REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019 FOR HILLINGDON LAW CENTRE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

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Registered Charity number

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Hillingdon Law Centre was incorporated on 17th December 1982 as a company limited by guarantee and governed by written Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees are appointed as set out in the Articles of Association.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

Each trustee has access to and is entitled to a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Roles and responsibilities are in writing in the office manual together with the procedure for requesting and accessing training as a trustee.

Organisational structure

Management Committee meetings at which all trustees are invited take place at least six times per year in accordance with the Articles of Association. Sub Committees of the Management Committee which also include members of staff, meet on a regular basis to maintain the principle activities of the Charity.

Related parties

The Law Centre is a member of the Law Centres Federation and Advice UK.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Business plan is reviewed on a regular basis to maintain financial and health and safety control. Quarterly financial reports are provided to the trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal activity and objective

The Centre provides legal advice and assistance to poor persons resident or working in West London and surrounding areas including London Boroughs of Hillingdon, Harrow, Hounslow, Ealing, Brent and other counties outside London including Slough, High Wycombe and Aylesbury. The Law Centre also undertakes to co-operate in the education of residents in the law and its operation and other matters. The Law Centre can and does charge for services provided where appropriate and dependent on means.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty according to Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Review of the year's activities

This year has seen some radical changes in the Law Centre with a restructuring programme which has resulted in a more stable financial outcome. It started with the loss of 4 staff members including 3 solicitors and the administrator, through retirement or moving onto pastures new. The chair and Treasurer of the Trustees also retired at the end of the year which also coincided with new members being appointed. It should be acknowledged that the work that the previous staff members and Trustees, who served the Law Centre for many years, was unbelievable in their commitment to the community and thanks must go to them.

A number of burglaries have been a problem for the Centre this year in particular and the Trustees have taken the decision to improve the security of the building and also to have the building re-valued as this has not been done for several years.

The work within the community in providing specialist advice and representation in Housing, Employment, Immigration and Family law continues including providing duty solicitors at Uxbridge and High Wycombe County Courts. These duty schemes are a source of income but predominantly they allow tenants to argue their case and, in many cases, prevents homelessness.

Our thanks must go to Hillingdon Community Trust, AB charitable Trust and Trust for London for providing grants to the Centre to help in the provision of services. Thanks also to the Sterling work of Michael Wakeman, a volunteer without whose persistent applications to grant providers would have placed the Centre in real financial difficulties.

Casework in all categories has increased significantly over the year and keeping the provision of services balanced by the financial requirements has been a task taken on by staff and Trustees alike and without their work and sometimes difficult decision making the Centre would not be a viable project.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Serious incidents

The trustees can confirm that, in line with the Charities Commission requirements, no serious incidents within the organisation were reported to them during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The surplus of unrestricted funds for the year are taken from the retained reserves resulting in total unrestricted reserves. The unrestricted reserves are sufficient to meet three months ongoing expenditure based on the assumption that no further income is received, as at 31st March 2019.

In respect of the finance of the Law Centre, the Management Committee would report that the income of the Law Centre in respect of unrestricted funds was £114,805, compared to £130,297 in 2018. The income in respect of restricted funds was £110,423 compared to £99,000 in 2018.

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 7 shows that the cost of generating voluntary income was £664(2018 £664). The total funds expended on the furtherance of the charity's objectives was £214,638 (2018 £221,090). The governance costs of the charity decreased slightly to £9,323 compared to £10,058 in 2018.

Overall, in respect of all funds there was a net surplus in funds of £7,587, as compared to a net deficit of £2,515 in 2018.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hillingdon Law Centre 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).

Company 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, F A Magee & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

J Frost - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HILLINGDON LAW CENTRE

Report of the independent auditors to the trustees of Hillingdon Law Centre

We have audited the financial statements of Hillingdon Law Centre for the year ended 31st March 2019 on pages 7 to 13 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 (The Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland) and follow the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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 trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

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.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implication for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2019 and its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year ended 31st March 2019.

