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BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE
(A company limited by guarantee)

AUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

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PR Mason (resigned 20 October 2022)
RV McDonald (resigned 19 July 2022)
BA Todd (resigned 19 July 2022)
SC Ledbetter
T Fazal
MT Sidat
RPT Duckworth
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LC Kershaw-Calvert (appointed 19 July 2022)
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Advisers (continued)

Bankers

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

The charity is also known under the name Community CVS.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The principal object of the charity is to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community, in the local government districts of Blackburn with Darwen, Lancashire and its environs, and in particular the advancement of education, the protection of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness. To build capacity of third sector organisations and provide them with the necessary information, support and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose within the area of benefit. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The trustees receive a quarterly update on actions derived from the strategic plan and review progress towards implementing the strategy every year and review the strategy itself. The content of the plan is discussed at the annual planning days for staff and trustees and the strategic plan will be formally reviewed by the trustees at its first Executive Committee of the financial year each year. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives through the planning process and looking forward to plan our future activities.

c. GRANT MAKING POLICIES

All small grant programmes managed by Community CVS are managed in accordance with guidance and rules set down by our external partners. They are for activities which conform to the objects of our charity and are distributed to eligible voluntary, community and faith sector organisations to undertake charitable activities.

d. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

Community CVS has a strategic plan, which guides everything we do. The strategy includes the following, vision, values, mission statement and strategic ambitions.

Our strategic framework guides everything we do.

Our Vision

"To create a more prosperous, equitable, active and greener Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire".

Inspiring people & organisations to action: through volunteering, through donating money or resources to make a positive contribution to the life of the community.

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Connecting people & organisations across all sections of society: helping to create the social networks across our communities and sectors to instigate positive change.

Influencing decision makers: to listen to local residents, charities, community groups and social enterprises, who have a voice to shape key decisions about the local community.

Developing the capabilities of existing organisations: to have a bigger impact within our communities and helping new businesses, charities and social enterprises to set up in response to local needs.

Targeting our support: to the most vulnerable within society and to the more deprived neighbourhoods within our community.

Our Values

Community Stewardship: valuing service to the community over self-interest and believing everyone has a responsibility to support positive social change for our community now and in the future.

Co-operation: valuing people and organisations collaboratively working together for the benefit of our communities.

Fairness: valuing social justice, equality and solidarity, striving to make a more equal society as a way of supporting the social, economic and environmental well-being of everyone within our communities.

Voluntary Action: valuing people and organisations giving their time freely to help other people within our communities.

Willingness to Listen, Learn & Innovate: valuing trying new ideas and new approaches to tackling some of the deep seated socio-economic and environmental challenges that our communities face

Our Mission:

"To support individuals, organisations and communities to achieve their full potential"

Our Strategic Objectives

- Support: helping people to access services and improve their quality of life
- Action: empowering people and organisations to achieve inclusive, sustainable growth
- Resource: connecting, funding and developing the VCFSE Sector
- Volunteer: improving volunteer experiences by developing a quality volunteer eco-system.

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e. VOLUNTEERS

Community CVS is managed by a board of up to twelve Trustees, who freely volunteer their time to sit on the Executive Committee and oversee the strategic direction of the organisation. In addition, the committee members frequently liaise with the management team offering advice and support with a variety of tasks including participating in the recruitment process for new members of staff. All trustees are supported by the Chief Executive.

In addition, we use volunteers throughout what we do, helping to run reception, delivering activities, providing 1-

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2-1 peer support. We have 322 volunteers registered on our Volunteer Bank, who volunteer with us and with our close partners. Not all the volunteers who are registered with us have been active during the COVID 19 Pandemic or the year in question. We are reviewing our approach to supporting volunteers going forward.

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The review of activities over the past year is organised under our four building blocks or strategic objectives.

Support: helping people to access services and improve their quality of life

Lancashire Bowel Cancer Screening Programme

We are commissioned by the NHS to help them to engage with those sections of the community that they find 'hard to reach' and help them to make informed choices about whether they want to access the bowel cancer screening programme. Bowel Cancer remains the fourth most common cancer in the UK and the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths. The NHS offers screening to all adults between the ages of 60 and 75. Regular screening can reduce the risk of dying from bowel cancer by 16%. 53% of people, who are diagnosed with bowel cancer survive bowel cancer for 10 years or more. The earlier the diagnosis the more likely you are to survive and for longer.

Our approach from 2017 until 2020 has focused on holding a Call for a Kit Clinic in the local GP surgery within deprived communities where there is a low up take of the bowel screening programme. We will ring patients directly and arrange an appointment to see one of our staff at the surgery or do a telephone consultation. During COVID 19 (from April 2020 onwards), we have had to pause our activity so as not to create additional pressures on the NHS system.

However, during the year, our research partners have completed an evaluation of our work in 2019 and submitted their research findings to the Journal of Medical Screening. In 2019 the ODR approved and set up data sharing contracts between the Public Health England, University College London (UCL), HUB and the Lancashire BCSP. During the past two years, our team have worked with the Hub data analyst and UCL Dr Christian Von Wagner Senior Lecturer in Behavioural Research in Early Diagnosis of Cancer, Dr Sandro Stoffel Research Associate and Dr Lesley McGregor, Senior Lecturer of Psychology at the University of Stirling. The team have concluded their evaluation of work and submitted an article called 'Evaluation of the Call for a Kit intervention to increase bowel cancer screening uptake in Lancashire, England' to the Journal of Medical Screening – which was published on-line on the 12th April 2022 and its conclusion is as follows:-

"this study shows that the CFAK intervention was successful in getting 15.3% of the non-attenders targeted to participate in the CRC screening programme. The in-person and phone-based consultations were effective in motivating more than half of the participants into ordering and returning a test kit."

This is a major step forward in demonstrating the effectiveness of our work and providing an evidence base from which to evaluate our work.

Whilst it is frustrating not to be out there, doing call for a kit clinics, the team have been very active developing their resources and piloting equality work with various BME groups, people with disabilities, and the deaf community to better understand the needs within different communities so that we can respond appropriately when we can resume our engagement work to get more people to feel comfortable and understand the importance of requesting, completing and returning bowel cancer kits.

Access to Primary Care

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Towards the end of the year, we started a community engagement research project to discover people's views and experiences on accessing primary care. The research will continue into 2022-2023 and be reported in 2023.

