Transfer (hereafter known as CAT) of ground adjacent to Kirkland Park Primary School on Lethame Road in Strathaven to this new charity.

There has been a lot of house-building in recent years around Strathaven and the population growth has been significant. This rural town has limited resources and is already supporting neighbouring villages of Chapelton, Gilmourton, Sandford and Glassford. The Scouts in Strathaven are very active and the Leaders are dedicated and well trained. Getting Leaders is not a problem, but finding somewhere to put them is. The CAT is essential to securing a better future for the Scouts but the transfer can only go to a registered charity.

If successful in the CAT, this charity would build premises that would allow the Scout Group to grow. The facility would allow for more indoor and outdoor activities including camping. It would have its own parking facilities which the current hall does not have and more storage area. It would not mean that the current hall becomes redundant, but the growing needs of the Guides are an issue so the continued availability of the current hall could be a problem.

This charity will not be managing the Scout Group in any way. Its function is

1. to secure funding from Scouts Scotland, the National Lottery, Banks Renewables, Renewable Energy Funds and any other available grants,
2. to build more suitable premises for the Scouts,
3. to promote the facility for use by other groups when the Scout Group was not in session, and
4. to manage and maintain the building.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year to 31 October 2024

We applied to become an SCIO on 29 September 2023 and were granted charity status on 31 October 2023.

We are extremely grateful to OSCR for processing our application as quickly as they did as the deadline for applying for the CAT with South Lanarkshire Council was also 31 October 2023 and that application had to come from an SCIO.

We had agreed amongst ourselves the basic architecture of the new building. It would be on one level as neighbouring residential premises are bungalows, but there may be a mezzanine level. The facility would have one gate in, a drop-off facility and another gate out. There would be room for outside games, camping and training.

We wrote to local residents to advise them that we would be applying for the CAT. We wanted their input and feedback so that we could plan the project to minimise disruption. There were some concerns because Lethame Road is narrow and there are already problems with parents dropping children off at school in the morning and picking them up again in the afternoon. They could see this continuing into the evening. The difference is that our drop-off and pick-up points would be off the road.

The dying trees in the area that local residents were already concerned about would be removed but replaced once the building project was complete.

There was a lot of communication with SLC whilst we were waiting on their decision. Another charity had put in a proposal for the CAT and there were merits with both applications. South Lanarkshire Roads Dept introduced conditions regarding access to the property which neither project was likely to meet and the Council asked us both to withdraw our applications whilst they got a better understanding of the Roads Dept's concerns. At the time of delivering this report, we are still talking to the Council and still waiting for a decision on whether the property is still available as a possible CAT.

The Council now requires to see financial projections showing how the new build will be funded with proof of the funders' commitment.

In the meantime, the Scout Group has to address the huge demand on it from an increasing population. It has established a new Beaver colony and is renting Sandford Community Hall on a Monday night to house them. It is not the solution they want, but the Sandford Hall was recently renovated and it is fantastic. Most importantly, there are enthusiastic leaders who are making this work. It underlines just how important it is to find premises, or land on which to build premises, to help the Scout Group grow. We can get trained leaders and have a long waiting list, but just nowhere to put them.

Not waiting on the Council's decision about Lethame Road, the Facilities Trust has identified a huge area of derelict ground off Station Road in Strathaven. Parking facilities would be much better than at Lethame Road and the building would be in an industrial area of the town rather than residential, but still in the middle of the town and very close to the existing Scout & Guide Hall. There are a lot of benefits arising from this location that don't exist in Lethame Road.

We will be meeting with the Council in August 2025 to discuss our options.

Fund-raising Activities

We have not done any fund raising because we can't be specific about where the new premises will be. There are many grant-funding bodies that we can apply to that may include the Scout Association.

We opened a bank account, but the bank closed it because there was no activity.

Annual Accounts

A copy of these is attached for information but there were no financial transactions in the year.

Financial Review

The Trust is financially dormant. There has been no financial activity in the year, just a lot of strategic planning and research. Any expenses were trivial and paid out of Trustees' pockets.