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.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HILLINGDON LAW CENTRE

A Davies ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

F A Magee & Company, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

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23rd December 2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

	Not	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.19 Total funds	31.3.18 Total funds
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INCOMING RESOURCES	CS				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	15,458	110,423	125,881	136,147
Activities for generating funds	3	99,343	-	99,343	93,145
Investment income	4	4	 :	4	5
Total incoming resources		114,805	110,423	225,228	229,297
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds	5	664		664	664
Costs of generating voluntary income Charitable activities	6	004	•	004	004
Provision of free legal advice to the local	O				
community		103,654	104,000	207,654	221,090
Governance costs	7	9,323		9,323	10,058
Total resources expended		113,641	104,000	217,641	231,812
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NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		1,164	6,423	7,587	(2,515)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		28,591	-	28,591	31,106
					
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		155,873	6,423	162,296	28,591

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2019

				31.3.19	31.3.18
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Not	£	£	£	£
	es				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	156,572	-	156,572	30,829
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	12	22,000	-	22,000	22,000
Debtors	13	16,348	-	16,348	11,061
Cash at bank		13,242	6,423	19,665	48,170
·		51,590	6,423	58,013	81,231
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(52,289)	-	(52,289)	(83,469)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		(699)	6,423	5,724	(2,238)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		155,873	6,423	162,296	28,591
		-			
NET ASSETS		155,873	<u>6,423</u>	162,296	28,591
FUNDS	15			155,873	28,591
Unrestricted funds				6,423	20,391
Restricted funds					
TOTAL FUNDS				162,296	28,591

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd December 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

A frost J Frost - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention and going concern policy

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

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

Governance costs

Staff cost split between cost of generating voluntary income and governance costs are calculated at relevant proportions of expenditure incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Plant and Machinery 25% Straight line basis Fixtures and Fittings 15% Reducing balance basis

The management committee has not charged depreciation on freehold property in accordance with FRS - Tangible fixed assets, as they consider that the market value of the property is reflected in the financial statements The property was revalued by Charrison Davies ,valuers in January 2019 ,& the revaluation has been reflected in the financial statements.

Work in progress

Work in progress is valued at the recoverable amount of profit costs

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Donations Grants	31.3.19 £ 458 125,423 125,881	31.3.18 £ 2,497 133,650
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	Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:	31.3.19	31.3.18
	Legal Services Commission (Contract)	£	£ 13,748
	Legal Services Commission (Contract) Legal Services Commission (Fees)	-	20,202
	Hillingdon Community Trust	65,423	59,000
	AB Charitable Trust TFL Central Fund - Employment	22,500	700 40,000
	Other grants	<u>37,500</u>	
		125,423	133,650
3.	ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
		£	£
	Fees	99,343	93,145
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
		£	£
	Deposit account interest	4	
5.	COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
	Staff costs	£ 664	£ 664
	Statt costs		
6.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		
		Direct costs	Totals
	Provision of free legal advice to the local community	£ 207,654	£ 207,654

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
Staff costs	6,320	3,320
Bank charges	163	198
Clerical assistance	-	3,360
Auditors' remuneration	2,840	_3,180
	9,323	10,058

8. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.19	31.3.18 £
	£	
Auditors' remuneration	2,840	3,180
Depreciation - owned assets	375	382
Other pension costs	2,364	1,307

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2019 nor for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2019 nor for the year ended 31st March 2018.