Community Swabbing and other COVID 19 work

Throughout the year, Community CVS has employed 11 sessional workers to work with the Richmond Medical Practice to undertake Community Swabbing and other COVID 19 work across Pennine Lancashire under the direction of the GP practice.

Working with LACVS partners and Voluntary Sector North West, on behalf of NHS England we participated in a 1000 Voices Project to find out people's perspectives on the COVID 19 Pandemic. We interviewed people from targeted population groups, including young people, people living in deprived neighbourhoods, people living in rural areas and disabled people or people with learning disabilities or autism. Community CVS interviewed 150 people out of the 419 interviewed by LACVS partners, which covered the Lancashire and Cumbria element of the 1000 Voices project. The final report is due for publication in 2022-2023.

National VCS Emergencies Partnership

The CVS CEO has continued to provide a link between local VCS infrastructure bodies in Lancashire and the national VCS Emergencies Partnership, which was set up in 2017 in response to the Grenfell Disaster. The national VCS Emergencies Partnership is co-chaired by the British Red Cross and NAVCA and also contains as members such as Business in the Community, Community Foundations UK, Fareshare, Muslim Aid, the National Emergencies Trust, NCVO, Re:Act, the Salvation Army, St John's Ambulance, Victims Support and Volunteering Matters. We are an active member of the North Multi-Agency Cell. Learning from the COVID 19 Pandemic – we understand the importance of having strong communication channels between national bodies and local infrastructure.

Digital Drop Ins and Digital Inclusion

Community CVS is a member of the UK On-Line Centre Network, which is brought together by Good Things Foundation, the Online Centres Network is made up of thousands of grassroots organisations, all working to tackle digital and social exclusion by providing people with the skills and confidence they need to access digital technology. During the year, we have provided an open door policy for people to come Monday to Friday to the Boulevard Centre for basic IT support to help them with life issues. We have run 94 sessions this year. 73 Participants have taken part since April 2021. 7 of the participants have become Volunteer tutors. Almost all have completed the required modules in Learn My Way to develop their digital skills.

The Digital IT sessions in Clitheroe have been held every week for 1.5 – 2hrs and are volunteer led by an employability and career advisor volunteer and an IT expert volunteer. The Job Centre refers people to the sessions who are lacking digital skills but are also quite a long way from the labour market. The sessions help participants improve their general IT skills but also help them to acquire specific online job applications skills and other online services but also assist with employability skills and knowledge. In addition, we endeavour to assist participants to manage issues that are causing barriers to employment or issues that impact on their confidence and motivation and due to a lack of digital skills and digital resources many of the participants also have difficulty accessing their online Universal Credit account which we try to help with to minimise the risk of sanctioning. Since April 2021 we have received 22 voluntary referrals from the Job Centre and 7 people had referred themselves either by responding to our advertisements or having come along to a session with an existing participant. The 7 people who self-referred are mostly people who are retired and are seeking help with digital skills to be able to do everyday tasks in this digital age. Of the 22 Job Centre referrals, 15 have regularly attended the sessions and made the following progress:

- 8 of them have found work (with 2 of them still attending sessions to develop their digital skills after starting work)
- 6 are still attending and job seeking
- 1 stopped attending but is not expected to have found employment.
- 1 person is seeking volunteering
- 1 person just needed help to print his CV
- 6 people are not job seeking but joined the group just to gain or improve their digital skills.

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Population Health Mangement

Towards the end of the previous year, Community CVS worked alongside Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Primary Care Networks to allocate £69,950 in grants to the following organisations: Age UK Blackburn with Darwen / One Voice; Blackburn Community Foundation / Lancashire Wildlife Trust; Blackburn with Darwen Community Business; Blackburn Youth Zone; Care Network; Jubilee Tower Credit Union; and Neighbourhood Community Action.

During this period, the organisations delivered activity to contribute to the COVID 19 community response, but also to tackle health inequalities and the wider determinants of health. A report will be produced in the forthcoming year to summarise the impact of those projects.

SENDIASS

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service [SENDIASS] provides free, accurate and impartial information and support to children and young people between the ages of 0-25 and their parents to enable them to make informed decisions about special educational needs provision across the education, health and social care system.

The demand for the service and for wider support for families with children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities continues to increase. We are working with hundreds of families and there is a need for CVS to explore with partners what we can collectively do to improve the support available locally.

Action: empowering people and organisations to achieve inclusive, sustainable growth

Business Advice and Enterprise Support

2021-2022 was the 2nd year where Community CVS provided business support to residents, VCFSE organisations and SMEs across Lancashire. During the year, Community CVS was a sub-contractor to Winning Pitch to deliver work as part of Boost Lancashire and

- Provided 12 hours business advice to 73 potential entrepreneurs to develop their business idea and be enterprise ready
- Provided 12 hours business advice to 18 new business start ups – which have started trading.

During the year, Community CVS started working alongside the Affilius Group and SELNET, on a DRIVE project and provided match funding towards the project. The project as a whole aims support over 200 new or existing businesses over the next two years to grow. The businesses can be within the private sector or charities / social enterprises. During the year,

- Provided 12 hours business advice to 11 potential entrepreneurs to develop their business idea and be enterprise ready
- Provided 12 hours business advice to 11 new business start ups or established businesses, the majority of whom were social enterprises.
- Provided business diagnostics to 2 social enterprises.

In addition, we provided additional training and support to the Rachel Shuttleworth Textiles Collection to help with establish a new social enterprise.

Employment Support: Action for Jobs

This was the 2nd year of our Strengthening Communities Passport to Health and Employment Project, which we have shortened the title to Action for Jobs. The project is to support those furthest away from the labour market and prioritise people living in Blackpool, Preston, Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley, Hyndburn or Pendle, who are in the most deprived local authority areas in the country. The project is funded by the European Union's European Social Fund. We are working collaboratively with Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley CVS and the Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde to deliver this project.

During 2021-2022, we have

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- Recruited 332 unemployed or economically inactive residents (of whom 65 are aged 50+ (20%), 114 are from BME backgrounds (34%) and 149 are disabled/health condition (45%)).
- Supported 39 unemployed participants to move into work or self-employment; 54 participants to move into education or training upon leaving; and, 13 economically inactive residents to move into employment or job search. 106 participants (32%) achieved one of the three positive outcomes and many more reported positive changes to their circumstances from the support they received such as volunteering within the community, joining a new group activity, reporting improvements to their health and well-being, etc.

