



Charitable Trusts

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 March 2023

Registered Numbers:

Guldry & Mortification Funds - SC011857
Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust - SC018551
Alexander MacDonald's Bequest - SC018568
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts - SC018575
Lands of Skene – SC018533
Lands of Torry – SC021299
Education Endowment Investment Funds (EEIF) – SC025063

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts

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Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts Trustees Annual Report 2022/23

Aberdeen City Council acts as the sole trustee for the charities in this report.

Aberdeen City Council administers the Charitable Trusts and separately accounts for them. They do not form part of the Council's single entity balance sheet. However, they are included in the Annual Accounts of the Council and its group.

Reference and administration details

At the end of the year the Council acts as the sole trustee for 7 trusts which have charitable status and are registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The charity names, charity numbers, purposes of the charities, and where available details of governing documents for the charities covered by this report are given in Appendix 1 of this document.

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Trustees

As per guidance provided by OSCR, “Trustees” of the Charitable Trusts are those who have “general control and management” of the charity. Decisions regarding the general control and management of the Charitable Trusts are made by the full Council. For the purposes of this report, it is our interpretation of the aforementioned that all elected members are Charity Trustees.

The Trustees are the Councillors of Aberdeen City Council, and are as follows: -

Lord Provost David Cameron LP	Councillor Martin Greig
Councillor Gillian Al-Samarai	Councillor Dell Henrickson
Councillor Nurul Hoque Ali - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Ryan Houghton
Councillor Christian Allard	Councillor Michael Hutchison
Councillor Alison Alphonse	Councillor Michael Kuszniir - Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor Kate Blake - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Sandra Macdonald
Councillor Jennifer Bonsell - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Neil MacGregor
Councillor Marie Boulton	Councillor Avril MacKenzie - Resigned 1st December 2022
Councillor Desmond Bouse - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor M. Tauqeer Malik
Councillor Richard Brooks - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Duncan Massey - Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor Hazel Cameron - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Alexander McLellan
Councillor Donna Clark - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Ken McLeod - Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor John Cooke	Councillor Ciaran McRae
Councillor Neil Copland	Councillor Jessica Mennie
Councillor Bill Cormie	Councillor Alex Nicoll
Councillor Barney Crockett	Councillor Miranda Radley
Councillor Sarah Cross	Councillor Jennifer Stewart
Councillor Derek Davidson - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Kairin van Sweden - Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor Steve Delaney	Councillor Lynn Thomson - Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor Lee Fairfull - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Deena Tissera - Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor Emma Farquhar - Appointed 5th May 2022	Councillor Simon Watson- Appointed 5th May 2022
Councillor Gordon Graham	Councillor Ian Yuill
Councillor Ross Grant	Councillor Graeme Lawrence - Appointed 24th February 2023.

All Trustees have served for the whole of the financial year to 31 March 2023 unless otherwise stated.

All the Trustees are normally elected or re-elected at local government elections. By-elections are held when elected members vacate their positions, to elect new members, who automatically become Trustees. New members are supplied with training as part of their induction process.

Following the Local government elections on 5th May 2022 the following councillors resigned as trustees:

Councillor Yvonne Allan	Councillor Douglas Lumsden
Councillor Phillip Bell	Councillor Tom Mason
Councillor Alan Donnelly	Councillor Audrey Nicol
Councillor Jackie Dunbar	Councillor Jim Noble
Councillor Lesley Dunbar	Councillor John Reynolds
Councillor Sarah Duncan	Councillor Phillip Sellar
Councillor Claire Imrie	Councillor Gordon Townson
Councillor Freddie John	Councillor John Wheeler
Councillor Jenny Laing	

Structure, governance, and management

The Charitable Trusts are constituted in a variety of ways. The type of governing documents are shown at Appendix 1, where they are available. Information regarding some of the trusts is not available owing to their antiquity and the fact that they have been administered by a number of government bodies since coming into public control.

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are filled by professionally qualified officers of Aberdeen City Council.

