

Charity registration number 1153764

**CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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R C Wilson  
R Barnes  
D Ward  
Ms S Terpilowski  
I Dyson  
M Duffy  
P Collins  
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# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objectives and aims***

To promote for the public benefit, in partnership with the police, law enforcement agencies and other relevant bodies and organisations, the protection of people and property from criminal acts. In particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of a national communication vehicle between the public and the private sectors providing information on all relevant security matters.

The charity maintains a regular flow of national communications between the public and the private sectors in order to ensure maximum awareness of ongoing situation, or to maximise preparedness in advance of an incident taking place.

All activities of the charity have been for the sole purpose of the 'public benefit', through the provision of information to help improve the safety of the public, and property, on a regular basis.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### ***Charitable activities***

The sole purpose of the charity is to reach as many people as possible, sharing useful advice on security and safety matters.

The demands upon Cross-sector Safety and Security Communication "CSSC" have grown since its founding, and in the recent period of increased malignant activity the calls upon the Charities services have seemed almost exponential and incidents triggered major growth in demand to receive messaging.

The CSSC charity sent out 418 CSSC London, regional and national safety and security messages during the year ending 31 March 2023. A total of 1731 messages have been sent since November 2014. (averaging 34 per month in the last year).

Industry Leaders from 3821 organisations and companies have registered via the CSSC website, which enables members to view and receive all Police alerts and security messages. A total of 291 organisations registering in the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

All the CSSC regional hub teams are well established, ensuring the charity is able to send messages throughout the United Kingdom.

143 Trade Bodies, Organisations or Associations are now registered on the CSSC cascade.

In addition to the messaging service, we have continued to develop conference calls and bridge calls within the organisation.

The authorities that CSSC works most closely with are the Metropolitan Police Service, British Transport Police, City of London Police, National Counter Terrorism Police Head Quarters, the National Police Chiefs Council and the National Fraud Investigation

All the achievements of the charity over the past year are with limited financial and staff resources and the charity continues to rely on donations from its partners.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### **Financial review**

#### ***Principal funding sources***

The charity is funded primarily through donations from companies benefitting from, and/or supportive of, the CSSC objectives. Following on from previous years, this has been in the form of a voluntary members fee of £500 per entity.

In order to achieve the structure required to achieve the charity's goals, a number of businesses and public sector bodies have provided voluntary support to help drive the operational aspects of the charity.

Our thanks go to all of the external bodies that have supported the CSSC during the course of the year, either through donations or time.

The charity this year retained 63% of the fundraising from the annual dinner to support the running of the charity, although much of the benefit from the dinner is related to improve exposure to business and communications of the charity's strategy with senior figures. The remaining 37% was donated to the City of London Police Cadets (£1,000), Metropolitan Police Cadets (£500) and London Fire Brigade Cadets (£500).

Expenditure remained consistent on part-time admin support engaged to deliver the charity objectives. Otherwise the charity has incurred minimal expenses.

#### ***Reserves policy***

Majority of donations received during the year have been unrestricted. The minimum sum of £5000 as unrestricted cash reserves will continue to be maintained.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### ***Governing document***

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir D Wootton

D Randall

R C Wilson

R Barnes

D Ward

Ms S Terpilowski

I Dyson

M Duffy

P Collins

P Crowther

P Kelly

(Retired 31 March 2023)

K Blythe

Ms E Walker

P Lavery

R Woolford

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### **Organisational structure**

All trustees are experienced professionals in their own right adding extensive value to the objectives of the charity.

The charity is made up of a core Executive Committee that focusses on the strategic direction of the charity. The national communication strategy has been developed by having a structure of Industry Sector Leads (ISLs), each responsible for the dissemination of information to their industry groups.

The network of ISLs form the membership of charity.

The Trustees are in place to manage the communication surrounding major risks and are therefore prepared to respond to major issues accordingly. The trustees are involved in setting the parameters within which communications may be sent advising public of a situation, and how they may best prepare themselves to maximise life safety and security.

### **Funds held as custodian trustee**

The charity has agreed to administer the funds of the CSSC dinner, as its agent. It received £5,435 (2022: £17,685), £2,000 (2022: £9,343) amount was allocated to three agreed charities, and £3,435 was retained by the charity, as proposed by CSSC dinner committee. Balance held at the 31 March 2023 was £2000 (2022: £nil) awaiting payment to the agreed charities and these have been reflected as creditors in the financial accounts.

### **Future plans**

Since its inception CSSC has demonstrated its ability to communicate rapidly and responsibly to an ever growing population of subscribing members and is now in a position to send messages, through the cascade principle and the Industry Sector Leads to over 10 million people within 20 minutes. The reputation of CSSC continues to grow and the support it receives from the security services, in all their guises, together with the Home Office is unmatched.

Our Plans for the Future are effectively within three categories;

\* The establishment of truly national coverage throughout the United Kingdom

\* The development of our messaging/alerting service, currently based on confirmed sources and services to also message/alert upon open source material, information.

\* Securing a firm financial base to ensure that CSSC can continue to grow and develop its services. Authoritative mass communication has proved itself to be an essential part of the national reaction to a catastrophic, major event. People and industry need to know what is happening and how to react to an event. CSSC is an essential part of the response armory.

However, it needs to be funded. Donations are its life blood, and the charities future plans are dependant on continued donations from individuals and organisations who benefit from the information distributed by the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**D Randall**

Trustee

Dated: 5 January 2024

# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Cross Sector Safety and Security Communications (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 23 January 2024

# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	3	41,043	65,363
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Raising funds	4	216	216
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Charitable activities	5	4,368	3,238
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Other	8	35,000	35,000
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>39,584</b>	<b>38,454</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,459</b>	<b>26,909</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		65,062	38,153
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<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>66,521</b>	<b>65,062</b>
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		73,338		65,062	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>10</b>	<u>(6,817)</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>66,521</u>		<u>65,062</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>66,521</u>		<u>65,062</u>
			<u>66,521</u>		<u>65,062</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 January 2024

D Randall  
Trustee

# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### 1.2 Income

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

#### 1.3 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 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.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment	33% on cost
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#### 1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### 1.6 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.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	41,043	65,363

### 4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Support costs	216	216
	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>

### 5 Charitable activities

	Security Communication	Security Communication
	2023	2022
	£	£
Website hosting fees	999	999
Telephone and internet costs	267	253
Sundry expenditure	3,102	1,986
	<u>4,368</u>	<u>3,238</u>
	<u>4,368</u>	<u>3,238</u>

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

# CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Sub contractor staff	2	2

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 8 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
Staff costs	35,000	35,000

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	6,817	-

### 11 Related party transactions

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Donation received	
	2023 £	2022 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	500	500