As at November 2022, the profile of the participants who had been supported through the project was: 49% having a physical or mental impairment or condition that has a long term negative impact on their ability to do normal activities; 42% consider themselves to have a disability that limits their ability to work; 73% live in a jobless household; 28% have dependent children and 10% dependent adults; 16% are lone parents; 21% have experience of the criminal justice system; and 31% are in recovery from alcohol or substance misuse. 55% of participants have no qualifications or a qualification at level 1 or below. 52% do not have an English qualification. The project is achieving its objective of reaching out to those furthest away from the labour market.

Kickstart: the Government initiative to support young people into work

During the 2021-2022, CVS supported 12 young people with work placements as part of the Government's kickstart programme. At the end of the programme, the majority of the young people progressed in further training or employment.

Resource: connecting, funding and developing the VCFSE Sector

Connecting and Communicating

In terms of communicating with the VCFSE Sector, during the 2021-2022 year we delivered the following electronic communications:

- a) E Bulletins
 - a. 51 weekly bulletins with 8 special e-bulletins - more than 30% click a link and more than 10% open - which are both higher than industry standards
 - b. There were 274 subscribers at the beginning of the year and 319 by the end of the year, a 16% rise during the year.
- b) Twitter
 - a. 145 tweets
 - b. 31,237 impressions
 - c. 6260 profile visits
 - d. 232 mentions
 - e. 58 new followers in the year
 - f. Current followers 2189
- c) Facebook
 - a. Reach 28,470
- d) Website
 - a. 20,934 visitors
 - b. 38,037 page views
- e) CVS Network
 - a. 11 meetings (5 virtual and 6 face to face) attended by 207 people from across 128 VCFSE Sector and Public Sector organisations.
 - b. sations.
 - c. 992 e-mail communications sharing VCFSE and public sector information to the 280 contacts on the mailing list.

Advocating on behalf of the VCFSE Sector

Working with LACVS, the Voluntary Sector North West and other VCFSE Lancashire leaders we continued to support the development of a Lancashire LOCAL VCFSE Manifesto with a final version due for publication later in 2023.

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Upskilling the Health and Social Care Workforce Across Lancashire

In April 2021, the Department of Work and Pensions approved our £2.1million Upskilling the Health and Social Care Workforce Across Lancashire project. The project is to upskill Small to Medium Sized Enterprises in the VCFSE or private sectors who contribute towards improved health and well-being in its widest sense (i.e. the wider or social determinants of health). The upskilling is to prepare the organisations for the potential growth within the health economy. All organisations supported will undertake an organisational diagnostic to understand the business needs and priorities. From the diagnostic we will work with the management team to develop a training plan and then deliver training that meets the priorities of the organisation. We are working with LACVS partners and other infrastructure bodies across Lancashire on the project. During the initial year of the project,

- Engaged with 62 VCFSE organisations or SMEs.
- Recruited 434 employees from those organisations to the project (26% male and 74% female – we are particularly focuses on helping females to improve their labour market status).
- 37% are aged 50+; 22% are from BME backgrounds; 9% disabled; 7% single parents with dependent children; and 12% employed without basic skills.
- 52 employees achieved a unit or full qualification at level 2 or below.
- 12 employees achieved a unit or full qualification at level 3 or above.

Volunteer: improving volunteer experiences by developing a quality volunteer eco-system.

Volunteer Centre

CVS runs the local Volunteer Centre, which is part of the national network of volunteer centres, which are quality accredited by NAVCA, our national body. During the year, we continued to deliver the five core functions of a Volunteer Centre:-

- Strategic Development
- Good Practice Development
- Developing Volunteering Opportunities
- Voice of Volunteering
- Brokerage

Working with LACVS, we are looking at ways to provide consistent volunteering infrastructure across Lancashire.

Fast 4wd

Fast 4wd is a CVS project that we have been delivering since 2010 to help people in treatment or recovery from alcohol or substance misuse to play an active role within their community as part of their recovery journey. We recruit, train and support residents, including those with lived experience, to volunteer as recovery support volunteers to help people in recovery. Recovery Support Volunteers volunteer across a wide range of organisations to support people in recovery. We also support people in recovery to access volunteer opportunities anywhere in our communities in roles that can utilise their skills, talents and experience.

During the year, the Blackburn with Darwen Public Health team put out to tender a new contract for the Substance Misuse Services in their entirety and included the provision that we called Fast 4wd. We talked to all potential prime contractors and were partners with the successful tender which was led by the Calico Group and included Early Break, IMO, Red Rose Recovery and ourselves as partners. Collectively, we are known as the Spark Recovery Collaborative and our role within the collaborative is to set up and manage a Community Assets Fund and support volunteering across the collaborative and build community links.

Community Volunteer Awards

The Community Volunteer Awards was held on 03rd November 2021 at King George's Hall. It was our best yet, we received 416 nominations and the awards panel had a very difficult time making decisions. It was the 1st time for a lot of people to come together since the COVID 19 Pandemic.

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Winners were:

- Dorothy Greenwood (Health & Well Being – individual); Age UK BwD (Health & Well Being – organisation).
- Janet Ross (Prosperity & Learning – individual); Asian Carers Group (Prosperity & Learning – organisation).
- Hannah Goldthorpe (Grassroots Community Action – Individual); Radio Hospital Blackburn (Grassroots Community Action – organisation).
- Fiona Dunn (Young People – individual); Nightsafe (Young People – organisation).
- Peter Grogan (Environment – individual); Whitehall Park Supporters Group (Environment – organisation).
- Craig Walsh (Culture, Leisure & Sport – individual); BwD Bowls Partnership (Culture, Leisure & Sport – organisation).
- Aisha Mehboob (Lyndsay Dunn Award – individual); Neighbourhood Community Action (Lyndsay Dunn Award – organisation).
- Herbert Parkinson (Community Involvement); Blackburn Central High School (Renee Black Award); Brian Tull (Good Neighbour Award).
- Yaqoob Hussain (Volunteer of the Year Award); Rita Billington (Lifetime Achievement Award).
- Elizabeth Taylor and Graham Jones (CVS Special Award for Outstanding Service).