Risk

The trustees have overall responsibility for the Charitable Trusts system of internal control, including financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations. The trustees acknowledge that such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Objectives and activities

Information on the purpose and nature of the trusts is given below.

Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust

The fund formerly known as Bridge of Don Trust changed its name with agreement of OSCR before that it was known as the Brig O' Balgownie Trust Fund. It was set up in 1605 and its original purpose was for the "repair and upholding of the Brig O' Balgownie". Modern charity legislation does not include bridge maintenance as a charitable purpose and OSCR have deemed that the purpose of this trust is the advancement of heritage.

In August 2016 the trust adopted a new constitution.

The Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust has a 30% interest in the Lands of Skene with the remainder of its funds being invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Alexander MacDonald's Bequest

This fund was established in 1882 for the purchase of works of art for the Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museum collection following the death of Mr. MacDonald.

Trust funds are invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts

This trust was reorganised in March 2014 by the adoption of a new trust deed and funds are used for the advancement of the arts by providing for the purchase of works of art for the collection of Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museum.

The Trust received £426k from a bequest during the year. Trust funds are invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Guildry & Mortification Funds

The Guildry has a history that goes back 800 years ago, when merchants of Aberdeen were given considerable powers within the town of Aberdeen, those merchants were Burgesses of the Guild.

Over time that power has diminished, and the trusteeship of the Guildry switched to a predecessor of Aberdeen City Council in 1836 by a decree of Declarator of the Court of Session. In 1868, under the Aberdeen Town Council Act the Mortification funds were also transferred to the predecessor of the Council.

The Burgesses of Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen remain a membership-based group of people where membership is no longer restricted to merchants and admission is carried out in presence of the Council. Today the Burgesses exist for promotion of the City of Aberdeen.

The governance of the Guildry was last updated by a Court of Session decision in 1996 which recognised the financial assistance scheme to Burgesses and their family members and a scheme of educational bursaries.

The Lord Dean of the Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen provides recommendations on expenditure proposals, from the Burgesses to the Guildry and Mortifications Board of the Council, maintaining a link between the Burgesses and the Guildry and Mortifications Funds charity. As trustees for the charity, the Council, must approve any decisions.

Educational bursaries have not been awarded for a number of years and the Lord Dean of the Guild has been working with Aberdeen University, Robert Gordon University and the North East Scotland College to identify potential candidates for bursaries.

On 14 December 2022 the Council approved a revised constitution, and this has been sent to OSCR to approve and record as necessary. A response from OSCR has yet to be received. The revised constitution retains the current financial hardship purpose, but the educational / vocational / career advancement purpose is broadened. The intention is to widen the pool of potential beneficiaries and reflect modern needs.

Trust assets are a 40% share in the Lands of Skene and investments in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Lands of Skene

The Lands of Skene goes back to 1710 when the east half of the Lands of Skene was purchased on behalf of certain accounts. This was followed in 1712 by the

purchase of the west half. Two feuing schemes were carried out in 1789 and 1816 and the land now remaining is known as the Lands of Easter Carnie.

In recent years, a number of properties have been sold off and funds have been invested in the Aberdeen City Loans Fund.

The free revenue from the Lands of Skene is split between the following:

Guildry Funds – 40%

Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust – 30%

Common Good – 30%

This is believed to represent the share of investment in the original purchase of the lands.

There has been no formal constitution for the Lands of Skene and OSCR has recommended that the Council prepare constitutional documents. On 14 December 2022 the Council approved a constitution, and this has been sent to OSCR to approve and record as necessary. A response from OSCR has yet to be received.

Lands of Torry

The Lands of Torry goes back to at least 1704 when they were purchased on behalf of certain accounts:

Duncan Liddel's Mortification – Professor of Mathematics – 25%

Duncan Liddel's Mortification – Library of College – 2%

James Cargill's Mortification – Bursary Fund – 10%

Patrick Copland's Mortification – Professor of Divinity – 12%

Common Good – 51%.

The annual surplus from this fund is now split between the following:

Common Good – 51%

University of Aberdeen Bursary Fund – 49%.

There has been no formal constitution for the Lands of Torry and OSCR has recommended that the Council prepare constitutional documents. On 14 December 2022 the Council approved a constitution, and this has been sent to OSCR to approve and record as necessary. A response from OSCR has yet to be received.

Education Endowment Investment Funds (EEIF)

The EEIF comprises over 60 smaller trusts, bequests and legacies split over 3 general areas.

- Education – primarily concerned with prizes or awards at schools
- Social Work – largely to provide comforts at residential homes
- John Murdoch Henderson Bequest – to be used for the purchase of music of intrinsically Scottish interest for the Central Library, Aberdeen.

In general, the charities activities are limited to the accrual of income from investments for use as appropriate given the purposes of the charity.

While reviewing records as part of the Council's reorganisation of charitable trusts, OSCR advised that only a small number of trusts previously reported as part of the EEIF were registered as charities. Only accounts in relation to these registered charities are contained in this document.

The charitable trust now comprises of the trusts listed in appendix 2, sixteen of these trusts relate to prizes or awards at school while the other trust is for the purchase of music.

The John Murdoch Henderson Trust adopted a new constitution in 2015 which allows for the purchase of a wider range of music. This trust has funded the subscription to on-line music services for Aberdeen City Library Service users. This trust will be wound up once its funds have been expended.

Financial Review

The Trusts' total income increased from £220k in 2021/22 to £776k in 2022/23.

Total Expenditure increased from £235k in 2021/22 to £255k in 2022/23.

The value of Investments decreased by £42k in 2022/23 compared to a decrease of £361k 2021/22.

Investments in the City of Aberdeen Loans Fund have increased from £4.113 million in 2021/22 to £4.635 million in 2022/23.

The following financial statements for all the Charitable Trusts have been prepared using the connected charities provision. They show the income and expenditure for the individual charities along with the surplus or deficit for the year. None of the individual charities are carrying forward a deficit on their reserves.

Where Governance Costs are allocated to charities these are in proportion to the value of the sums invested with the Council and are based on time spent by officers of Aberdeen City Council providing financial and other support to the organisations.

The investment policy of the Trust is to invest any surplus monies in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund. Higher interest rates during the year increased cash returns, which are expected to continue during 2023/24.

The charities have no fundraising activities, as such, their annual income is earned through rentals on land and buildings, interest on cash balances, or through investment income by holding assets from securities to holdings in investment trusts. Consequently, the trusts' annual income will reflect the current interest rates and the limitations on increasing rents on farm properties governed by agricultural tenancies.

Reserves Policy

The Charitable Trusts have no explicit reserves policy, but as a general principle the “capital” of the funds is held effectively as a permanent endowment with only the annual income available for disbursement in the year.

The exceptions to this rule are for charities with little funds and a governing document that specifically states that the capital can be expended. An example of this would be the John Murdoch Henderson Bequest, which as noted above adopted a new constitution to enable the expenditure of the entire capital.

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts hold unrestricted reserves totalling £8.552 million which are made up of unrestricted funds of £4.551 million and designated funds of £4.001 million. There are no restricted funds. Designated funds are those funds which relate to Aberdeen City Council non-charitable trusts which have invested in the Lands of Skene and Torry and at present no plans exist to spend this money.

Achievements and performance

A number of trusts have limited activity pending re-organisation, namely the EEIF and Guildry & Mortification Funds. The main charitable expenditure is the transfer of funds to the Aberdeen City Common Good which finances a variety of activities for the benefit of the population of Aberdeen and funding for the Aberdeen University Bursary Fund. Further details are shown in the accounts within note 3.

Future plans

New constitutional documents were approved by the Council (14 December 2022) for the Lands of Skene, Lands of Torry and Guildry & Mortification Funds. These have been sent to OSCR for approval and once confirmed, the Council will execute and bring these into effect.

The limited funds held by the Alexander MacDonald Bequest will be used to fund the purchase of a work of art. The future of this trust and the John Henderson Bequest will be reviewed in due course as both trusts have minimal funds.

