

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEE BOARD AND UNION INFORMATION

Charitable Status

Reading University Students' Union ('RUSU') is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (company number 8840709) which was formally registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in September 2014 (registration number 1158523).

Registered Office/Principle Address

Reading University Students' Union. PO Box 230, Whiteknights. Reading, Berkshire, RG6 6AZ.

The Board of Trustees

The Directors of RUSU are its Trustees for the purposes of Charity Law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees. The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end are as follows:

Officer Trustees

To 28.06.20

President (Chair)
Education Officer
Welfare Officer
Activities Officer
Diversity Officer

Molli Cleaver
Florence Bangham
Gemma King
Daisy O'Connor
Zeid Sharif

From 29.06.20

President (Chair)
Education Officer
Welfare Officer
Activities Officer
Diversity Officer

Rachel Osbourne
George Ingram
Bandana Karki
Alexander Rose
Rachel Wates

Student Trustees

To 28.06.20

Lillie-Mae Firmin
William Page
Serhan Wade
Joshua Yelland

From 29.06.20

Sheldon Allen
Cait Pilkington
Mike Phillips
James Wilson

External Trustees

Iain Franklin (until 31.08.19)
Mark Stoddart (from 16.09.15)
Frances McConnell (from 03.10.17)
Jack Maddock (from 07.08.19)

Debra Soper (from 26.10.20)
Tim Bertram (from 26.10.20)
Ray Ellison (from 26.10.20)

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Reading University Students' Union (RUSU) appointed a Chief Executive, Ryan Bird on 17 February 2020, who supports the Officer Trustees and the Trustee Board. The day-to-day management of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive who manages RUSU by implementing the policy and strategy adopted by and within a budget approved by the Trustees and, where appropriate, advises the Trustees in relation to such policy, strategy and budget. During part of the current year the Deputy Chief Executive fulfilled this role.

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The Board of Trustees, who act as Directors for the purposes of Company Law, present their Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2020 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act Purposes. The administrative information is set out on pages 1 and 2, together with the audited accounts for the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

RUSU operates on democratic principles, with policy and campaigns being acted upon by the five Officer Trustees.

During the academic year full members have the opportunity to bring forward ideas for policies and campaigns using the online 'Change It' portal. These submissions are reviewed in the first instance by the Ideas Feasibility Group, discussed at Management Committee and referred to the Trustee Board as necessary.

Policy and Campaigns submissions that are eligible are then put to an online vote. The policy that exceeds quorum and receives the highest number of votes becomes RUSU Policy for two years. The Officer Trustees are mandated to campaign on the winning campaign for at least two years or until the campaign aim is achieved.

Governance

RUSU is constituted under the Education Act and the Regulations of the University of Reading. The primary aim of RUSU is the advancement of education of students at the University of Reading for the public benefit. RUSU is governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association (Constitution) and supporting Bye Laws.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic direction, governance and financial sustainability of RUSU. The Board is made up of five Officer Trustees, four Student Trustees and up to five External Trustees. The Officer Trustees and two of the Student Trustees are elected by and from the students of the University of Reading each year, through a cross-campus secret ballot, and serve in office for one year.

The External Trustees and the remaining two Student Trustees are recruited to the Board and are recommended to the Board by the Appointments Committee. The External Trustees are recruited to the Board to bring a wider perspective and skill set from outside RUSU. A term in office for an External Trustee lasts for up to three years and they may be reappointed for a second term up to a maximum total of six years.

The Student Trustees are appointed for a term in office of one year and they must be registered students for the duration of their term in office. They are selected on the basis of their skills, knowledge and experience, taking into account the demographics of the elected student Board members.

Upon appointment, all trustees receive an induction, which includes their legal obligations and other trustee responsibilities and is tailored according to their knowledge and experience. The Officer Trustees receive a more intensive and in-depth induction and training programme as they have a variety of responsibilities in the Students' Union, University and local community in addition to their unpaid Trustee roles.

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The Trustee Board has overall responsibility for the effective governance of the organisation. Trustees are collectively responsible for the following key decisions:

- Management, appraisal and appointment of the Chief Executive
- Approving and monitoring progress towards the annual budget
- Ensuring that the organisation is working towards its strategic objectives
- Monitoring and taking action to mitigate organisational risks
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the Board
- Overseeing the work of its sub-committees

The Board of Trustees is supported in its work by its sub-committees which meet regularly throughout the year. The main committees and their roles are:

The Finance Committee monitors financial performance against agreed budgets and investigates any significant variances. It is also responsible for making recommendations to the Trustee Board relating to the annual budget, major capital projects, investment decisions and the Reserves Policy. The Committee also reviews the annual cost of living award for the permanent staff team. The remuneration of all staff including key management personnel is linked to an organisational pay scheme. All staff are appraised annually and if they have achieved their objectives they move up to the next salary point unless they have already reached the top of their band. This salary scale is reviewed on a periodic basis by an external consultant to ensure that there is parity between the individual bands and also to benchmark against key external groups.

The Elections Committee oversees the planning, promotion and administration of all elections to representative positions.

The Policy and Procedures Committee reviews and updates all organisational policies and makes recommendations to the Trustee Board.

The Appointments Committee oversees the recruitment of External Trustees, appointed Student Trustees and the Chief Executive as required. Recommendations for appointment are presented to the Board.

The Appeals Committee meets as required to hear appeals relating to the removal from office of an appointed trustee.

The Ideas Feasibility Group reviews the campaign and policy proposals submitted by students through the 'Change It!' portal to ensure that they are in the best interests of the organisation and its membership.

More operational decisions are delegated to the Management Committee which consists of the Officer Trustees and members of the Senior Management Team by invitation.