Volunteering Now Partnership

In November 2021, the Arts Council launched the Volunteering Futures Programme inviting organisations to apply to support high quality volunteering opportunities for young people and those that experience barriers to getting involved in volunteering across arts, heritage, museums, libraries, sport and other community settings. CVS worked with the Bureau Centre for the Arts and the local authority to pull together a partnership bid at short notice and submitted an expression of interest in December 2021 and a full bid by the January 2022 deadline. The partnership involves the following 17 organisations: Bureau Centre for the Arts (lead body), Community CVS (employing the partnership co-ordinator), Blackburn College, Blackburn Festival of Light, Blackburn Rovers Community Trust, Blackburn Youth Zone, British Textile Biennial, Council's library and museum service, Culturapedia, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Making Rooms, National Festival of Making, Prism Contemporary, Super Slow Way, Together an Active Future, Uncultured Creatives and the Strategic Youth Alliance.

In April 2022, we were one of 19 partnerships nationally to be successful and secured a £299,624. We were the only area in the North West. Our project will focus on supporting young adults aged 16 to 30 years old to volunteer within the arts and cultural sectors, sports and physical activity or the environment. Community CVS will employ the partnership co-ordinator and admin support, but they will be co-located at the Bureau Centre for the Arts. We will also provide training support for people on the project and helping to develop a volunteering digital platform.

b. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES/INCOME GENERATION

Community CVS continues to seek grant funding, contracts and service level agreements from national, regional and local partners to deliver services that are in keeping with our objectives and meet identified needs of the local community within Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire.

c. INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees retain funds in an interest bearing account and take advantage of the interest received albeit at currently low interest rates.

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

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After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

.Community CVS aims to hold free reserves of between 3 and 6 months of the resources expended on the core costs of the charity excluding funding which is primarily passed directly on in grants and specific service level agreements. This will enable current activities and liabilities to be met in the event of a significant drop in funding. The CVS Board of Trustees recognise the good progress that is being made in building our reserves and will look to strengthen them during the forthcoming year.

c. PRINCIPAL FUNDING

During the period, the principal funding was received from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, the NHS and European Social Fund to undertake charitable activities, which are described in the Review of Activities. The European Social Fund grants are due to end on the 31st December 2023. As part of the Strategic Review process, the Senior Management Team are devising strategies, in consultation with staff, and to put before the CVS Board of Trustees for approval to replace these funding sources at the appropriate level to undertake future charitable activities that are linked to our strategy going forward.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 6 December 1991, as amended by Special Resolution on 12 February 1998, and on 16 December 2014. The charitable company is a registered charity number 1008190.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

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c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

A Trustee handbook, including roles and responsibilities, has been prepared for all new Trustees. All new trustees meet with the Chair and Chief Executive as part of the induction process and go through the Trustee handbook. Resources are available to support Trustees to meet their individual training needs to help them perform their duties as Trustees. Planning days are held with Trustees and staff on an annual basis.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

During the year, the charity employed on average 42 staff to deliver our activities and projects.

All staff are responsible to the Chief Executive and ultimately, the trustees/directors. The trustees set the strategic framework within which the Chief Executive and management team operate.

The trustees meet as a minimum six times per year as a Board of Trustees and more when required. The trustees receive regular reports on all aspects of the organisation, including finance, human resources, marketing & communications, health & safety, service activities, quality & performance, etc.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. These major risks are the impact of short term funding, changes in funding streams, changes to key personnel and changes in local and central government policy.

Plans for future periods

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

During the 2022-2023 period – we will undertake a strategic review to determine what our priorities will be in a world that is still recovering from the COVID 19 Pandemic, reeling from the cost of living crisis and potential global recession, facing greater inequalities, learning to using technology in different ways and stilling looking to get to grips with climate change. Globally, feels like a completely different world to the one prior to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Within the UK, we are readjusting to life outside of the European Union and struggling with political instability, economic uncertainty and social challenges that are pulling our community in opposite directions. Whilst we undertake the strategic review, during the next year, in addition to our normal Volunteering and VCFSE Support, the CVS Board of Trustees agreed to focus on three big ticket items – 'Health, Wealth and Equity'. Developments within each of these areas are as follows:

Volunteering and VCFSE Support

- Promoting VCFSE sector engagement in the national Third Sector Trends study and working with Professor Tony Chapman to do a strategic assessment in Blackburn with Darwen
- Engaging with CVS members and key stakeholders across the Borough to help shape what we do in the future.
- Engaging with BwD VCFSE Sector leaders to create a strategic co-ordinating group for Blackburn with Darwen
- Developing the Volunteering Now Partnership and exploring ways of widening the partnership or taking the learning from the partnership and applying it wider within the VCFSE Sector.

In December 2021, our national body NAVCA developed a new framework for its members, which focus on the following four pillars:

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- Leadership and advocacy across diverse communities, bringing people together to have a stronger voice and influence, mobilising and encouraging community ambition and aspiration as a connector and 'door opener' for the VCFSE Sector and local communities.
- Community development and practical support strengthening spaces and opportunities for people to come together to develop their goals and drive aspirations for their communities.
- Partnerships and Collaborations bringing together networks and connecting local voluntary and community organisations with each other and with strategic and systems partners, to create, pursue and implement opportunities for joint working.
- Encouraging and Nurturing Volunteering Leading and generating an expectation and culture in which volunteering can thrive.

We will incorporate the 4 pillars within our strategic review. The importance of working across multiple geographies is increasingly becoming important as life becomes more connected. It is important to emphasise and understand the multi-layered approach that CVS will need to develop to adapt to the increasingly complex world we operate within. CVS and the VCFSE Sector will need to be able to appropriate at the following levels:

- the grassroots neighbourhood level,
- the Borough level,
- the Pennine Lancashire level,
- the Lancashire or Lancashire and South Cumbria level,
- the North-West and North of England level; and,
- the national levels.

We need to develop strong partnerships both within the VCFSE Sector and across the sectors so we can work with both public and commercial sector partners at those levels.

Health

a) System Transformation

To look at ways to better engage VCFSE sector organisations in the transformation of the health system through the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership and the Blackburn with Darwen place based partnership. During the forthcoming year, Clinical Commissioning Groups will be formally disbanded and the Integrated Care Board and the new structures will become a reality. CVS will have to adjust and support the VCFSE sector within Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire and South Cumbria to make appropriate adjustments.

b) Bowel Cancer Screening Programme

In partnership with Blackpool NHS Teaching Hospital Trust and GP practices across Lancashire and South Cumbria, look to re-introduce Call for a Kit Clinics as soon as the NHS gives the 'green light' and develop other health promotion activity to engage with targeted populations that the NHS struggle to engage effectively with and are less likely to complete and return the kits – who the NHS classify as 'non-responders'.

c) Initial Response Service

In partnership with Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, Spring North and Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS, pilot embedding Community Well-Being Co-ordinators within the multi-agency team at The Mount in Accrington to support the 24 / 7 initial response service to make links with the wider VCFSE Sector to ensure referrals to the service have access to the right community solutions for them.

d) Population Health Management and the Art of Hosting

In partnership with the Integrated Care Board, explore ways for the VCFSE sector to be embedded in future approaches to population health management and explore using engagement approaches such as art of hosting, appreciative inquiry and others to look at ways of building community power and getting communities to take control of the health, wealth and equity within their communities.

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e) Spark Recovery Collaborative

In partnership with the Spark Recovery Collaborative (Calico, Early Break, IMO and Red Rose Recovery), we will set up and manage a Community Asset Fund for the collaborative and help to recruit, train and support volunteers to support the collaborative and help the recovery community to become more active within the wider community.

f) Upskilling the Health and Social Care Workforce

In partnership with our LACVS partners, we will ramp up our training offer to VCFSE organisations and private SMEs across Lancashire to contribute to the social determinants of health.

g) Lancashire and Cumbria Health Equity Commission

We will consider the findings of the Lancashire and Cumbria Health Equity Commission once their report is published and explore ways that the VCFSE Sector can work with system partners to deliver those findings effectively.

Wealth

With the economic impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic, economic impact of Brexit and the cost of living crisis, Community Wealth Building and importance of building more equal economies is rising up the agenda. Socially, Economically and Environmentally there is a widening gap between 'the haves' and 'the have nots'.

a) Social Wealth

This contains the social fabric and the assets, skills, capabilities and talents with the community whether spatial (e.g. living in the same neighbourhood); communities of interest (e.g. sharing similar passions/activities/hobbies); communities of identity (e.g. sharing similar characteristics); or communities of circumstance (e.g. having similar lived experiences). The levels of human capital, social capital, institutional capital differ between communities – which determine what social wealth exists within that community.

We need to improve our understanding of all the different communities we serve, which will start with the strategic review and develop into how we engage and build strong relationships across our communities and build an evidence based approach to assessing the social wealth within our communities.

b) Economic Wealth

The economic consequences of Brexit, the COVID 19 Pandemic, the cost of living crisis and everything else we are facing are likely to impact on the lives of many people for a very long time.

In the short term, in relation to Enterprise, Employment and Skills – we will continue

- to develop our links to support more potential entrepreneurs to become 'enterprise ready',
- to help more businesses to start up, especially those located in deprived neighbourhoods,
- to support the set up and growth of charities and social enterprises
- to deliver the ESF Strengthening Communities Passport to Health and Employment (known as 'Action for Jobs') to help those furthest away from the labour market to move towards and into work
- to deliver training and develop the skills of people within our community
- to strengthen our working relationships with partners and support VCFSE Sector involvement across all areas of economic development, welfare to work, and education and training

Longer term we need to better understand the obstacles everyone are facing and develop clear pathways to help people, communities and organisations to improve their economic status and contribution they can make to Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire. We need to better understand our communities in relation to the six capital framework of the Levelling Up White Paper.

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c) **Environmental Wealth**

The COVID 19 Pandemic put a spotlight on some of the environmental constraints and disparities within our communities where access to open green space was not open to everyone. We also have a climate emergency that we all need to respond to. Developing our environment wealth – the assets, skills, capabilities and talents at our disposal to be environmental aware and be able to choose and pursue sustainable options in our lives is increasingly important. CVS needs to be a catalyst for change within the VCFSE Sector to become more greener and help our communities to become greener.

Equity: providing targeted support to give everyone the chance to make the most of their lives

Communities of Place

Blackburn with Darwen continues to have too many neighbourhoods featuring in the most deprived in the country. CVS has a role to support the community anchor organisations within these neighbourhoods to support the social, economic and environmental development of their community. This will be explored more in the strategic review and through engaging with those community anchor organisations.

Communities of Identity

Whatever the protected characteristic, whether it is age, gender, disability, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, CVS has a role in helping those communities to self-organise and contribute socially, economically and environmentally to the life of the wider Blackburn with Darwen community. We know from our SENDIASS service that more needs to be done to support people with learning disabilities and autism. We know from engagement more needs to be done to support our LGBTQR communities. We know the BME communities and disabled communities were adversely impacted by the COVID 19 Pandemic. There is lots of work to do to remove obstacles and level the playing field for lots of communities.

Communities of Interest

One example, of a community of interest that may require further CVS support to help co-ordinate a better response is around economic inactivity. We need to collaborate with partners to develop clear pathways for supporting those furthest away from the labour market to progress in terms of economic inclusion and gaining meaningful work. 33% of Blackburn with Darwen's working age population is currently not in work. For the majority this is not a matter of choice – they have a shared interest in improving their economic situation. We will look to bring together relevant partners from across the VCFSE Sector to tackle this issue.

Communities of Circumstance

We will continue to support the Changing Futures Programme, which looks to transform provision to support adults experiencing multiple disadvantage (e.g. homelessness, contact with the criminal justice system, alcohol or substance misuse, mental health, domestic abuse) and provide a link between the public sector and the VCFSE Sector and community assets. We will also start working on the legacy from the programme and how we can sustain change across the system.

