

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC002558

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice
Bureau

**West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charitable purposes are:

- the advancement of education;
- the advancement of health;
- the advancement of citizenship or community development;
- the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The organisation has been formed to benefit principally the area of West Dunbartonshire (the "area of benefit") with the following charitable objectives:

- the advancement of education through, but not limited to, providing individuals with information, clarification and understanding of legislation and their legal rights and responsibilities;
- the relief of those in need through, but not limited to, (i) assessing individuals' entitlement to welfare benefits; (ii) providing assistance in claiming benefits; and (iii) assisting individuals to appeal against refusal of benefits;
- the advancement of health through, but not limited to, providing a comprehensive advice service which seeks to address individuals' problems and thereby alleviates the injury to health, stress and anxiety caused by unsolved problems; and
- the advancement of community development through, but not limited to, recruiting, training and developing local citizens to be volunteers in and for the Bureau, who in turn assist members of the public within the area of benefit, and in doing so contribute to the development of the area of benefit.

Public benefit

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the financial statements as this cannot be reliably measured.

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**Report of the Trustees
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Review of activities

In the year 2023-2024, West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau advised and assisted 4,915 clients and dealt with 34,450 issues. This work generated just under £1.2 million in client financial gains (including debt write-offs). Our statistics are down on the previous year, but it is worth noting that, after months of speculation, in March 2023 we were notified that our core funding would be cut by 25%. As a result of the ongoing uncertainty, we lost three key staff members and could not retain the five temporary staff we had recruited the previous autumn.

Despite the cut to core funding, the efficiencies brought about by our pivot to telephone and digital services means we continue to exceed pre-lockdown numbers for clients and issues. Alongside continuing development of multi-channel services we tightly managed a gradual increase in the number of in-office and outreach face-to-face appointments.

We have successfully embedded a multi-channel approach with our face-to-face advice service being supplemented by digital and telephone advice and assistance (Freephone, Livechat, Email, Web enquiries). However, we are acutely aware that many people struggle with digital and remote service provision. We have been successful in securing funding for a number of projects which will enable us to deliver advice out in the community, at accessible locations.

MoneyTalkPlus

The MoneyTalkPlus (MTP) project targets specific groups, in line with the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Strategy, including outreach work in health settings, schools, etc:

- o Single Parent Families.
- o Families with an adult or child with Health Condition/Disability.
- o Larger Families (3+ children).
- o Minority ethnic families.
- o Families with a child under 1 year old.
- o Families where the mother is under 25 years old.

Safe and Warm

The Safe and Warm project, funded by SGN focuses on energy advice, including energy safety. As with the MTP project there are target groups (as above) - including a focus on the travelling community.

Advice for All

We have been successful in securing three-year funding from National Lottery to allow us to continue our partnership with Clydebank, Knowes and Dalmuir Park Housing Associations and now also Dunbritton and Trafalgar Housing Associations. Our successful bid also included a part-time post for some preventative work and a contribution from the HAs.

Advice in the Community

Our Advice in the Community initiative continues to thrive. Our work with various partners in a variety of venues gives us the chance to deliver advice in community settings - moving away from sometimes inaccessible town-centre advice services to advice and assistance at the heart of the community. In January 2024, we were awarded £90k by Robertson Trust to develop this service over the next three years.

Cash First

Along with Foodshare and Food for Thought we are participating in the West Dunbartonshire Council's Cash First project which runs for two years. Our role will be to offer benefit checks to clients who have received financial support from the Cash First project. We have been awarded £30k per annum to appoint a Caseworker.

Power of Attorney Project

This project, which commenced in October 2022, is funded by the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). Main referral partners in this project are Carers of West Dunbartonshire and Alzheimers Scotland. We have been granted interim, further short-term funding for 2024/25 with the aim of securing funding for the longer-term.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements show the overall position of the charity as at 31 March 2024, its incoming resources and the application of these resources for the year ended that date.

Income received during the year totalled £501,773 (2023 - £564,536) and expenditure totalled £491,257 (2023 - £605,345). A surplus of £10,516 was generated compared to a deficit of £40,809 in 2023.

Principal funding sources

The charity is largely dependent on the local authority as a key funder. In addition to core funding, where possible the charity seeks to attract additional funding from trusts and charities. Funding is received from Citizens Advice Scotland to deliver contracts awarded by Scottish and UK Governments. However, the principal funders remain West Dunbartonshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership and Scottish Government agencies.

Reserves policy

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves in order to ensure that the charity can continue to operate and meet the needs of clients in the event of unforeseen, and potentially damaging, financial circumstances arising. The Trustees therefore consider that the present level of reserves is sufficient to meet requirements of the charity.

The level of reserves as at 31 March 2024 totalled £179,292 (2023 - £168,776), made up of unrestricted reserves of £175,210 (2023 - £122,436) and restricted reserves of £4,082 (2023 - £46,340). Within unrestricted and restricted reserves, £628 (2023 - £1,462) and £2,057 (2023 - £1,016) respectively, equate to the net book value of assets which will only be distributable when the assets are disposed of. The remaining balance of restricted reserves will be distributable when the grant conditions have been made.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are sufficient cash resources and reserves at the year end. They have accessed all available support which has been available at local and national levels. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Risk assessments are made on a regular basis.

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

FUTURE PLANS

Funding remains a major concern. In March 2023 we were notified of a 25% cut in our core funding, with the likelihood that we'll face a similar cut in 2024. Nevertheless, Trustees are committed to taking West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau forward. Our strategic objectives are as follows:

- We will provide multi-channel access to information, advice and representation for the people of West Dunbartonshire.
- We will work in partnership with the wider third sector and local authority to mitigate the impact of changes to Social Security on the communities, families and individuals of West Dunbartonshire.
- We will build West Dunbartonshire CAB capacity to meet the demands on the service in order to deliver a first class service to the people of West Dunbartonshire.
- We will put in place a long term funding strategy to ensure the sustainability of the CAB service for the people of West Dunbartonshire

The journey towards a new normality began in 2021 and Trustees remain committed to building future services based on the lessons we learned during lockdown. Although many adjustments were forced on us by circumstances, there can be no doubt that the transformation in how we operated throughout lockdown brought many benefits, including for those clients who hadn't previously been in a position to access the CAB service locally. Indeed, 95% of client enquiries are now dealt with via telephone or by digital means.

As a result of the success of the switch to multi-channel service delivery the Trustees feel there is no longer a need for costly town-centre premises. Instead, the Trustees feel the Bureau's focus must be on ensuring that vulnerable clients, and those who are digitally excluded, must not lose out as a result of the switch to multi-channel services and that delivery of advice in local community settings will help to meet this objective.

The Trustees decided to close Bureau offices in Alexandria and Clydebank and to develop "Advice in the Community". These plans reflect the different models of service delivery. The Advice in the Community programme will enable staff to focus on delivery of advice services in local settings such as community centres, community venues and local libraries. Rather than spend increasing levels of funds on retaining under-used premises at a time of spiralling costs, the Bureau will prioritise recruiting and retaining staff and volunteers to ensure continued delivery of a vital service.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau is a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO) and registered as a Scottish charity, charity number SC002558. The charity was formed on 13 July 2000. On 8 January 2021, this SCIO was incorporated as a result of the conversion of a charitable company (Company name: West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau, company number: SC209080). It was formed under a Constitution which established its objects and powers.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board of Trustees are elected annually from its membership. There are two categories of membership; member trustee and co-opted trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is no more than 16; out of that no more than 13 shall be member trustees and no more than 3 shall be co-opted trustees. At any given time, no more than 50% of the charity trustees in office may be volunteers working for the Bureau. A person will not be eligible for appointment to the Board if they are an employee of the organisation. West Dunbartonshire Council may elect, from its members, a Councillor who is willing to so act as a charity trustee with voting rights. The minimum number of charity trustees is no less than 5.

A charity trustee, who as at the annual general meeting when he/she retires from a charity trustee has held office for a period of six years or more shall not be eligible for re-election as a charity trustee before the next AGM following retiral.

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for all operational aspects of the organisation.

The Chief Executive Officer provides regular written reports to the Board of Trustees which is responsible largely for the strategic management of the organisation. The Board also focuses on policy-making and the oversight function. In the period covered by this report there were four sub-committees active within the Bureau. These were:

- the Staffing sub-committee
- the Finance sub-committee
- the Governance sub-committee
- the Development Working Group

The nature and composition of these sub-committees can change as a result of external influences and/or changing needs. The powers of Trustees are as detailed in the Constitution.

Induction and training of new trustees

It is a requirement of membership of the Board of Trustees of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) that each new trustee agrees to undertake induction training. Induction training for the Trustees includes the following:

- aims and principles of the CAB service
- summary of legal responsibilities of the Board
- trustees' responsibilities
- the role of sub-committees
- responsibilities in relation to staff and volunteers
- how West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau services are organised
- quality management issues
- responsibility for planning and finance
- compliance risk issues

Induction training is conducted in-house, with occasional supplementary training for Trustees provided by Citizens Advice Scotland.

Key management remuneration

The Board do not consider any one individual to have responsibility as key management.

Wider network

West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau is a member of Citizens Advice Scotland and Trustees receive professional advice from K Noble, CAS Development Officer. West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau received core funding from West Dunbartonshire Council which is entitled to be represented at Board meetings. Meetings are also attended by West Dunbartonshire Council's nominated Monitoring Officer.

Related parties

The charity has one Trustee on the Board, who is employed by West Dunbartonshire Council, who are principal funders of the charity. The Trustees have put policies in place to manage any conflict of interest.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
SC002558

Principal address
Bridgend House
179 High Street
Dumbarton
G82 1NW

Trustees
Mrs B Pasquire
D Mitchell
Mrs I MacDonald
A Rennie
Ms C Rainey (resigned 6.9.23)
P Traynor
P Walsh
J McKay (resigned 19.7.23)
C Shaw (appointed 24.5.23)
Provost D McAllister (appointed 19.7.23)

Auditors
Gillespie & Anderson
Statutory Auditors
Chartered Accountants
147 Bath Street
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Bank of Scotland
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SCIO company number: CS004970

FRC number: 617484

Chief Executive Officer
Joe McCormack

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution, 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 charity will continue in business.

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

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The Auditors, Gillespie & Anderson, Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditors, have expressed a willingness to continue in office.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30/0/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Mrs I MacDonald - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 charity 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 charity'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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity 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

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

Our approach and assessment were as follows:

The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Enquire of management and review supporting documentation concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:

- identify, evaluate and comply with laws and regulations and their awareness of any instances of non-compliance;
- detect and respond to the risks of irregularities, fraud and their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- internal controls established to mitigate risks related to, unusual items, fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations Regulations 2011 and the applicable Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) together with health and safety regulations, employment legislation and data protection legislation.

Discuss among the engagement team how and where irregularities might occur in the financial statements and potential indicators of fraud. Identify potential audit risks in relation to income recognition, authorisation of expenses and possible management override of controls.

Communicate relevant identified laws and regulations and potential irregularity risks to all engagement team members and remain alert to any indications of unusual items, fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Review all Minutes of Meetings of those charged with governance, Reports and correspondence with HMRC and legal advisers.

Perform audit testing which covers the audit assumptions of: existence, completeness, rights and obligations, accuracy and valuation in respect of income recognition and expenditure incurred.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including disclosures, by performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to an irregularity or fraud. Agree financial statement disclosures to underlying documents.

Assess whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management override of controls and management bias, we: assess the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions identified through audit testing and assess where management judgement used in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias.

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There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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 charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



for and on behalf of Gillespie & Anderson
Statutory Auditors
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 30/10/2024

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2				
Main charitable activities		265,202	233,321	498,523	564,022
Other income	3	3,250	-	3,250	514
Total		<u>268,452</u>	<u>233,321</u>	<u>501,773</u>	<u>564,536</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Main charitable activities		194,083	297,174	491,257	605,345
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	74,369 (21,595)	(63,853) 21,595	10,516 -	(40,809) -
Net movement in funds		52,774	(42,258)	10,516	(40,809)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		122,436	46,340	168,776	209,585
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>175,210</u>	<u>4,082</u>	<u>179,292</u>	<u>168,776</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
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	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	2,685	2,478
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	42,874	12,638
Cash at bank		159,173	164,687
		<u>202,047</u>	<u>177,325</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(25,440)	(11,027)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>176,607</u>	<u>166,298</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		179,292	168,776
NET ASSETS		<u>179,292</u>	<u>168,776</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	16	175,210	122,436
Restricted funds		4,082	46,340
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>179,292</u>	<u>168,776</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30/10/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


Irene MacDonald - Trustee


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**Cash Flow Statement
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	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(3,214)	(42,911)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(3,214)</u>	<u>(42,911)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,300)	(3,364)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,300)</u>	<u>(3,364)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(5,514)	(46,275)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>164,687</u>	<u>210,962</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>159,173</u></u>	<u><u>164,687</u></u>

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	10,516	(40,809)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,093	3,670
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(30,236)	765
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	14,413	(6,537)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net cash used in operations	<u>(3,214)</u>	<u>(42,911)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	164,687	(5,514)	159,173
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	164,687	(5,514)	159,173
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>164,687</u>	<u>(5,514)</u>	<u>159,173</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) '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)', The Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations Regulations 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are sufficient cash resources and reserves at the year end.

Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in pound sterling (£), which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Trustees have made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported within the financial statements during the year. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Trustees estimates, assumptions and judgements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the financial statements are addressed and detail is provided in the associated notes.

Income

Donations and legacies consists of donations, grants and legacies. Donations are recognised when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt of the income is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from grants is recognised when the charity is entitled to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Legacy income is recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the amount has been quantified.

Charitable activities income is received for services offered as part of the charitable activities of the charity. Income from performance related grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliability.

Other income consists of income received which is outwith donations, legacies, charitable activities and other trading activities.

Expenditure

Expenditure has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis when a legal liability is incurred, payment of the liability is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. The amount includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered. VAT is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable activities comprise all resources expended undertaking work to meet the charity's charitable objectives. Such costs include the direct costs of charitable activities approved by the charity and all support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include direct resources expended in the general running of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These costs are allocated entirely to charitable activities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are allocated wholly to charitable activities. Whilst the Trustees recognise that a small part of some items of expenditure included in support costs do relate to indirect governance costs, they are of the opinion that the time and costs involved in performing such an analysis outweigh the potential benefits arising from any such work.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	- 25% on cost and 12.5% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

All tangible fixed assets having a use by the charity greater than one year are capitalised where the individual cost of the asset is greater than £500.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Funds are classified as either unrestricted fund or restricted funds, defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the Trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the Trustees discretion to apply the funds.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal process, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Financial instruments

The charity has no complex financial instruments but does hold basic financial instruments of; cash at bank, debtors and creditors.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. A bank overdraft would be shown within current liabilities.

Debtors are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less losses for bad debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases, trade and other debtors are stated at cost less losses for bad debts.

Creditors are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases, trade and other creditors are stated at cost.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Employee benefits

The total cost of employee benefits to which employees have become entitled as a result of service rendered to the entity during the reporting period are recognised and charged to the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment or to provide termination benefits.

Volunteers

In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the financial statements as this cannot be reliably measured.

Provision for liabilities

A provision is initially recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as the result of a past event, it is probable that there will be the transfer of funds in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. The provision is subsequently measured by placing a charge against the provision only for expenditure for which the provision was originally recognised.

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Main charitable activities	<u>498,523</u>	<u>564,022</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
West Dunbartonshire Council	271,852	368,116
East Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau	-	621
Citizens Advice Scotland	194,982	168,659
Other small grant	-	1,626
Bank Of Scotland Foundation	-	25,000
West Dunbartonshire HSCP	15,888	-
Aviva	5,161	-
National Lottery	10,640	-
	<u>498,523</u>	<u>564,022</u>

3. OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other income	<u>3,250</u>	<u>514</u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		Direct Costs (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
	Main charitable activities	318,468	172,789	491,257

5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2024 £	2023 £	
	Staff costs	298,489	357,787	
	Energy vouchers	18,782	16,871	
	Charges	1,197	1,824	
		<u>318,468</u>	<u>376,482</u>	

6. SUPPORT COSTS		Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
	Main charitable activities	165,669	7,120	172,789

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2024 Main charitable activities £	2023 Total activities £
Wages	88,636	105,882
Social security	6,534	8,368
Pensions	4,326	5,012
Rent	19,521	43,218
Rates and water	779	1,932
Insurance	4,129	4,369
Light and heat	2,822	4,778
Venue Hire	7,651	4,100
Post, stationery, telephone	8,480	9,649
Advertising	1,877	828
Sundries	1,947	1,489
Training & conferences	2,382	2,209
Premises expenses	995	1,326
Travel	1,112	903
Repairs & renewals	3,041	7,920
Equipment	2,666	5,952
Subscriptions	2,976	6,157
Professional fees	3,162	3,718
Bank charges	122	87
Computer expenses	418	412
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	2,093	3,670
	<u>165,669</u>	<u>221,979</u>

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6. SUPPORT COSTS - continued
Governance costs

	2024	2023
	Main charitable activities £	Total activities £
Auditors' remuneration	5,616	5,011
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,504	1,873
	<u>7,120</u>	<u>6,884</u>

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	5,616	5,011
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,504	1,873
	<u>7,120</u>	<u>6,884</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

9. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	354,545	423,530
Social security costs	26,135	33,473
Other pension costs	17,305	20,046
	<u>397,985</u>	<u>477,049</u>

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

	2024	2023
Case workers	10	13
Management & administration	5	5
	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>

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

Redundancy and termination payments of £5.6k (2023: nil) were made or contractually committed to during the year. Redundancy costs are recognised in the year for employees who have received written notification within the financial year confirming their redundancy. There were no ex-gratia payments included in these amounts.

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1	(1)	-
Charitable activities			
Main charitable activities	353,933	210,089	564,022
Other income	514	-	514
Total	<u>354,448</u>	<u>210,088</u>	<u>564,536</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Main charitable activities	385,862	219,483	605,345
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(31,414)	(9,395)	(40,809)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	153,852	55,733	209,585
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>122,438</u>	<u>46,338</u>	<u>168,776</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	1,765	699	9,978	12,442
Additions	-	-	2,300	2,300
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,765</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>12,278</u>	<u>14,742</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	1,542	698	7,724	9,964
Charge for year	223	1	1,869	2,093
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,765</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>9,593</u>	<u>12,057</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,685</u>	<u>2,685</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>223</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2,254</u>	<u>2,478</u>

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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	124	603
Accrued income	36,261	5,162
Prepayments	6,489	6,873
	<u>42,874</u>	<u>12,638</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>25,440</u>	<u>11,027</u>
Deferred income		
	£	£
As at 1 April 2023	-	-
Amounts released during the year	-	-
Amount deferred in current year	10,640	-
As at 31 March 2024	<u>10,640</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income relates to funding received in the year to 31 March 2024 for projects that will be delivered in the year to 31 March 2025.

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	24,800	24,800
Between one and five years	5,759	32,378
In more than five years	-	1,571
	<u>30,559</u>	<u>58,749</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	628	2,057	2,685	2,478
Current assets	198,462	3,585	202,047	177,325
Current liabilities	(23,880)	(1,560)	(25,440)	(11,027)
	<u>175,210</u>	<u>4,082</u>	<u>179,292</u>	<u>168,776</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Advice and Representation Services	122,436	74,369	(21,595)	175,210
Restricted funds				
Energy Hardship Fund	38,213	(38,213)	-	-
Gambling Support Fund	1,993	(1,993)	-	-
Money Talk Plus Fund	508	(250)	-	258
Safe Warm Fund	5,626	(5,368)	-	258
Food Insecurity	-	3,566	-	3,566
Advice for All Fund	-	(21,595)	21,595	-
	<u>46,340</u>	<u>(63,853)</u>	<u>21,595</u>	<u>4,082</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>168,776</u>	<u>10,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,292</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Advice and Representation Services	268,452	(194,083)	74,369
Restricted funds			
Pensionwise Project	3,282	(3,282)	-
Power of Attorney	15,888	(15,888)	-
Energy Hardship Fund	-	(38,213)	(38,213)
Gambling Support Fund	2,998	(4,991)	(1,993)
Money Talk Plus Fund	108,718	(108,968)	(250)
Safe Warm Fund	52,811	(58,179)	(5,368)
Aviva Project	5,161	(5,161)	-
Food Insecurity	23,823	(20,257)	3,566
Advice for All Fund	10,640	(32,235)	(21,595)
WDC - Cash First	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>233,321</u>	<u>(297,174)</u>	<u>(63,853)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>501,773</u>	<u>(491,257)</u>	<u>10,516</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
Advice and Representation Services	153,852	(31,416)	122,436
Restricted funds			
Financial Health Check Fund	16,702	(16,702)	-
Covid Fund	2,203	(2,203)	-
Energy Hardship Fund	34,047	4,166	38,213
RSL Fund	2,781	(2,781)	-
Gambling Support Fund	-	1,993	1,993
Money Talk Plus Fund	-	508	508
Safe Warm Fund	-	5,626	5,626
	<u>55,733</u>	<u>(9,393)</u>	<u>46,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,585</u>	<u>(40,809)</u>	<u>168,776</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Advice and Representation Services	354,448	(385,864)	(31,416)
Restricted funds			
Welfare Reform Project	21,323	(21,323)	-
Pensionwise Project	4,923	(4,923)	-
Financial Health Check Fund	14,390	(31,092)	(16,702)
Power of Attorney	5,162	(5,162)	-
Covid Fund	-	(2,203)	(2,203)
Post Covid Debt Fund	22,769	(22,769)	-
Energy Hardship Fund	22,861	(18,695)	4,166
RSL Fund	24,999	(27,780)	(2,781)
Gambling Support Fund	1,993	-	1,993
Money Talk Plus Fund	48,814	(48,306)	508
Safe Warm Fund	42,854	(37,228)	5,626
	<u>210,088</u>	<u>(219,481)</u>	<u>(9,393)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>564,536</u>	<u>(605,345)</u>	<u>(40,809)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Advice and Representation Services	153,852	42,953	(21,595)	175,210
Restricted funds				
Financial Health Check Fund	16,702	(16,702)	-	-
Covid Fund	2,203	(2,203)	-	-
Energy Hardship Fund	34,047	(34,047)	-	-
RSL Fund	2,781	(2,781)	-	-
Money Talk Plus Fund	-	258	-	258
Safe Warm Fund	-	258	-	258
Food Insecurity	-	3,566	-	3,566
Advice for All Fund	-	(21,595)	21,595	-
	<u>55,733</u>	<u>(73,246)</u>	<u>21,595</u>	<u>4,082</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,585</u>	<u>(30,293)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,292</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Advice and Representation Services	622,900	(579,947)	42,953
Restricted funds			
Welfare Reform Project	21,323	(21,323)	-
Pensionwise Project	8,205	(8,205)	-
Financial Health Check Fund	14,390	(31,092)	(16,702)
Power of Attorney	21,050	(21,050)	-
Covid Fund	-	(2,203)	(2,203)
Post Covid Debt Fund	22,769	(22,769)	-
Energy Hardship Fund	22,861	(56,908)	(34,047)
RSL Fund	24,999	(27,780)	(2,781)
Gambling Support Fund	4,991	(4,991)	-
Money Talk Plus Fund	157,532	(157,274)	258
Safe Warm Fund	95,665	(95,407)	258
Aviva Project	5,161	(5,161)	-
Food Insecurity	23,823	(20,257)	3,566
Advice for All Fund	10,640	(32,235)	(21,595)
WDC - Cash First	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>443,409</u>	<u>(516,655)</u>	<u>(73,246)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,066,309</u>	<u>(1,096,602)</u>	<u>(30,293)</u>