The Trustee Board has overall governance responsibility for the charity with the President acting as line manager for the Chief Executive (senior staff member). The core functions of RUSU alongside its fund-raising activities are managed and run by a team of experienced and dedicated staff who work towards fulfilling the organisation's charitable objects. A number of departments also employ teams of student staff which alongside providing valuable income and employability skills for students also ensure that our services remain student focused.

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Relationship with Subsidiary Companies

Little Learners at RUSU Ltd (company number 03723877) and **RUSU Trading Limited** (company number 08308331) are both limited liability companies wholly owned by Reading University Students' Union. Little Learners at RUSU Ltd operates a day nursery which provides childcare exclusively for students and staff at the University of Reading. RUSU Trading Limited operates a number of services for non-students which are classed as non-primary purpose trading.

Relationship with the University of Reading

Under the Education Act 1994, the University of Reading has a statutory duty to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that RUSU operates in a fair and democratic manner and is held to account for its finances. A code of practice within the University Calendar governs the formal interaction between the two organisations. RUSU is also required to seek University Council approval, through the Student Experience Committee for any changes to its Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), its budget, audited accounts and Officer Trustee elections report.

Relationship with the National Union of Students

RUSU is a member of the NUS and pays an annual affiliation fee to access training, resources and centrally negotiated purchasing agreements. RUSU, where appropriate works, with the NUS in pursuit of some of its charitable objects mainly related to campaigning on national student issues.

Financial Review

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (page 14) outlines the income and expenditure for RUSU during the financial year of 2019-20. Total income was £4,382k (2018-19: £5,414) and total expenditure before movement in Pension Deficit was £4,425k (2018-19: £5,145k), resulting in a deficit of £43k. Following the most recent actuarial valuation, a new deficit funding agreement has been drawn up. RUSU's liability has increased, resulting in a £515k movement in Pension Deficit, bringing expenditure to £4,940k (2018-19: £5,184). RUSU has therefore reported an overall deficit of £558k for 2019-20 (2018-19: £230k surplus).

Income streams performed well in the first half of the year but COVID-19 had a significant impact on our operations from March onwards, with the majority of our commercial areas closed.

The Student Social Venues and Events had reported a deficit of £264k, largely due to no events (including the summer ball) taking place from 17th March 2020. Income was £1,180k (2018-19: £1,937k) and expenditure of £1,444k (2018-19: £1,855k).

The Business Development department, which focuses on generating new income from the RUSU facilities delivered an income level of £164k (2018-19: £299k). The overall contribution to the surplus was £10k (2018-19: £50k). The income for the Marketing and Sponsorship department was £33k (2018-19: £29k) but an increased contribution to Overhead Support resulted in a deficit for the year of £258k (2018-19: £237k).

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Little Learners Nursery continued to struggle this financial year and produced an overall loss of £31k (2018-19: 57k) when including the management charge levied by RUSU. Excluding this charge, the surplus stood at £13,579 (2018-19: £451). Following an external review in 2018-19 a number of changes were made to ensure the long-term viability of the nursery, these included a new approach to fees and improved utilisation of staff and space. These changes were having a positive impact in the first half of the year. From March onwards COVID-19 had a significant impact with a closure period of 10 weeks followed by a slow uptake of places once the nursery had reopened at the end of June. With a reduced uptake on places a staffing restructure was undertaken which will reduce permanent staff costs from 2020-21 onwards. This continues to be a very difficult industry in which to operate but RUSU remains committed to providing high quality childcare on campus.

The net cost of Student Activities groups was £524k (2018-19: £549k). The support offered in terms of Student Democracy and Representation and Advice Services also increased in cost and capacity due to an increase in staffing.

The Support Services department, which provides the majority of non-student facing activities and ensures the organisation is able to effectively support its members. The department increased its costs to £1,204k (2018-19: 949k) with a number of factors contributing to this including increases in irrecoverable VAT, central staffing costs and staff redundancies.

Reserves Policy

The RUSU Reserves Policy is reviewed on a periodic basis by the Finance Committee and any recommendations for change are discussed at Trustee Board level. The policy states that RUSU should hold reserves equivalent to three months operating expenses which equates to approximately £550k.

The current level of net current assets is £2,204k (2018-19: 2,920k) which does not take into account the Fixed Assets of £620k (2018-19: 774k) as these are only accessible following the sale of these assets. The inclusion of the overall pension deficit and the outstanding loans to the University reduce the overall net assets to £946k (2018-19: 1,504k).

The General Reserve amounts to £1,927k and Restricted Funds amount to £15k. Designated Reserves are made up of the following: Student Activity Groups balances, funds set aside for development of the building and the funds tied up in existing fixed assets. There is also a negative designated pension reserve representing the long term pension deficit provision.

The current level of the general reserve is on target. This figure is monitored by the Finance Committee and planned expenditure, such as the RUSU contribution toward the costs of the building developments are designated from this excess to ensure that we are able to continually improve the quality of the services and facilities we provide to the membership.

Funding

A significant funding source is the University of Reading which provides a grant payment each year based on student numbers, a Retail Price Index calculation and the inclusion of any additional funds to cover special projects. The total grant for the current year is £1,565k and this income is used alongside the surplus from Charitable Activities to provide support, services and extra-curricular activities for Reading students in line with our Charitable Objects. This is the final year of additional funding agreed as part of the closure of RUSU's retail unit.

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Investments

The RUSU Investments Policy which was agreed during the 2015/16 financial year and has the following investment objectives:

- To increase the capital value of any investment with a minimum level of risk;
- To ensure that any investment provides a higher return than the main deposit account;
- and
- To ensure that any invested assets are readily available to meet the requirements of the Reserves Policy

Reserves Policy

The policy includes a commitment to investing responsibly to ensure that the student membership is satisfied that the funds are being invested in line with our commitment to ensuring high standards of ethical and environmental behaviour. The policy is based on negative screening model to exclude companies, such as tobacco, arms and fossil fuels, that RUSU either has policy against or are not in line with our Ethical & Environmental policy.

Pension Liabilities

The defined benefit pension provision is included on the Balance Sheet to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The overall impact of this inclusion is £1,824k (2018-19: £1,059k). Despite the inclusion of this substantial amount the considerable level of the accumulated reserves, noted above, ensure that RUSU remains a going concern.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees reviews the major strategic, operational and reputational risks faced by the organisation on an annual basis or as required. The Risk Management Policy notes the major risks and identifies both their probability and likely impact on the organisation. On behalf of the Trustees, senior managers regularly review major risks and mitigating measures.

In 2019-20 the Trustee Board responded to a number of risks such as:

- The immediate and long-term impact of COVID-19 on RUSU and its sustainability
- Staffing matters, including the restructure of the senior management team
- The financial viability of Little Learners Nursery

Systems and procedures are designed and put in place to mitigate the risks.

Financial and control risks are mitigated through a robust budget management process and supporting Financial Procedures for the authorisation and processing of transactions. Procedures are also in place to ensure the health and safety of staff, volunteers and participants in all activities organised by RUSU. The Trustees believe that all major risks are appropriately addressed. The Risk Register is reviewed on an annual basis as a minimum.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The primary aim of RUSU is the advancement of education of students at the University of Reading for the public benefit. RUSU achieves this through:

- promoting the interests and welfare of students of the University of Reading during their course of study and representing, supporting and advising students;
- being the recognised representative channel between students and the University of Reading and any other external bodies; and
- providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for discussions and debate for the personal development of students.

In order to achieve these aims RUSU focuses on its mission and values.

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RUSU is a student-led charity which exists to support students and enhance their University experience.

- We are accountable to our members;
- We aim to provide inclusive services and facilities;
- We are a dynamic forward thinking organisation; and
- We act with integrity.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The three-year Strategic Operating Plan created and approved by the Trustee Board is based on the organisation's Charitable Objects.

RUSU provides a variety of services and activities for students including:

Student Advice

RUSU provides a free and confidential specialist advice service to our members in the areas of Academic, Housing and Money issues. The level of demand continues to increase in all areas with a particular focus on Academic issues. Prior to March 2020, the Advice team operate an appointments system, drop in sessions and telephone/Skype conversation, but this changed to operating virtually (via email, telephone or Teams) after the move from the office to working from home.

The team are professionally trained staff and members of a number of professional bodies including: Advice UK, National Association of Student Money Advisers (NASMA), and National Homelessness Advice Service (NHAS). The Money Advisers undertake relevant training to ensure that they meet the Money Advice Standards.

The Advice Service was initially awarded the Advice Quality Standard (AQS) in 2013 and has maintained this accreditation to date with another successful assessment in January 2020. The AQS is awarded to organisations who give advice to members of the public on legal issues and is reassessed every two years. The Advice Service is also registered with the Financial Conduct Authority, which enables it to provide debt advice to students.

During 2019/20 our advisers supported 312 Postgraduate students and 833 undergraduate students and overall the impact of the service meant that students were better off by almost £80k. The Advice Service responded to 891 emails via their email address or their online client form.

Advice cases opened in 2019/20 fall in to three main categories:

- 45% Academic advice. The majority of Academic Advice cases were related to supporting students through the University appeals process;
- 28% Housing advice. Of these, the majority are related to proving contract advice to students; and
- 24% Money advice. The main issue students sought Money advice for was concerning Council Tax.

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Student Activities

RUSU provides support and funding to a diverse mix of activity groups which range from traditional sports and student media to cultural and academic societies. Overall 2,758 students were involved in sports, 4,287 in societies, 245 in volunteering to support 14 projects and 192 involved in Student Media.

In addition to these groups RUSU also provides opportunities for students to get involved in a variety of community-based activities and to raise money for charity through the Raise and Give (RAG) group. RAG raised a total of £6,913 for local and national causes.

Representation and Campaigning

RUSU is led by a team of five full-time Officer Trustees who undertake this role after graduating or by taking a sabbatical year during their degree. The Officers listen to the views of the thousands of students on campus and represent the student voice on campus, in the local community and nationally.

Each year the Officer Trustee team develop a list of priorities based on their individual manifestos that represent the core issues for their year in Office. The Officer Trustee priorities for the 2019-20 academic year were:

- Engagement: involving embracing different cultures, engaging the whole student community and increasing democratic engagement.
- Wellbeing: involving supporting students mental health, developing student social culture, improving safety on campus, developing student community and improving student experience of accommodation.
- Facilities: involving developing academic spaces, improving outdoor facilities and reducing environmental impact.
- The overall theme is sustainability: RUSU will be environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. RUSU will meet the needs of current students without compromising the needs of future students.

The Officer Trustees are supported in their role by a team of Part Time Officers who represent and campaign for the rights of students who are under-represented or discriminated against.

RUSU also supports the work of 445 undergraduate and postgraduate Course Representatives alongside 48 undergraduate and postgraduate School level Representatives who are elected by their peers each year to work with the University to improve the academic experience.

Outlets and Services

RUSU provides a variety of services from many different outlets in and around the Students' Union building. The main entertainment venues are the 3sixty venue, Café Mondial, Mojós Bar and the flexible Monterey Lounge space. These venues give RUSU an overall capacity of 2,600 people which enable the venue team to provide a wide range of student focused events from small activity group sessions to running the largest and most successful night time venue in Reading.

The main building also includes a number of Franchise Spaces including Blackwells bookstore, a hairdresser and a dissertation binding service. These facilities provide a range of services to students and also provide a consistent income stream to support the student facing facilities.

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Little Learners at RUSU

RUSU also operates a 106 place nursery which cares for the children of students and University staff. The most recent Ofsted inspection rated the setting, which takes children from 3 months to 5 years, as Good.

2019-20 Review

COVID-19 had a significant impact on RUSU In the second half of 2019-20. From 17th March 2020 RUSU closed its buildings and successful moved all possible services online.

On arrival of the new Chief Executive in Febraury RUSU was about to launch its new Strategic Operating Plan which had been developed earlier in the year. Through a range of COVID-19 planning groups the Trustees and senior staff introduced a revised one-year plan. This plan outlined the following objectives which were both used to support the navigation of COVID-19 and to ensure we continued to provide a focused service to our members. These plans were supported by an interim financial plan for the remainder of the year. Objectives were progressed via departmental and individual plans.

- To support students through their journey at the University of Reading
- To ensure students have an effectice voice and the power to achieve positive change
- To enable students to connect with each other, the wider community and to develop as individuals
- To take action on creasing a more inclusive student experience
- To take action on creating a more sustainable student experience

As part of our response to COVID-19, RUSU agreed its approach would be underpinned by the following values based approach:

- We will always focus on doing the right thing for our students, staff and wider community.
- We will continue to be accountable to our members, inclusive in our approach, dynamic and forward thinking and always act with Integrity.
- We will work as one team and support each other the best we can.

Five taskforces with cross-organisational membership provided the mechanism for RUSU to deliver on these priorities duing this challenging time. The taskforces covered the following areas:

1. Providing key services to students and supporting their wellbeing
2. Ensuring we continue to represent students to the University and other stakeholders
3. To work in partnership with the University of Reading to navigate through this period
4. To support our staff and their wellbeing
5. To ensuring RUSU is well positioned for the longer-term

Despite the financial challenges presented by COVID-19, RUSU continued to support its members through campaigning, representation and advice services. The social aspects of student life shifted online with RUSU providing a range of activities to enable students to connect during this time. Income across Charitable Activities has fallen from 3,375k to £2,360k due to closures across venues and Little Learners Nursery. Other Trading Activities income has reduced by £179k. Overall expenditure fell from 5,145k to £4,381k.

Future Plans

The year ahead includes a number of challenges and opportunities for RUSU as it continues to improve the quality and range of services it offers to an increasingly diverse membership in light of the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The one-year interim plan will guide our work through 2020-21 with a strategic plan review scheduled for Spring 2020-21.

Custodian Activities

RUSU acts as a custodian for several activities

- Funds raised by the student activity groups including Junior Common Rooms. These funds are separately identified in the accounts as designated reserves and the balance at the year-end was £46,804
- Funds raised by students under the Raising and Giving (RAG) initiative for distribution to nominated local and national charities. £6,913 was raised in the year.

Declaration

The Trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that they are aware of all the relevant audit information and that there is no relevant audit information which has not been supplied to the charity's auditors.

We wish to thank all staff and volunteers at RUSU for their continued commitment and hard work to make this another successful year for our members.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Reading University Students' Union for the purposes of Company law) 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) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Company law and Charity law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to: -

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

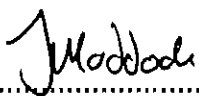
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document.

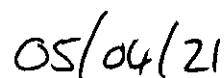
They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm that, in the case of each of the persons who are Trustees at the date of this report, the following applies:

- So far as each Trustee is aware there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the Charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and
- Each Trustee has taken all the steps necessary to make herself/himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed by order of the Board:


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Jack Maddock- External Trustee


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Date

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Reading University Students' Union (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st July 2020 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31st July 2020 and of its group's 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 Companies Act 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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

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

- the trustees' 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 the charitable company's ability 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.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 company'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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.


Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken, so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



Stephen Anderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Knox Cropper LLP, Statutory Auditor
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READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Grant Income						
Annual Grant		1,496,568	-	-	1,496,568	1,465,474
Additional Funding		75,000	-	-	75,000	100,000
Charitable Activities						
Student Social Venues and Events	2	1,179,844	-	-	1,179,844	1,937,158
Student Activities (Clubs and Societies)	3	32,443	460,248	8,000	500,691	745,191
Little Learners (Nursery)	4	679,877	-	-	679,877	692,299
Other Trading Activities						
Franchised Space	5	46,795	-	-	46,795	82,744
Business Development	7	164,303	-	-	164,303	299,075
Commercial Trading	8	37,646	-	-	37,646	49,646
Marketing & Sponsorship	6	32,792	-	-	32,792	29,280
Interest Receivable		10,572	-	-	10,572	10,056
Other		158,190	-	-	158,190	3,463
Total Income		<u>3,914,030</u>	<u>460,248</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,382,278</u>	<u>5,414,386</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable Activities						
Student Social Venues and Events	2	1,443,447	-	-	1,443,447	1,855,139
Student Democracy and Representation	9	336,543	-	-	336,543	285,741
Student Activities (Clubs and Societies)	3	611,616	393,729	19,984	1,025,329	1,294,399
Advice Services	11	350,246	-	-	350,246	313,714
Affiliations	10	59,559	-	-	59,559	57,092
Little Learners (Nursery)	4	710,430	-	-	710,430	749,731
Raising Funds						
Franchised Space	5	10,092	-	-	10,092	25,707
Marketing and Sponsorship	6	291,685	-	-	291,685	267,057
Business Development	7	154,404	-	-	154,404	248,762
Commercial Trading	8	43,313	-	-	43,313	47,622
Total Operating Expenditure		<u>4,011,335</u>	<u>393,729</u>	<u>19,984</u>	<u>4,425,048</u>	<u>5,144,964</u>
Net Operating Income/(Expenditure)		(97,305)	66,519	(11,984)	(42,770)	269,422
Movement In Pension Deficit		-	(515,208)	-	(515,208)	(38,859)
Transfers between Funds		408,675	(408,675)	-	-	-
Net Movement In Funds		<u>311,370</u>	<u>(857,364)</u>	<u>(11,984)</u>	<u>(557,978)</u>	<u>230,563</u>
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total Funds brought Forward		1,615,543	(137,677)	26,586	1,504,452	1,273,889
Funds Carried Forward		<u>1,926,913</u>	<u>(995,041)</u>	<u>14,602</u>	<u>946,474</u>	<u>1,504,452</u>

All transactions noted above derive from continuing operations.

A full Comparative SOFA for 2019 is included In note 31.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31st JULY 2020**

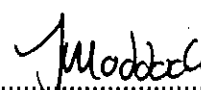
	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2020	2019	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	14		620,083		773,988
Investments	15		-		-
			<u>620,083</u>		<u>773,988</u>
					<u>618,688</u>
					<u>4</u>
					<u>771,672</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	16	113,716	91,043	112,699	89,793
Debtors	17	140,243	199,244	177,821	255,200
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>2,739,178</u>	<u>2,630,025</u>	<u>2,717,465</u>	<u>2,551,314</u>
		<u>2,993,137</u>	<u>2,920,311</u>	<u>3,007,985</u>	<u>2,896,307</u>
CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year					
	18	<u>(788,908)</u>	<u>(481,170)</u>	<u>(732,274)</u>	<u>(415,327)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,204,229</u>	<u>2,439,142</u>	<u>2,275,711</u>	<u>2,480,981</u>
CREDITORS : Amounts falling due more than one year					
	19	<u>(1,877,838)</u>	<u>(1,708,677)</u>	<u>(1,877,838)</u>	<u>(1,708,677)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>£946,474</u>	<u>£1,504,453</u>	<u>£1,016,565</u>	<u>£1,543,976</u>
RESERVES	26				
General funds		1,926,913	1,615,543	1,997,000	1,655,066
Designated Fund		(995,041)	(137,677)	(995,041)	(137,676)
Restricted Fund		14,602	26,586	14,602	26,586
Total Reserves		<u>£946,474</u>	<u>£1,504,452</u>	<u>£1,016,561</u>	<u>£1,543,976</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
are signed on their behalf by:

and



R. Bird - Chief Executive



Jack Maddock- External Trustee

Company Number 08840709

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net movement of funds for the period		(557,978)	230,563
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		225,844	224,889
Fixed assets written off		-	-
Loan waived		-	-
Interest received from Investments		(10,572)	(10,056)
(Increase)/Decrease In Stock		(22,673)	(14,391)
(Increase)/Decrease In Debtors		59,001	(26,164)
Increase/(Decrease) In Pension Provision		515,208	38,859
Increase/(Decrease) In Other Creditors		15,688	(7,225)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities		<u>224,518</u>	<u>436,475</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest received from investments		10,572	10,056
Payments to acquire fixed assets		(71,937)	(495,686)
Net Cash provided by Investing Activities		<u>(61,365)</u>	<u>(485,630)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Loan Repaid		(54,000)	(54,000)
Additional Loans In year		-	350,000
Net Cash provided by Financing Activities		<u>(54,000)</u>	<u>296,000</u>
Change in cash and equivalents in the period		109,153	246,847
Cash and equivalents at the start of the period		2,630,025	2,383,178
Cash and equivalents at the end of the period		<u>2,739,178</u>	<u>2,630,025</u>

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities", the Companies Act 2006 and UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The Union is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. As detailed in the Trustees Report, in forming this opinion, they have considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on both its income and expenditure for at least a period of twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Other Equipment	5 – 10 years
Bars	5 – 10 years
Shops	5 – 10 years
Office and Facilities	3 – 10 years
Motor Vehicles	3 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Operating Lease Agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension Costs

The Union participated in the Student Union Superannuation Scheme, a defined benefit scheme which is externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension. This scheme is now closed to future accrual. The fund continues to be valued at least every three years by a professionally qualified independent actuary with the rates of contribution payable in respect of the past deficit being determined by the trustees on the advice of the actuary. The scheme operates as a pooled arrangement. As a consequence, no share of the underlying assets and liabilities can be directly attributed to the Union. Under FRS 102 the discounted value of contributions payable in respect of past service deficit have been provided for.

The National Union of Students Pension Scheme (NUSPS), and the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) are defined contribution schemes and are accounted for in the year in which they are due.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less any provision for diminution in value.

Taxation

No provision is made in these accounts for tax as the Union is entitled to the exemptions available to charities provided all income is applied for charitable purposes.

Consolidation

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet consolidate the results of the two subsidiary companies, Little Learners @ RUSU Ltd and RUSU Trading Ltd.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020****2. STUDENT SOCIAL VENUES AND EVENTS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Sales	1,171,691	1,674,949
Events	6,662	258,747
Games Machines	1,492	3,462
	<u>1,179,844</u>	<u>1,937,158</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of Sales	520,053	888,549
Direct Staff Costs	487,387	516,911
Other Direct Costs	76,075	178,391
Contribution to Overhead Support	359,932	271,288
	<u>1,443,447</u>	<u>1,855,139</u>
Surplus for Year	<u>£(263,603)</u>	<u>£82,018</u>

Events includes Summer Ball extracted from management accounts.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020

3. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Subs and Other Self-Generated Income	460,248	657,407
Other Income	32,443	39,222
Grant Income	8,000	48,562
	<u>500,691</u>	<u>745,191</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Activity Groups	247,394	267,238
Other Direct Costs	96,796	128,366
Expenditure from Self Generated Income	393,729	658,351
Grant Expenditure	19,984	31,379
Contribution to Overhead Support	267,426	209,065
	<u>1,025,329</u>	<u>1,294,399</u>
 Net Cost	<u>£(524,638)</u>	<u>£(549,208)</u>

4. LITTLE LEARNERS NURSERY

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Nursery Fees	485,921	621,441
Local Authority Funding	65,719	68,147
Other Income	128,237	2,711
	<u>679,877</u>	<u>692,299</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Permanent Staff Costs	594,979	607,462
Other Costs	71,319	84,386
Support Cost Recharge	44,132	57,883
	<u>710,430</u>	<u>749,731</u>
 Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>£(30,552)</u>	<u>£(57,432)</u>

The Nursery is operated by a subsidiary company, Little Learners, which is 100% owned by Reading University Students' Union.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020****5. FRANCHISE SPACE**

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Rental Income	46,795	82,744
	<u>46,795</u>	<u>82,744</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Direct Costs	-	5,009
Contribution to Overhead Support	10,092	20,698
	<u>10,092</u>	<u>25,707</u>
Surplus for Year	<u>£36,703</u>	<u>£57,037</u>

6. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
	32,792	29,280
	<u>32,792</u>	<u>29,280</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs	102,386	124,650
Other Direct Costs	17,742	35,578
Contribution to Overhead Support	171,557	106,830
Expenditure for the Year	<u>291,685</u>	<u>267,057</u>
Deficit for Year	<u>£(258,893)</u>	<u>£(237,777)</u>

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020****7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Freshers Fayre	34,433	43,076
Totum Cards	15,686	134,219
Other Income	114,184	121,780
	<u>164,303</u>	<u>299,075</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Direct Staff Costs	14,818	15,615
Other Direct Costs	89,128	187,058
Contribution to Overhead Support	50,458	46,089
	<u>154,404</u>	<u>248,762</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>9,899</u>	<u>£50,313</u>

8. COMMERCIAL TRADING

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME	<u>37,646</u>	<u>49,646</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs	13,609	12,194
Other Direct Costs	21,294	15,193
Support Cost Recharge	8,410	20,235
	<u>43,313</u>	<u>47,622</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year	<u>£(5,667)</u>	<u>£2,024</u>

9. STUDENT DEMOCRACY AND REPRESENTATION

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME	<u>31</u>	<u>1,878</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs	171,347	149,550
Other Direct Costs	26,468	33,390
Contribution to Overhead Support	138,759	104,679
	<u>336,574</u>	<u>287,619</u>
Net Cost for the Year	<u>£(336,543)</u>	<u>£(285,741)</u>

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020****10. AFFILIATIONS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
NUS Affiliation	50,408	48,008
BUCS Affiliation	9,151	9,084
	<u>£59,559</u>	<u>£57,092</u>

11. ADVICE SERVICES

	2020	2019
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs	190,539	195,682
Other Direct Costs	5,811	6,295
Contribution to Overhead Support	153,896	111,737
	<u>£350,246</u>	<u>£313,714</u>

12. OVERHEAD SUPPORT COSTS

	Support Staff	Repairs Maintenance and Cleaning	Office Costs	Other Costs	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Student Social Venues and Events	118,040	52,593	85,702	103,598	359,933	271,288
Student Activities	87,703	39,076	63,676	76,972	267,428	209,065
Little Learners	44,132	-	-	-	44,132	57,883
Franchised Space	3,310	1,475	2,403	2,905	10,092	20,698
Marketing & Sponsorship	56,262	25,067	40,849	49,378	171,557	106,830
Business Development	16,548	7,373	12,014	14,523	50,458	46,089
Commercial Trading	2,758	1,229	2,002	2,421	8,410	20,235
Student Democracy & Representation	45,506	20,275	33,039	39,938	138,759	104,679
Advice Services	50,470	22,487	36,644	44,295	153,896	111,737
	<u>£424,729</u>	<u>£169,575</u>	<u>£276,329</u>	<u>£333,030</u>	<u>£1,204,663</u>	<u>£948,504</u>

Governance costs, including the audit fee of £9,156 (2019: £9,760), are included above under other costs.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020

13. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

The net incoming resources is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	225,844	224,889
Operating Lease rentals	200	200
Audit Fees	<u>9,156</u>	<u>9,760</u>

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Venues	Other	Shop	Office and Facilities	Nursery	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 st August 2019	476,815	904,437	40,850	766,470	20,258	2,208,830
Additions	3,888	29,147	-	38,902	-	71,937
Disposals	-	(47,618)	-	(1,092)	-	(48,710)
At 31st July 2020	<u>480,703</u>	<u>885,966</u>	<u>40,850</u>	<u>804,280</u>	<u>20,258</u>	<u>2,232,057</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 st August 2019	274,222	525,576	31,037	586,068	17,938	1,434,841
Charge for the Year	52,640	103,506	1,528	67,245	925	225,844
Disposals	-	(47,618)	-	(1,092)	-	(48,710)
At 31st July 2020	<u>326,862</u>	<u>581,462</u>	<u>32,565</u>	<u>652,222</u>	<u>18,863</u>	<u>1,611,974</u>
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31st July 2020	<u>153,841</u>	<u>304,504</u>	<u>8,285</u>	<u>152,059</u>	<u>1,395</u>	<u>620,083</u>
At 31 st July 2019	<u>202,593</u>	<u>378,862</u>	<u>9,813</u>	<u>180,402</u>	<u>2,320</u>	<u>773,988</u>

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020****15. INVESTMENTS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Subsidiary Companies:		
Little Learners @ RUSU Limited	2	2
RUSU Trading Limited	2	2
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Parent Investments	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Little Learners at RUSU Limited (Company Number: 03723877) operates a nursery. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated in these accounts and are set out in note 5. The net liabilities of the company at the year end amounted to £(39,524).

RUSU Trading Limited (Company Number: 08308331) was incorporated on 27th November 2012 and commenced to trade on 1st August 2015. The company was dormant throughout 2018/19. The net assets of the company at the year end amounted to £2.

16. STOCKS

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Bars	48,407	31,666	48,407	31,666
Merchandise	25,104	25,303	25,104	25,303
Sports Kit	34,194	25,181	34,194	25,181
Catering	4,994	7,643	4,994	7,643
Nursery	1,017	1,250	-	-
	<u>£113,716</u>	<u>£91,043</u>	<u>£112,699</u>	<u>£89,793</u>

17. DEBTORS

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade Debtors	24,284	82,534	18,745	75,301
Other Debtors	57,556	51,651	57,556	51,651
Intercompany Balance	-	-	43,249	63,321
Gift Aid from Subsidiary Company	-	-	-	-
Prepayment and Accrued Income	58,403	65,059	58,271	64,927
	<u>£140,243</u>	<u>£199,244</u>	<u>£177,821</u>	<u>£255,200</u>

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020****18. CREDITORS:** Amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
University Loans		54,000		54,000
Trade Creditors		70,685		52,595
University Creditor		-		-
Other Creditors		-		-
Including Taxation:				
PAYE Social Security	46,467	33,089	46,467	33,089
VAT	-	-	-	-
Other Creditors	59,341	68,232	36,198	42,782
Pension Liability	292,047	-	292,047	-
Holiday Pay accrual	48,710	15,714	48,710	15,714
Accruals and				
Deferred Income	217,658	162,505	202,257	144,259
	<u>664,223</u>	<u>278,604</u>	<u>625,679</u>	<u>234,909</u>
	<u>788,908</u>	<u>481,170</u>	<u>732,274</u>	<u>£415,327</u>

19. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Pension Provision	1,531,838	1,308,677	1,531,838	1,308,677
University Loans	346,000	400,000	346,000	400,000
	<u>£1,877,838</u>	<u>£1,708,677</u>	<u>£1,877,838</u>	<u>£1,708,677</u>

The Union currently has two Interest free loans with the University which are repayable in Instalments. £139,000 is repayable in Instalments until 2031 and £315,000 is repayable in Instalments until 2029.

21. STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2020	2019
	£	£
Permanent Staff		
Gross Salaries	1,221,618	1,168,815
Employers N.I.	98,084	97,462
Employers Pension	45,356	44,430
Part Time Students	223,105	244,552
Total Staff Costs	<u>1,588,163</u>	<u>1,555,259</u>

The average number of permanent staff in the year was 74 (2019: 81)
The average number of temporary student staff in the year was 79 (2019: 98)

Redundancy payments of £101,135 were issued during the year.

READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2020

21. STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Employer pension contributions amount to 6% of gross salary which is in line with amounts paid for other employees. Key management personnel consist of 5 managers who earn a combined salary of £314,222 (2019: 6 managers, £312,702).

Travel expenses paid to trustees during the period amounted to £32 (2019:£36).

22. PENSIONS

The Union participated in the Students' Union Superannuation Scheme, which is a defined benefit scheme whose membership consists of employees of students' unions and related bodies throughout the country. Benefits in respect of service up to 30th September 2003 are accrued on a "final salary" basis, with benefits in respect of service from 1st October 2003 accruing on a Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) basis. With effect from 30th September 2011 the scheme closed to future accrual.

The most recent valuation of the scheme was carried out as at 30th June 2019 and showed that the market value of the scheme's assets was £119.1m with these assets representing 46% of the value of benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. The deficit on an ongoing funding basis amounted to £140.9m.

The assumptions which have the most significant effect upon the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rates of increase in salaries and pensions.

The 2019 valuation recommended a contribution requirement by each Union expressed in monetary terms intended to clear the on-going funding deficit over a period of 16 years and will increase by 5% in October 2021 and at least 8% each year from October 2022. These contributions also include an allowance for cost of the on-going administrative and operational expenses of running the scheme. These rates applied with effect from 1 October 2020. In accordance with FRS 102 provision has been made for the discounted value of contributions receivable. Surpluses and deficits which arise at future valuations will also impact on the Unions future contribution commitment. In addition to the above contributions, the Union also pays its share of the schemes levy to the Pension Protection Fund. The discount rate applied was 2.6%.

The total contributions paid into the scheme in respect of the funding deficit for the period ended 31st July 2020 amounted to £nil (2019: £nil) as the Union took advantage of a discount being offered by the SUSS in 2017 and have paid three years of contributions up front.

From 1st October 2011 the Union has participated in the National Union of Students Pension Scheme, NUSPS, which is a defined contribution scheme. This scheme was closed to new entrants on 31st January 2014. From 1st February 2014 new staff are automatically enrolled in the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). Contributions to these schemes are accounted for in the year in which they are due and amounted to £45,356 (2018:£44,430).

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At 31st July 2020 the company had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2020		2019	
	Land & Buildings	Other Items	Land & Buildings	Other Items
	£	£	£	£
<i>Operating Leases which expire :</i>				
Within 1 year	200	-	200	-
After more than 5 years	1,500	-	1,700	-
	<u>£1,700</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>£-</u>

The above amount relates to the lease on the nursery building which was renewed during the year and runs until March 2024 and the lease on the Student Union building which runs until 2036. Other accommodation is provided free of charge by the University. Were the Union to pay for additional space it uses for its operations this charge would increase by up to £675,000.

24. DONATIONS

The Union made no donations to external bodies during the year except where collections were made on behalf of various charities and lodged with the Union prior to payment to the charity.

25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Union is in receipt of a recurrent grant from the University of Reading of £1,571,568 (2019: £1,565,474). The Union also received from the University in previous years, and in 2020 made repayments totalling £54,000 (2019: 54,000).

In addition, the Union occupies its building under a lease from The University of Reading for a charge of £100 per year until 25th March 2036 under an agreement whereby the Union maintains the building in a good state of repair.

The trustees of the Union are the members of the Trustee Board. The Officer Trustees of the Trustee Board receive remuneration for their services as provided for within the Constitution (see note 21).

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	General Reserve	Student Activities Balances	Capital Equipment	Future Project Fund	Pension Reserves
Balance Brought Forward	1,615,543	179,882	317,668	423,450	(1,058,677)
Income	3,914,030	460,248	-	-	-
Expenditure	(4,011,335)	(393,729)	-	-	(515,208)
Transfers:					
Capital Expenditure Funding	98,982	-	(98,982)	-	-
Future Project Fund	59,515	-	-	(59,515)	-
Clubs and Societies Adjustment	177	(177)	-	-	-
Reversal of Pension Designation	250,000	-	-	-	(250,000)
Additional Pension Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Balance Carried Forward	1,926,912	246,223	218,686	363,935	(1,823,885)

Funding of Capital Expenditure

The Capital Equipment Fund represents the Unions Investments in fixed assets. All capitalised assets acquired from general funds or other designated funds (eg Future Project Fund) are represented by the Capital Equipment Fund and appropriate transfers are made. Fixed assets depreciation is charged against this fund. To the extent loans which have financed fixed asset acquisitions are repaid, a transfer is made from general funds to the capital fund.

Pension Reserve

The Pension Reserve represents the pension provision in respect of the SUSS Scheme of £1,823,885. Previously, an estimate of £250,000 had been deducted from the General Reserve to provide for an increase which at the time was not quantifiable. This has now been reversed. See note 22 for details of the pension liability and note 30 for further information on the additional liability.

27. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance B/F	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance C/F
Activities Balances	25,245	8,000	(19,984)	-	13,262
Volunteering	1,340	-	-	-	1,340
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	£26,586	£8,000	£(19,984)	1,149	£14,602

28. CONTROLLING PARTY

The Union is controlled by the Trustee Board, 7 members of which are subject to democratic election by the voting membership of the Union. The ultimate control of the Union is vested under the constitution in the membership in General meeting. As such no single person or entity controls the Union. The Trustee Board also contains 4 externally appointed Trustees.

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29. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the year end the Union had committed to building refurbishment works and other capital projects totalling £nil (2019: £nil).

30. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

During the year, HMRC challenged the treatment of catering at RUSU's bars and issued an assessment of £70,346. RUSU disagree with this and are commencing action. The outcome of this is not yet known and so this amount has been recognised in the accounts for 2020 as a creditor.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Grant Income	1,465,474	-	-	1,465,474
Additional Funding	100,000	-	-	100,000
Charitable Activities				
Student Social Venues and Events	1,937,158	-	-	1,937,158
Student Shops		-	-	
Student Activities (Clubs and Societies)	39,222	657,407	48,562	745,191
Little Learners (Nursery)	692,299	-	-	692,299
Other Trading Activities				
Franchised Space	82,744	-	-	82,744
Business Development	299,075	-	-	299,075
Commercial Trading	49,646	-	-	49,646
Marketing & Sponsorship	29,280	-	-	29,280
Interest Receivable	10,056	-	-	10,056
Other	3,465	-	-	3,465
Total Income	<u>4,708,418</u>	<u>657,409</u>	<u>48,562</u>	<u>5,414,387</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable Activities				
Student Social Venues and Events	1,855,139	-	-	1,855,139
Student Shops	-	-	-	-
Student Democracy and Representation	285,741	-	-	285,741
Student Activities (Clubs and Societies)	604,669	658,351	31,379	1,294,399
Advice Services	313,714	-	-	313,714
Affiliations	57,092	-	-	57,092
Little Learners (Nursery)	749,731	-	-	749,731
Raising Funds				
Franchised Space	25,707	-	-	25,707
Marketing and Sponsorship	267,057	-	-	267,057
Business Development	248,762	-	-	248,762
Commercial Trading	47,622	-	-	47,622
Movement in Pension Deficit	-	38,859	-	38,859
Total Expenditure	<u>4,455,234</u>	<u>697,210</u>	<u>31,379</u>	<u>5,183,823</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	253,183	(39,803)	17,183	230,563
Transfers between Funds	24,721	(25,870)	1,149	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>277,904</u>	<u>(65,673)</u>	<u>18,332</u>	<u>230,563</u>
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds Brought Forward	1,337,639	(72,004)	8,254	1,273,889
Funds Carried Forward	<u>1,615,543</u>	<u>(137,677)</u>	<u>26,586</u>	<u>1,504,452</u>