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10. STAFF COSTS

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Wages and salaries	175,512	183,094
Social security costs	12,945	17,125
	188,457	200,219
The average monthly number of employees during the year was a	as follows:	
	31.03.18	31.03.17
Charitable Activities	5.5	7.05
Cost of Generating voluntary income	0.25	0.45
Governance	0.25	0.55
·	6.00	8.00

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

11.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc £	Totals £
	COST OR VALUATION At 1st April 2018 Revaluations Reclassification	17,857 126,118 12,025	42,200 - (12,025)	60,057 126,118
	At 31st March 2019	156,000	30,175	186,175
	DEPRECIATION At 1st April 2018 Charge for year At 31st March 2019	-	29,228 375 29,603	29,228 375 29,603
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 2019	156,000	572	156,572
	At 31st March 2018	<u>17,857</u>	12,972	30,829
12.	WORK IN PROGRESS			
	Work-in-progress		31.3.19 £ 22,000	31.3.18 £ 22,000
13.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE	YEAR		
	Trade debtors Other debtors		31.3.19 £ 13,267 3,081 16,348	31.3.18 £ 9,196 1,865 11,061
14.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ON	IE YEAR		
	Trade creditors Taxation and social security Other creditors		31.3.19 £ 28,142 6,218 17,929 52,289	31.3.18 £ 31,291 16,077 36,101 83,469

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds General fund		28,591	127,282	155,873
Restricted funds Hillingdon Community Trust Residents		-	6,423	6,423
TOTAL FUNDS		28,591	133,705	162,296
Net movement in funds, included in the above	are as follows:			
	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	114,805	(113,641)	126,118	127,282
Restricted funds TFL Central Fund Hillingdon Community Trust Residents	45,000 65,423	(45,000) (59,000)		6,423 6,423
TOTAL FUNDS	110,423 ————————————————————————————————————	(104,000) (217,641)	126,118	133,705
Comparatives for movement in funds			Net movement in	
		At 1.4.17 £	funds	At 31.3.18 £
Unrestricted Funds General fund		31,106	(2,515)	28,591
TOTAL FUNDS		31,106	(2,515)	28,591

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	130,297	(132,812)	(2,515)
Restricted funds TFL Central Fund Hillingdon Community Trust Residents	40,001 58,999	(40,001) (58,999)	<u> </u>
	99,000	(99,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	229,297	(231,812)	(2,515)

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

	Net movement in		
	At 1.4.17 £	funds £	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	31,106	124,767	155,873
Restricted funds Hillingdon Community Trust Residents		6,423	6,423
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,106</u>	131,190	162,296

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds	-	_	_	
General fund	245,102	(246,453)	126,118	124,767
Restricted funds				
TFL Central Fund	85,001	(85,001)	-	-
Hillingdon Community Trust Residents	124,422	(117,999)	 :	6,423
	209,423	(203,000)		6,423
TOTAL FUNDS	454,525	<u>(449,453</u>)	126,118	131,190

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity was under control of the trustees, as detailed on page 1, throughout the year.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations Grants	458 125,423	2,497 133,650
	125,881	136,147
Activities for generating funds Fees	99,343	93,145
Investment income	4	5
Deposit account interest	4	5
Total incoming resources	225,228	229,297
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Wages	664	663
Pensions		<u></u>
	664	664
Charitable activities		
Wages	152,301	171,535 12,946
Social security Pensions	11,683 2,364	1,302
Rates and water	195	248
Insurance	3,960	4,673
Light and heat	3,565	4,033
Telephone	5,229	6,174
Postage and stationery	4,623	6,125
Sundries	1,342	348
Travelling	5,876	6,223
Training	426 701	1,219 847
Repairs & renewals	4,068	3,996
Subscriptions Books & periodicals	4,000	130
Practising certificate	1,450	909
Professional fees	9,496	-
Fixtures and fittings	42	382
Computer equipment	333	<u> </u>
	207,654	221,090
Governance costs		2 217
Wages	6,320	3,316
Pensions Consider forward	6,320	3,320
Carried forward	0,320	2,320

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
Governance costs Brought forward Bank charges Clerical assistance Auditors' remuneration	6,320 163 2,840	3,320 198 3,360 3,180
	9,323	10,058
Total resources expended	217,641	231,812
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>7,587</u>	(2,515)