THANK YOU

A BIG Thank you to everyone who supports us

We would like to thank our commissioners, grant funders, sponsors, public sector, VCFSE Sector and Private Sector partners, including:-

- Affilius Group
- Age UK Blackburn with Darwen
- Al Imdaad Foundation
- BBC Radio Lancashire
- Blackburn and Darwen Junior Brass Band
- Blackburn College
- Blackburn Foodbank
- Blackburn Rovers Community Trust

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- Blackburn Rovers FC
 - Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
 - Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service
 - Blackburn with Darwen Hive Network
 - Blackburn with Darwen Interfaith Forum
 - Blackburn Youth Zone
 - Brian Mercer Trust
 - Bureau Centre for the Arts CIC
 - Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS
 - Calico Group
 - Care Station Northwest
 - CGL Inspire
 - Community and Business Partners CIC
 - Department for Work and Pensions (European Union)
 - DPM Security
 - Early Break
 - East Lancashire Hospice
 - Eric Wright Charitable Trust
 - Farleys Solicitors LLP
 - Good Things Foundation
 - Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen
 - Herbert Parkinsons (part of the John Lewis Partnership)
 - Hyndburn and Ribble Valley CVS
 - IMO
 - Lancashire Association of CVSs
 - Lancashire BME Network
 - Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Lancashire Women
 - Lancaster District CVS
 - McDonalds
 - Morrisons PLC
 - National Children's Bureau / Council for Disabled Children / DFE
 - NAVCA and the VCS Emergencies Partnership
 - Newground Together
 - NHS - the Clinical Commissioning Groups in Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire and Richmond
- Medical Practice
- NHS - Blackpool NHS Teaching Hospitals Trust,
 - NHS - East Lancashire NHS Teaching Hospitals Trust
 - NHS – NHS England
 - NHS – Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust
 - Nightsafe
 - Red Rose Recovery Lancashire
 - SELNET
 - Shelter
 - Spring North
 - Suez Recycling
 - Star Tissue UK
 - The Well-Being Farm
 - Tristar Printers, Sign & Display
 - Trueman Change
 - VOICE
 - Voluntary Sector North West
 - Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde
 - West Lancashire CVS

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- Winning Pitch
- Wish Centre – Blackburn and Darwen District Without Abuse

MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

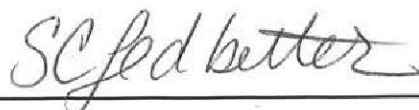
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 22 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN COUNCIL
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OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 22 to 38. 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in

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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.

OPINION 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our 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 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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charity 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 charitable 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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AUDITORS' 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 Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focussed on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- we identified laws and regulations which were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures on material balances for which robust, substantive analytical procedures have been undertaken to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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

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

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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 charity's

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trustees 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mark Heaton FCCA Dcha (Senior statutory auditor)

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
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	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	3,842	3,842	17,535
Charitable activities	3	944,356	450,394	1,394,750	748,552
Other trading activities	4	-	90,332	90,332	65,150
Investments	5	-	257	257	29
Other income	6	-	-	-	122,529
TOTAL INCOME		944,356	544,825	1,489,181	953,795
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	8	926,310	468,437	1,394,747	879,139
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9	926,310	468,437	1,394,747	879,139
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		18,046	76,388	94,434	74,656
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		18,046	76,388	94,434	74,656
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		1,437,119	509,309	1,946,428	1,871,772
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,455,165	585,697	2,040,862	1,946,428

The notes on pages 24 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

1.3 Going concern

No material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern have been identified by the directors.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Office equipment	-	25% straight line

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.12 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	-	3,842	3,842	17,535
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	17,535	17,535	

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Grants and service level agreements	944,356	450,394	1,394,750	748,552
<i>Total 2021</i>	255,502	493,050	748,552	

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GRANTS AND SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
BwD Borough Council	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
BwD BC Children's Services	-	56,000	56,000	28,000
NHS	-	180,279	180,279	293,992
Big Local Trust - Shadsworth with Whitebirk Community Grant Fund	-	-	-	11,025
BWD BC - Changing Futures	-	11,333	11,333	-
NCB Independent Supporters SENDIASS	-	10,000	10,000	31,881
ESF SCPHE Action for Jobs	263,588	-	263,588	172,877
ESF Upskilling the Health & Social Care Workforce	670,775	-	670,775	8,600
Spring North Ltd	-	36,754	36,754	45,889
Winning Pitch - Boost Sub Contract	-	36,400	36,400	17,828
Affilius	-	29,341	29,341	-
NAVCA Emergencies Partnership	4,750	-	4,750	9,500
Blackburn Foodbank	-	-	-	45,460
Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	-	-	-	40,000
DWP	-	60,287	60,287	-
Good Things Foundation	5,243	-	5,243	13,500
Total	944,356	450,394	1,394,750	748,552

4. RENT, ROOM HIRE AND OFFICE SERVICES

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Rent, room hire and office services	-	79,683	79,683	65,150
Consultancy and training fees	-	10,649	10,649	-
	-	90,332	90,332	65,150
Total 2021	-	65,150	65,150	

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	-	257	257	29
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	29	29	

6. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Funding for CJRS/Marketing and design etc	-	-	-	122,529
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	122,529	122,529	

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Grants to Institutions 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Big Local Shadsworth with Whitebirk	-	-	403
Grants, Community Fund - Brian Mercer Charitable Trust/SFA	6,431	6,431	6,445
Grants Community Fund - Eric Wright Charitable Trust	11,960	11,960	-
Grants, NHS Population Health Management	69,950	69,950	-
	88,341	88,341	6,848
<i>Total 2021</i>	6,848	6,848	

In 2021, unrestricted expenditure on grants payable was £ Nil and restricted expenditure was £6,848

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8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Accountancy and professional fees	-	7,136	7,136	1,400
Auditor's remuneration	-	3,000	3,000	-
Mortgage interest	12,215	-	12,215	22,780
Total	12,215	10,136	22,351	24,180

In 2021, unrestricted expenditure on governance costs was £1,400 and restricted expenditure on mortgage interest of £22,780.

9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff costs 2022 £	Depreciation 2022 £	Other costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Central Services (including Boulevard Centre)	35,836	-	-	35,836	314,427
Commissioned Services	265,421	-	69,950	335,371	228,921
Big Local Trust - Shadsworth and Whitebirk Community Grant Fund	-	-	-	-	3,528
Big Lottery - Volunteer Co-ordinator Post/Ways to Wellbeing	-	-	-	-	47,164
Community Fund - Brian Mercer CT/Eric Wright CT	1,125	-	24,822	25,947	6,445
Good Things Foundation	5,244	-	-	5,244	13,500
NAVCA Emergencies Partnership	4,750	-	11,960	16,710	9,500
DWP-ESF-SCPHE Action for Jobs	306,982	-	70,688	377,670	172,877
DWP - ESF Upskilling the Health & Social Care Workforce	265,421	-	260,200	525,621	8,600
Capital projects	-	49,997	-	49,997	49,997
Charitable activities	884,779	49,997	437,620	1,372,396	854,959
Expenditure on governance	-	-	22,351	22,351	24,180
Total 2022	884,779	49,997	459,971	1,394,747	879,139
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>646,128</i>	<i>49,997</i>	<i>183,014</i>	<i>879,139</i>	

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10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	49,997	49,997
Auditors' remuneration - audit	3,000	-
Independent Examiner's fees	-	1,400
	52,997	51,400

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2021 - £NIL).

11. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	777,865	568,518
Social security costs	61,140	42,967
Other pension costs	45,774	34,643
	884,779	646,128

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	42	30

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel totalled £232,883 - 6 employees (2021 - £212,009 - 5 employees)

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	2,468,608	195,741	2,664,349
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	484,474	194,491	678,965
Charge for the year	49,372	625	49,997
At 31 March 2022	533,846	195,116	728,962
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	1,934,762	625	1,935,387
At 31 March 2021	1,984,134	1,250	1,985,384

13. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	90,733	117,180
Prepayments	5,840	5,323
Accrued income	679,375	253,164
	<u>775,948</u>	<u>375,667</u>

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	24,000	14,003
Trade creditors	46,983	14,143
Other taxation and social security	24,537	19,922
Other creditors	241	97
Accruals and deferred income	98,154	5,266
	<u>193,915</u>	<u>53,431</u>

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15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	498,982	531,309

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Repayable by instalments	402,982	475,297

The mortgage is secured against the property at 35-37 and 45 Railway Road, Blackburn

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Designated funds					
Match funding projects	66,856	-	-	-	66,856
Business continuity and redundancy costs	40,000	-	-	60,000	100,000
Boulevard Centre costs	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	116,856	-	-	60,000	176,856
General funds					
General Fund	392,453	544,825	(468,437)	(191,103)	277,738
Fixed Asset Fund	-	-	-	131,103	131,103
	392,453	544,825	(468,437)	(60,000)	408,841
Total Unrestricted funds	509,309	544,825	(468,437)	-	585,697

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

ERDF - Building (from previous years)	72,900	-	(2,187)	-	70,713
Change Up	45,076	-	(1,352)	-	43,724
DCSF - Co-Location Fund	656,790	-	(52,543)	-	604,247
Capacitybuilders - Capital Investment Programme Strand C	374,100	-	(7,482)	-	366,618
BwD BC Housing Grant	200,000	-	(4,000)	-	196,000
Big Local Trust - Shadsworth and Whitebirk Community Grant Fund	2,363	-	-	-	2,363
ESF - DWP - SCPHE - Action for Jobs	-	263,588	(263,588)	-	-
ESF - DWP - Upskilling the Health & Social Care Workforce	-	670,775	(565,649)	-	105,126
Good Things Foundation - Future Digital Inclusion	-	5,243	(5,243)	-	-
NAVCA Emergency Partnership	-	4,750	(4,750)	-	-
Community Fund - Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	72,805	-	(6,431)	-	66,374
Community Fund - Eric Wright Charitable Trust	13,085	-	(13,085)	-	-
	<u>1,437,119</u>	<u>944,356</u>	<u>(926,310)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,455,165</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,946,428</u>	<u>1,489,181</u>	<u>(1,394,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,040,862</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Match funding projects - this designated fund is held to provide match funding to current projects and to be held to support future projects that may require match funding.

Business continuity and redundancy costs - this designated fund is held to cover any or all business continuity or redundancy costs should our contracts or grants be terminated at short notice.

Boulevard centre costs - this designated fund is held to cover any unplanned capital works required to maintain the Boulevard Centre or the Community Hub.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

ERDF building - In 2005, the charity was awarded an ERDF capital grant of £112,500 towards the acquisition of 45 Railway Road, BLACKBURN BB1 1EZ with the intention of converting the premises into a third sector resource centre. The building was purchased in April 2006.

Change up -In 2005, the charity was awarded a capital grant of £19,555 towards the acquisition of 45 Railway Road, BLACKBURN BB1 1EZ with the intention of converting the premises into a third sector resource centre. The building was purchased in April 2006.

DCSF - Co Location fund - -In April 2009, in partnership with the local authority we submitted an expression of interest into the Governments Co-Location Fund to create a Community Resource Centre. We were eventually awarded £1,155,000 towards the capital scheme. The façade of the building was retained, but everything else behind the façade was demolished and replaced by a new purpose-built

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

building. The building was re-named the Boulevard Centre and opened in September 2011.

Capacitybuilders - Capital Investment Programme Strand C - In March 2009, we submitted an expression of interest to Capacitybuilders Capital Investment Programme Strand C – for flagship schemes to develop third sector resource centres. We were eventually awarded a £500,000 grant, which was the largest allocation allowed. The façade of the building was retained, but everything else behind the façade was demolished and replaced by a new purpose-built building. The building was re-named the Boulevard Centre and opened in September 2011.

BWD BC Housing Grant - In 2009, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council committed £250,000 from its Housing grant towards the Resource Centre scheme, which would create a purpose build Day Centre and Night Shelter for young people who are homeless, which will be managed by Nightsafe. The façade of the building was retained, but everything else behind the façade was demolished and replaced by a new purpose-built building. The building was re-named the Boulevard Centre and opened in September 2011.

Big Local Trust - Shadsworth & Whitebirk Community Grant - Blackburn with Darwen CVS is a local trusted organisation on behalf of the national Big Local Trust and the local residents of Shadsworth with Whitebirk. Our role was to manage a small grants scheme, which ran from the inception of the Big Local Partnership in Shadsworth with Whitebirk.

ESF - DWP - SCPHE - Action for jobs - In August 2020, the Department for Work and Pensions approved our European Social Fund application to help those furthest away from the labour market to improve their employability and move them into jobs, education and training or job search (if they are economically in active). The grant is worth £1,280,735 and we are delivering it in partnership with other CVS's, Volunteer Centres and equality networks across Lancashire. The project will run until 31st December 2023 when the European Programme officially closes within the UK following our departure from the European Union.

ESF - DWP - Upskilling the Health & Social Care Workforce - In April 2021, the Department for Work and Pensions approved our European Social Fund Application – which aims to upskill people employed in SMEs (Small to Medium Sized Enterprises) within the charitable and private sectors by providing basic skills, units or full qualifications at level 2 or below or units or full qualifications at level 3 or above. The grant is worth £2,134,180. The project will run until 31st December 2023 when the European Programme officially closes within the UK following our departure from the European Union.

Good Things Foundation - This programme was funded by the Department for Education and involves CVS providing support over a 4 week period to complete 4 of the following 8 units:

- o Week 1: Using the Internet; On-Line safety.
- o Week 2: Using E-mail; Using On-Line Forms.
- o Week 3: Using Facebook; Using Search Engines.
- o Week 4: Creating Documents; On-Line Shopping.

In 2021-2022, the programme was ending and we were provided with tapering funding to support those who had already enrolled on the provision in March 2022.

NAVCA Emergency Partnership - the grant has been awarded for the Community CVS CEO to act as a local liaison lead to link local infrastructure organisations across Lancashire into the North Cell of the National VCS Emergencies Partnership.

Brian Mercer Charitable Trust - a partnership between the local authority, the Brian Mercer Trust and Community CVS. The Brian Mercer Trust has agreed to provide up to £40,000 per year towards the Blackburn with Darwen Community Fund, which is aimed at supporting small volunteer run community groups to contribute to the health and well-being of local people. CVS will manage and promote the fund on behalf of the partnership.

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Eric Wright Charitable Trust - the charity has periodically made financial contributions towards the Blackburn with Darwen Community Fund for CVS to distribute as grants to local community groups and charities to improve the health and well-being of local people.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
Designated funds				
Match funding projects	66,856	-	-	66,856
Business continuity and redundancy costs	40,000	-	-	40,000
Boulevard Centre costs	10,000	-	-	10,000
	<u>116,856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,856</u>
General Fund	<u>238,908</u>	<u>698,293</u>	<u>(544,748)</u>	<u>392,453</u>
Restricted funds				
ERDF - Building (from previous years)	74,925	-	(2,025)	72,900
Change Up	46,363	-	(1,287)	45,076
DCSF - Co-Location Fund	711,743	-	(54,953)	656,790
Capacitybuilders - Capital Investment Programme				
Strand C	383,612	-	(9,512)	374,100
BwD BC Housing Grant	205,000	-	(5,000)	200,000
Big Local Trust - Shadsworth and Whitebirk				
Community Grant Fund	(5,134)	11,025	(3,528)	2,363
NAVCA Emergencies Partnership	-	9,500	(9,500)	-
National Lottery Community Fund (was Big Lottery) -				
Ways to Wellbeing	47,164	-	(47,164)	-
ESF - DWP - SCPHE - Action for Jobs	-	172,877	(172,877)	-
ESF - DWP - Upskilling the Health & Social Care				
Workforce	-	8,600	(8,600)	-
Good Things Foundation - Future Digital Inclusion	-	13,500	(13,500)	-
Community Fund - Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	39,250	40,000	(6,445)	72,805
Community Fund - Eric Wright Charitable Trust	13,085	-	-	13,085
	<u>1,516,008</u>	<u>255,502</u>	<u>(334,391)</u>	<u>1,437,119</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,871,772</u></u>	<u><u>953,795</u></u>	<u><u>(879,139)</u></u>	<u><u>1,946,428</u></u>

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Designated funds	116,856	-	-	60,000	176,856
General funds	392,453	544,825	(468,437)	(60,000)	408,841
	<u>509,309</u>	<u>544,825</u>	<u>(468,437)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585,697</u>
Restricted funds	1,437,119	944,356	(926,310)	-	1,455,165
	<u>1,946,428</u>	<u>1,489,181</u>	<u>(1,394,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,040,862</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Designated funds	116,856	-	-	116,856
General funds	238,908	698,293	(544,748)	392,453
	<u>355,764</u>	<u>698,293</u>	<u>(544,748)</u>	<u>509,309</u>
Restricted funds	1,516,008	255,502	(334,391)	1,437,119
	<u>1,871,772</u>	<u>953,795</u>	<u>(879,139)</u>	<u>1,946,428</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,281,302	654,085	1,935,387
Current assets	173,863	624,509	798,372
Creditors due within one year	-	(193,915)	(193,915)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(498,982)	(498,982)
	<u>1,455,165</u>	<u>585,697</u>	<u>2,040,862</u>

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,422,483	562,901	1,985,384
Current assets	14,636	531,148	545,784
Creditors due within one year	-	(53,431)	(53,431)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(531,309)	(531,309)
	<u>1,437,119</u>	<u>509,309</u>	<u>1,946,428</u>

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18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity and the group operates a defined contributions pension scheme through TPT Retirement Solutions.

The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £45,774 (2021 - £34,643). Contributions totalling £Nil (2021 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service is a corporate trustee of three charitable incorporated organisations, Blackburn Community Foundation, Darwen Community Foundation and Neighbourhood Community Action. During the financial year, the following transactions were undertaken between the organisations: Blackburn Community Foundation – Nil (2021 £nil); Darwen Community Foundation received a donation of £100 (2021 - £nil); Neighbourhood Community Action received a donation of £100 from CVS and a grant of £16,500 from the NHS Population Health Management Grant Programme, which Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service manages (2021 - £nil). The three charitable incorporated organisations are managed at arms' length of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service.

Roger Duckworth, who is a trustee of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service is also a trustee of the Brian Mercer Trust. Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service manage a grant fund called the Blackburn with Darwen Community Fund that is supported by the Brian Mercer Trust. Roger Duckworth sits on the grant panel that makes decision on how the grants are allocated.

Sajida Shah, who is a trustee of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service is also a committee member of the Kiran Ladies Group. During the year, the Kiran Ladies Group received a grant of £495 from the Community Fund. Sajida was not involved in the grant panel that made that award.

Garth Hodgkinson, CEO of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service is also a trustee and/or director of Care Network, Neighbourhood Community Action, BwD Community Business and Jubilee Tower Credit Union. These organisations received grants that are managed by Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service. Garth Hodgkinson declared a conflict of interest at the meeting where the grant applications were considered and did not take part in the decision-making relating to these grants.

Garth Hodgkinson, CEO of Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service is also a trustee and/or a director of Blackburn Community Foundation, Darwen Community Foundation and Lancashire Association of Councils for Voluntary Service. During the year, Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service received Kickstart payments for the young people we have supported from Lancashire Association of Councils for Voluntary Service totalling £59,363 (2021 £nil).

20. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the Trustees.