Investment policy

There are no plans to deposit money or to invest elsewhere and no financial commitments.

Future plans

The Trustees have not committed funding to any project.

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is an incorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 26 September 2023. The Committee was granted charitable status on 31 October 2023.

Management of the Charity

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. It is their task to source suitable premises to house the 1st Strathaven Scout Group, find appropriate sources of funding, and manage and maintain the premises.

The Trustees are a mix of former Scout Leaders and technical advisers.

The Trustees receive no remuneration and no expenses.

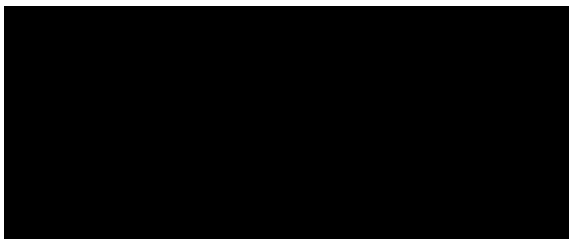
Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name 1st Strathaven Scout Group Activities Facility Trust

Charity No SC052919

Address 

Trustees who served during the entire period from 26 Sept 2023 to 31 Oct 2024:



No Trustees were appointed or retired during the period or in the period since to the date of signing this report.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

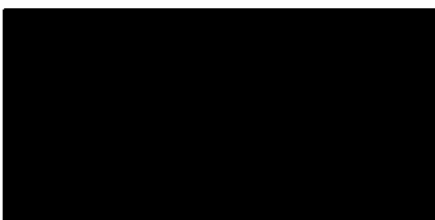
The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other countries.

Approved by the Trustees on 28th. July 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Chairperson

Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 31 October 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Strathaven Scout Group Activities Facility Trust.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

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) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.

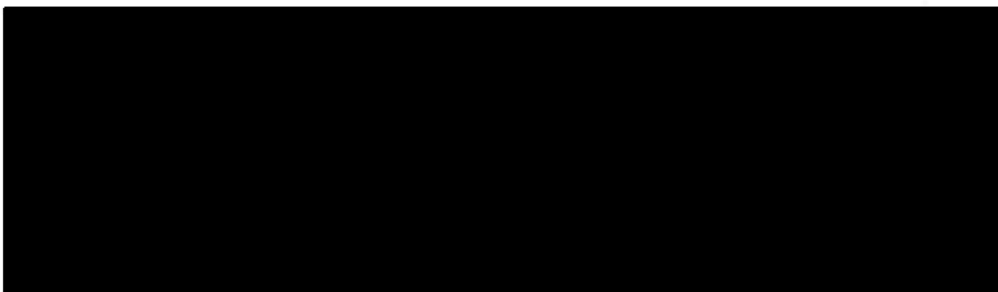
Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 14th July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Although the charity has no immediate use for a bank account, the Trustees are confident that they can open a fresh account when required. The Trustees consider that there are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The charity is not currently funded.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Scout Group has entitlement to the income, is certain of receipt and the amount to be received.

(d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Scout Group to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in kind except for the personal satisfaction of making a genuine difference to the lives of young people. No claim for expenses was made in the year and no expenses were paid to the Trustees in the year.

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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
	31	10	2023		31	10	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	
A1 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
A3 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	-	-	-	-	-	-

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

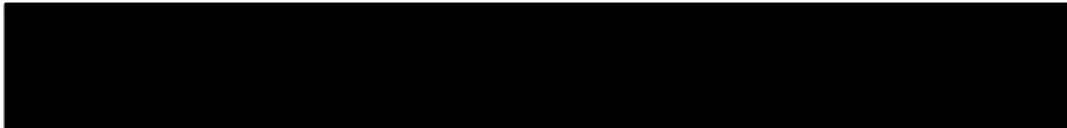
Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



28/7/25

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

The charity has no funds. The bank account has been closed by the bank through inactivity. The charity will have no funds until we have secured property on which to build the premises required.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants				
			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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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

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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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	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 £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds	