ANGUS COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER SC044695

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Trustees' Annual Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This is the sixth Trustees Annual Report for Angus Council Charitable Trust. This follows approval from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to consolidate 97 registered charities and 42 non-registered Trusts into a new single charity: Angus Council Charitable Trust. The charity was formed under a Deed of Trust dated 27 February 2014 and the transfer was effected as at 1 August 2014.

The Trustees present this annual report together with a statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2020.

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

| Charity Name | Angus Council Charitable Trust |
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| Charity Number | SC044695 |
| Principal / Contact Address | Angus Council Director of Finance Angus House Orchardbank Business Park Forfar Angus DD8 1AF |
| Trustees | Councillor Julie Bell Councillor Brian Boyd Councillor Kenny Braes Councillor Colin Brown Councillor David Cheape Councillor Braden Davy Councillor Lynne Devine Councillor Bill Duff Councillor Brenda Durno Councillor David Fairweather Councillor Craig Fotheringham Councillor Sheila Hands Councillor Alex King Councillor Ben Lawrie Councillor David Lumgair Councillor Angus Macmillan Douglas Councillor Mark McDonald Councillor Ian McLaren Councillor Rohyles Councillor Gavin Nicol Councillor Ronnie Proctor Councillor Mark Salmond Councillor Tommy Stewart Councillor Ron Sturrock Councillor Derek Wann Councillor Beth Whiteside |
| Auditor | Rachel Browne Senior Audit Manager Audit Scotland 4 th Floor, 102 West Port Edinburgh EH3 9DN |

| Investment Managers | Investec Wealth & Investment 15 Lauriston Place Edinburgh EH3 9EN |
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2. STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The Angus Council Charitable Trust is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

The charity is governed by a deed of trust, disposed and conveyed by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), dated 27 February 2014 and recorded in the Scottish Charity Register. The charity is administered in line with the terms contained within the deed of trust.

The trustees for the charity are all 28 members of Angus Council who were appointed on 16 May 2017 at its statutory meeting following the local government elections. The trust is split into seven geographical areas, based on the council's current ward boundaries (wards 6 and 7 are combined).

The Director of Legal & Democratic Services is the designated officer within Angus Council with responsibility for the proper administration of the charity. The Director of Finance is the designated officer within Angus Council with responsibility for the proper administration of the charity's financial affairs, including the maintenance of proper accounting records and ensuring that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS AND INVESTMENT POLICY

Decisions regarding the overall operation and management of the charity are taken by the Trustees on the basis of simple majority. Decisions regarding consideration of applications for support up to a level of £1,000 per application, have been delegated to the members for the relevant council ward and are also taken on the basis of simple majority.

The Trustees arrange for the funds of the charity to be held in an interest bearing account or otherwise invested in an appropriate manner and have agreed that this be carried out under the administration of Angus Council's Director of Finance.

The majority of the charity's cash is deposited with Angus Council's Loans Fund. Some is also invested in UK Government Bonds & Fixed Interest Securities and some is managed by an external investment manager in conjunction with Angus Council's Director of Finance.

In October 2019, the Trustees approved additional investment in the externally managed investment portfolio be made from the Trust's cash reserves in order to generate a better level of distributable income. Discussions on how best to implement this were underway, however these were overtaken by market reactions to the COVID-19 outbreak. Following discussion with the external investment manager, it was agreed that as a result of the market volatility created, the additional investment should be revisited at an appropriate point once the COVID-19 situation has sufficiently settled down.

4. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has no specific policy on the level of reserves that should be held, but does have the stated intention of only disbursing revenue resources. The Trustees do however have discretion to make payments from capital resources where they consider this appropriate. Decisions regarding payments from capital are not delegated and must be considered at a full meeting of the Trustees.

5. CHARITABLE PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of the charity as set out within the deed of trust are the prevention or relief of poverty; the advancement of education, health, citizenship or community development, arts, heritage, culture or science; the provision of recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended; the promotion of religious or racial harmony; the relief of those in need by the reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Income is received from investment returns and is expended on awards and operational costs, and where necessary the income is supplemented by revenue balances.

The charity awards grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals and grants, donations or gifts to organisations under the various charitable purposes detailed above. These grants are awarded following receipt of an application form which is submitted to the Trustees to be considered for cash support. The Trustees have sole discretion to approve applications and award support, subject to sufficient revenue funds being available.

6. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received.

In the year to 31 March 2020, the charity received investment income of £2,270, bank interest of £6,048 and benefited from transfers from endowment funds of £2,009. It incurred operating costs amounting to £15,509 and paid out no charitable awardsl. The transfers from the endowment funds were undertaken to ensure that the unrestricted funds did not have negative balances.

At 31 March 2020 the charity held long-term investments valued at £54,950 and cash and bank balances totalling £564,392. The value of the investments overall has fallen by 10% in 2019/20 as a result of the coronavirus and the impact that it has had on equity markets around the world. The value of investments decreased by £5,994 from £60,944 in 2018/19 to £54,950 in 2019/20.

7. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity plans to continue to manage its resources to provide grants, loans, gifts and donations to applicants that satisfy its requirements.

8. STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practices (FRS102) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- keep adequate accounting records that are up to date
- take reasonable steps to ensure the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure of information to the auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information, and to establish that the auditor is aware of the information.

9. DECLARATION

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24 November 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

| lan Lorimer CPFA Director of Finance Angus Council | Councillor Lynne Devine Trustee |
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended $31^{\rm st}$ MARCH 2020

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds 2019/20 | Endowment Funds 2019/20 £ | Total Funds 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|---|------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Income from: | | | | | |
| Donations | 10 | 0 | | 0 | 3,000 |
| Investment Income | 6 | 2,270 | | 2,270 | 2,294 |
| Bank Interest | 6 | 6,048 | | 6,048 | 5,237 |
| Total | | 8,318 | 0 | 8,318 | 10,531 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Investment Management | 9 | 902 | | 902 | 900 |
| Charitable Activities – Grants / | 7 | 0 | | 0 | 5,000 |
| Donations | | | | | |
| Audit Fee | 10 | 3,000 | | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Finance Support | 8 | 8,804 | | 8,804 | 7,674 |
| Administration Support | 8 | 2,803 | | 2,803 | 4,550 |
| Total | | 15,509 | 0 | 15,509 | 21,124 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | | 0 | (5,502) | (5,502) | 128 |
| Net Income / (Expenditure) | | (7,191) | (5,502) | (12,693) | (10,465) |
| Transfer between funds | 6 | 2,009 | (2,009) | 0 | 0 |
| Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets | | | 0 | 0 | (120) |
| Other gains / (losses) | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Net Movement in Funds | | (5,182) | (7,511) | (12,693) | (10,585) |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | | | | |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 28,354 | 601,200 | 629,554 | 640,139 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | | 23,172 | 593,689 | 616,861 | 629,554 |

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 2020

| As at 31st March 2019 | | As at 31st March 2019 | | | Note | As at 31st Ma | rch 2020 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---|---------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| £ | £ | | | £ | £ | | |
| | | Fixed Assets: | | | | | |
| | 60,944 | Investments | 2 | | 54,950 | | |
| | | Current Assets: | | | | | |
| 462 | | Debtors | 4 | 519 | | | |
| 2,801 | | Premier Investment Account | 2 | 2,391 | | | |
| 565,347 | | Cash Balance due by Angus | 2 | 562,001 | | | |
| | | Council Loans Fund | | | | | |
| | 568,610 | Total Current Assets | | | 564,91 1 | | |
| | | Liabilities: | | | | | |
| | 0 | Creditors: Amounts falling due | | | 3,000 | | |
| | | within one year | 5 | | | | |
| | 568,610 | Net Current Assets | | | 561,91 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 629,554 | Total Net Assets | | | 616,86 | | |
| | | The funds of the charity: | | | | | |
| | 601,200 | Endowment funds | 3 | | 593,689 | | |
| | 28,354 | Unrestricted funds | 3 | | 23,172 | | |
| | 629,554 | Total charity funds | | | 616,86 | | |

All of the charity's activities are continuing.

The Notes to the Financial Statements on page 8 to 12 form part of these Financial Statements.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24 November 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

| Ian Lorimer CPFA Director of Finance Angus Council | Councillor Lynne Devine Trustee |
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Basis of Preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102, 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. The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received.

Note 2: Accounting Policies

Cash and Bank Balances

During the year all of the charity's cash was held by Angus Council, which manages the administration of the funds on the charity's behalf. The Council also acts as banker for the charity and all incoming and outgoing transactions are made via the Council's accounting and banking systems. This cash is repayable on demand and interest is payable on the balance held.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value as at 31 March 2020 as provided in a report by the investment manager and as determined by the Director of Finance with reference to relevant market price data.

Investments are primarily held by the external investment manager and are managed with an income return investment objective under a cautious with risk basis. A number of government treasury stocks and gilts are however also directly held with the intention to hold these to maturity to protect the underlying capital value.

The value of the investments overall has fallen by 10% in 2019/20. This is due to the new coronavirus and the destructive impact that it has had on equity markets around the world.

Note 3: Nature and Purpose of Funds

Angus Council Charitable Trust holds its funds for specific ring-fenced charitable purposes within specific geographic areas based on the Council Ward boundaries. Decisions regarding the disbursement of these ring-fenced funds is taken by the local members for the relevant Ward. The charitable narratives detailed within the tables below are considered to describe the nature and purpose of the funds. The expendable endowment fund is the charity's capital account, held in both cash and investments. Trustees are not prohibited from expending these funds, however the Trustees operate an informal policy of retaining these funds to generate distributable income and only expending these funds in exceptional circumstances. The following table details the closing balance for 2018/19 and the 2019/20 closing balance for the endowment funds.

| Endowment Funds Closing Balance 31/3/19 £ | ENDOWMENT FUNDS | | Endowment Funds Closing Balance 31/3/20 £ |
|---|---|--------|---|
| Ward 1 | Kirriemuir and Dean | Ward 1 | |
| | | | |
| 33,070 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 11 | 32,956 |
| 264 | Provision of Recreational Facilities / Activities | 12 | 264 |
| 24,339 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 1) | 13 | 24,123 |
| 1,260 | Advancement of Education | 14 | 1,260 |
| 5,311 | Advancement of Citizenship /Community | 15 | 5,311 |

| 297 1,019 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and | 16 | 297 |
|-----------------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 ∩10 | Science | | 2// |
| 1,017 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) | 17 | 1,019 |
| | , | | |
| | Brechin and Edzell | Ward 2 | |
| 23,525 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 21 | 23,316 |
| · | Relief of those in Need (St Drostan's Court) | 22 | |
| 2,572 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 2) | 23 | 2,572 |
| 4,949 15,205 | Advancement of Education | 24 | 4,949 15,205 |
| 92,885 | Advancement of Citizenship /Community | 25 | 92,885 |
| 6,139 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and | 26 | 6,117 |
| 0,137 | Science Inglis Memorial Hall | 20 | 0,117 |
| 490 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 27 | 490 |
| 547 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) | 28 | 547 |
| | | W1 2 | |
| | Forfar and District | Ward 3 | |
| 2,352 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 31 | 2,352 |
| 117 | Provision of Recreational Facilities / Activities | 32 | 117 |
| 7,581 | Relief of those in Need (The Gables) | 33 | 7,581 |
| 54,845 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 3) | 34 | 54,359 |
| 1,088 | Advancement of Education | 35 | 1,088 |
| | Monifieth and Sidlaw | Ward 4 | |
| 0.000 | December 4 Delle Col December | 41 | 0.000 |
| 9,228 | Prevention / Relief of Poverty | 41 | 9,228 |
| 3,210 | Advancement of Education | 42 | 3,210 |
| | Carnoustie and District | Ward 5 | |
| 18.729 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 51 | 18,729 |
| 402 | Provision of Recreational Facilities / Activities | 52 | 403 |
| 24,268 | Relief of those in Need (Kinloch Court) | 53 | 24,268 |
| 10,343 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 5) | 54 | 10,343 |
| | | 55 | 2,564 |
| 8,268 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 56 | 8,268 |
| | (War Memorials) | | |
| | Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham | Ward 6 & 7 | |
| E0 000 | Droventian and relief of Deverty | /1 | E0 000 |
| 50,020 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 61 | 50,020 |
| 7,262 | Relief of those in Need (General for Wards 6 &7) | 62 | 7,262 |
| 1,518 1,273 | Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 63 | 1,518 1,273 |
| | - | Ward 0 | • |
| | Montrose and District | Ward 8 | |
| 63,437 | Prevention and Relief of Poverty | 81 | 62,876 |
| 45,284 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 8) | 82 | 44,882 |
| 2,341 | Advancement of Citizenship / Community | 83 | 2,341 |
| 2 71 4 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 84 | 3,714 |
| 3,714 | (War Memorials) | l l | |

| 601.200 | TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS - ACCT | | 593.689 |
|---------|------------------------------|----|---------|
| | | | |
| 1,644 | Advancement of Education | 92 | 1,644 |
| 69,840 | Relief of those in Need | 91 | 64,338 |
| | | | |

The unrestricted funds are the charity's revenue account, held in cash, and are available in their entirety to meet the charity's objectives. The following table details the closing balance for 2018/19 and the 2019/20 closing balance for the unrestricted funds.

| Unrestricted Funds Closing Balance 31/3/19 £ | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | Unrestricted Funds Closing Balance 31/3/20 £ |
|--|---|--------|--|
| | Kirriemuir and Dean | Ward 1 | _ |
| 1.57 | Description and relief of Description | 1.1 | |
| 156 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 11 | 0 |
| 34 | Provision of Recreational Facilities / Activities | 12 | 31 |
| <u>0</u> 454 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 1) Advancement of Education | 13 | 438 |
| | Advancement of Citizenship /Community | 15 | |
| 901 479 | | | 845 |
| 4/9 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 16 | 472 |
| 460 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and | 17 | 447 |
| | Science (War Memorials) | | |
| | Brechin and Edzell | Ward 2 | |
| | | | |
| 0 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 21 | 0 |
| 582 | Relief of those in Need (St Drostan's Court) | 22 | 554 |
| 1,455 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 2) | 23 | 1,398 |
| 2,918 | Advancement of Education | 24 | 2,757 |
| 2,065 | Advancement of Citizenship /Community | 25 | 1,223 |
| 33 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science Inglis Memorial Hall | 26 | 0 |
| 89 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 27 | 84 |
| 532 | Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) | 28 | 522 |
| | Forfar and District | Ward 3 | |
| | | | |
| 244 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 31 | 221 |
| 27 | Provision of Recreational Facilities / Activities | 32 | 29 |
| 1,202 | Relief of those in Need (The Gables) | 33 | 1,124 |
| 0 | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 3) | 34 | 0 |
| 31 | Advancement of Education | 35 | 21 |
| | Monifieth and Sidlaw | Ward 4 | |
| 977 | Prevention / Relief of Poverty | 41 | 897 |
| 402 | Advancement of Education | 42 | 370 |
| | Carnoustie and District | Ward 5 | |
| 192 | Prevention and relief of Poverty | 51 | 24 |
| 69 | Provision of Recreational Facilities / Activities | 52 | 65 |

| Relief of those in Need (Kinloch Court) | 53 | 695 |
|--|--|--|
| Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 5) | 54 | 428 |
| Advancement of Citizenship / Community | 55 | 565 |
| Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 56 | 1,167 |
| (War Memorials) | | |
| | | |
| Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham | Ward 6 | |
| | & 7 | |
| | | |
| | | 1,871 |
| | | 916 |
| | + | 272 |
| Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science | 64 | 56 |
| | | |
| | | |
| Montrose and District | wara 8 | |
| Provention and Poliof of Poverty | Q 1 | 0 |
| | | 0 |
| , | | 383 |
| | | 718 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 04 | 710 |
| (Trai Memorials) | | |
| | Angus | |
| | Wide | |
| | | |
| Relief of those in Need | 91 | 4,566 |
| Advancement of Education | 92 | 13 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 5) Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham Prevention and relief of Poverty Relief of those in Need (General for Wards 6 & 7) Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science Montrose and District Prevention and Relief of Poverty Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 8) Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) Relief of those in Need | Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 5) Advancement of Citizenship / Community 55 Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) Arbroath East & Lunan and Arbroath West & Letham Prevention and relief of Poverty Relief of those in Need (General for Wards 6 & 7) Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science Montrose and District Ward 8 Prevention and Relief of Poverty Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 8) Prevention and Relief of Poverty Relief of those in Need (General for Ward 8) Advancement of Citizenship / Community Advancement of Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science (War Memorials) Angus Wide Relief of those in Need Relief of those in Need |

Note 4: Debtor

The account balances at 31 March 2020 detailed in the tables above include a debtor balance on Account 91 Relief of those in Need of £519. The debtor balance in 2018/19 was £462.

Note 5: Creditor

The account balances include a creditor balance of £3,000 which relates to the audit fee.

Note 6: Income

Income amounting to £8,318 was received overall. Income was received from investments of £2,270 and £6,048 was received from Angus Council in respect of cash deposited with the Council's Loans Fund.

There was also a transfer of £2,009 from the Endowments funds to the Unrestricted funds. This was to ensure that none of the unrestricted funds were in deficit.

Note 7: Grant Awards

During the financial year to 31 March 2020 there were no grants awarded. Grants amounting to £5,000 were awarded in 2018/19.

Note 8: Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Related Party Transactions

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees or any connected persons during the year.

The charity was charged £11,607 by Angus Council in respect of Finance £8,804 and Administration support £2,803. The comparative charge in 2018/19 was £12,224 (Finance £7,674 and Administration support £4,550)

Note 9: Management Fee

The investment management fee relating to financial year 2019/20 was £902 and was borne by the charity. The investment management fee relating to financial year 2018/19 was £900.

Note 10: Audit Fee

The audit fee for 2019/20 was £3,000 and was borne by the Charity. The audit fee for 2018/19 was met by Angus Council and was treated as a donation and was included as expenditure within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Angus Council Charitable Trust and the Accounts Commission

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Angus Council Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet 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 the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2020 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

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require me to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties
 that may cast significant doubt about ability of the charity to continue to adopt the going concern
 basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial
 statements are authorised for issue.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, 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 deemed inappropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My 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 an auditor's report that includes my 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.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Other information in the statement of accounts

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission or required by applicable law to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read all the other information in the statement of accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on other requirements

Opinion on matter prescribed by the Accounts Commission

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Rachel Browne Senior Audit Manager Audit Scotland 4th Floor 102 West Port Edinburgh EH3 9DN

Rachel Browne is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973