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16. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Unrestricted Fund

Advice & Representation Fund represents funds to operate the core objectives of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Pensionwise Project represents the provision of a free and impartial service assisting people to understand the new options introduced by the government regarding pensions.

Power of Attorney Fund represents funds received to raise awareness of the purpose and needs for a Power of Attorney to be set up.

Gambling Support Service represents advice and support offered to individuals affected by gambling related harms in Scotland. The project is funded by GambleAware for a period of 3 years.

Money Talk Plus Project represents fund received to provide benefits and debts advice on specific groups in line with the Scottish Government's child Poverty Strategy: single parent families; families with an adult or child with Health Condition/Disability; larger Families (3+ children); minority ethnic families; families with a child under 1 year old or families where the mother is under 25 years old.

Safe and Warm Project represents fund received to support advice on the energy prices to individuals, including minority ethnic families with low income affected by high energy costs during the winter months.

Aviva Project represents funds awarded to all Scottish CABs and WDCAB received a contribution towards operating costs.

Food Insecurity Fund (Citizens Advice Scotland Cash First) is an evaluation pilot project which seeks to test different ways of alleviating financial hardship through the use of cards and/or vouchers.

The Advice For All Fund project is a partnership with five local Housing Associations and seeks to support tenants experiencing financial hardship.

West Dunbartonshire Council - Cash First Fund is a partnership project which seeks to alleviate financial hardship through the award of grants to people in financial crisis.

The following funds were closed as the income was utilised in full:

Funds closed in the year to 31 March 2024:

Energy Hardship Fund represents income received to support advice on the energy prices to those with low income affected by high energy costs.

Funds closed in the year to 31 March 2023:

Financial Health Check Fund represents funds received to enable a project to be delivered to support for advice regarding individuals financial affairs.

Post Covid Debt Fund represents income received to support advice for managing debt incurred due to the consequence of covid and the associated impact on finance.

Welfare Reform Project represents funds received for recruitment of two Benefit Information Workers. These workers are responsible for assisting and supporting volunteers and vulncrable benefit claimants.

Transfers between funds

The transfer to the restricted project fund represents the unrestricted support costs allocated to this project which are funded by the unrestricted funds of the charity.

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17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £17,305 in the year (2023 - £20,046). As at 31 March 2024 and 2023 there were no outstanding pension contributions included in accrued charges.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustee, J Mackay, is an elected Councillor of West Dunbartonshire Council resigned on 19 July 2023 and D McAllister who is Provost of West Dunbartonshire Council was appointed on 19 July 2023. West Dunbartonshire Council are principal funders of the charity and these Trustees hold a position of influence and power over funding allocations. The total amount received from West Dunbartonshire Council in the year to 31 March 2024 was £271,852 (2023 - £349,136). The Trustees have full voting rights and the Board have put appropriate policies and safeguards in place to manage the conflict of interest.

There were no donations made to the Charity by Trustees during the year (2023: £nil).

19. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.