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

Law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Trust's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, giving a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on

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Appendix 1

Charity Name, Number and Purpose

Charity Name	Charity Number	Purpose	Governing Document
Guildry and Mortification Funds	SC011857	The prevention or relief of poverty and the advancement of education	Revised Constitution dated 14 December 2022, subject to OSCR approval
Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust	SC018551	The advancement of heritage	Constitution dated August 2016
Alexander MacDonald's Bequest	SC018568	Purchase of works of art for Aberdeen Art Gallery	Trust Deed 11 December 1882
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts	SC018575	Purchase of works of art for Aberdeen Art Gallery	Trust Deed March 2014
Lands of Skene	SC018533	The advancement of education and the advancement of heritage	Constitution dated 14 December 2022, subject to OSCR approval
Lands of Torry	SC021299	The advancement of education and the advancement of heritage	Constitution dated 14 December 2022, subject to OSCR approval
Education Endowment Investment Funds	SC025063	The advancement of education and the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science	Unavailable except for John Murdoch Henderson Trust Deed of May 2015

APPENDIX 2

EEIF Charitable Trusts

D M Andrew Bequest	For prizes in Classics at Aberdeen Grammar School
Miss Elizabeth H Bain Bequest	For music tuition and for instruments to pupils in city schools
Mrs Athol Benzie Prize Fund	For best all round pupil in fifth year at Aberdeen Academy
Edith and David R Bishop Prize Fund	For prizes to pupils at Aberdeen Grammar School selected by the rector
Mrs Mina Brooks Memorial Prize	For prizes for children's theatre
Miss Lucy Cruickshank Prize Fund	For prize to best pupil or pupils in French or German at High School for Girls
Jessie Durno Prize Fund	For prize in Mathematics at Aberdeen Academy
Mary Durno Prize Fund	For prize in English at Aberdeen Academy
Margaret Duthie Memorial Prize Fund	For pupil showing the greatest endeavour at Dyce School
Miss Margaret C Harper Prize Fund	For best pupil in German at Aberdeen Academy
Miss Bessie Heriot Prize Fund	For prize to best girl at Kaimhill Secondary School
John M Robertson Memorial Prize Fund	For prize to best pupil in commercial subjects at Aberdeen Grammar School
Kenneth MacIntosh Bequest	For paying or supplementing the expenses of pupils at Aberdeen Grammar School who might otherwise not be able to afford the cost of school trips
Dr Charles McLeod Trust	For purchase of books on Physical Science or Astronomy at Aberdeen Grammar School
William Meston Bursary Fund	For bursary to pupil of merit at Culter School taking a secondary course
Dr George MacKenzie Prize Fund	For prize to best pupil in German in Aberdeen Academy
John M Henderson Bequest	To purchase music of intrinsically Scottish interest for the Central Library, Aberdeen

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts and the Accounts Commission

Reporting on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts for the year ended 31 March 2023 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charities as at 31 March 2023 and of their incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

I have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charities' ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determines 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 charities' 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 intend to discontinue the charities' operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Procedures include:

- using my understanding of the local government sector and charity sector to identify that the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 are significant in the context of the charities;
- inquiring of the Trustees and Treasurer as to other laws or regulations that may be expected to have a fundamental effect on the operations of the charities;
- inquiring of the Trustees and Treasurer concerning the charities' policies and procedures regarding compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework;

- discussions among my audit team on the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the charities' controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

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

Reporting on other requirements

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Trustees' Annual Report to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Trustees' Annual Report

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

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

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

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

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 108 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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15 August 2023

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

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2023

			Unrestricted Funds 2022/23 £'000	Restricted Funds 2022/23 £'000	Endowment Funds 2022/23 £'000	Total Funds 2022/23 £'000	Total Funds 2021/22 £'000
		<u>Note</u>					
Income and endowments from:							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Donations & Legacies			427	-	-	427	-
Investments		2	349	-	-	349	220
	Total		<u>776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>220</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable Activities		3,4	255	-	-	255	235
	Total		<u>255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>235</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			521	-	-	521	(15)
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Debtor writeoff			-	-	-	-	(15)
Gains/(losses) on investment assets			(31)	-	(11)	(42)	30
Net movement in funds			<u>490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>-</u>
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward			<u>7,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>8,073</u>	<u>8,073</u>
Total funds carried forward			<u>8,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>8,552</u>	<u>8,073</u>

**Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

		2023	restated 2022
	<u>Note</u>	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	4,051	4,093
Total fixed assets		4,051	4,093
Current assets			
Debtors	6	52	53
Investments - City of Aberdeen Loans Fund	7	4,635	4,113
Total current assets		4,687	4,166
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(36)	(36)
		(36)	(36)
Total assets less current liabilities		8,702	8,223
Provision for Liabilities	9	(150)	(150)
Net assets		8,552	8,073
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		128	154
		128	154
Unrestricted income funds:			
Designated Funds:			
Common Good Fund		2,524	2,533
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Professor of Mathematics		693	693
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Library of College		35	35
James Cargill Mortification - Bursary Fund		282	282
Patrick Copland's Mortification - Professor of Divinity		339	338
Unrestricted funds		4,551	4,038
Total unrestricted funds		8,424	7,919
Total charity funds	10	8,552	8,073

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on

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Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	<u>Note</u>	Total Funds £'000	Prior Year Funds £'000
Net cash used in operating activities	13	<u>173</u>	<u>(229)</u>
Cash Flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		349	220
Purchase of investments		-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	391
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>349</u>	<u>611</u>
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</i>			
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		522	382
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>4,113</u>	<u>3,731</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	14	<u>4,635</u>	<u>4,113</u>

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023
1 - Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, and include the results of the Trusts' operations, all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 published October 2019.

In line with Regulation 7 of the 2006 Regulations, these financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Trust funds for which Aberdeen City Council acts as sole Trustee are connected charities. As such, the accounts for the statements contain all relevant information that the individual accounts would have contained if they had been prepared on an individual basis.

Going concern

The Trustees have assessed the balance sheet and likely future cash flows of the fund at the date of approving the accounts. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charities have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing financial statements.

Recognition of revenue and expenditure

All income and expenditure due to be paid or received in respect of the year ended 31 March 2023 has been provided for within these accounts. Where revenue and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet.

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
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1 - Accounting policies (continued)

Incoming resources

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

Income from investments is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it relates. Interest on invested funds is included when it is paid or when it is notified as being due.

Rent from properties is recognised as it is due.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when the charity has an obligation to make payment to a third party.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is directly attributed to the relevant category in the Statement of Financial Activities where practical. Other expenditure is allocated on a pro-rata basis based on the size of the fund.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds include incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds. These funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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 cost 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 Trustees Annual Report.

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1 - Accounting policies (continued)

Funds (continued)

Endowment funds represent those Assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objectives of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. These funds are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors.

Taxation

The Trusts are recognised by HM Revenue and Customs as charities and because of the tax reliefs available, income is not liable to taxation.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Trustee Remuneration and Staff Costs

The Trusts have no employees. None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services, nor were they reimbursed for any expenses during the year.

Interest & Management Charges

Interest & Management Charges are not treated as Debtors/Creditors but are treated as adjustments within the balances held by the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Interest is applied to the charity accounts gross of income tax based on an annual interest rate received from banks on funds invested by Aberdeen City Council on behalf of the charities during the year.

Management charges are 1% of the loans fund held at the start of the year where the balance is over £500.

Provision for liabilities

Provisions are recognised where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount of the liability. They are only recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of past events, and it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated.

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
2 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest receivable	149	23
Rent from Investment Properties	200	197
	<u>349</u>	<u>220</u>
3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Donations and expenditures	7	13
Payments to Beneficiaries:		
Common Good Fund	117	88
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Professor of Mathematics	44	43
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Library of College	2	2
James Cargill Mortification - Bursary Fund	18	18
Patrick Copland's Mortification - Professor of Divinity	21	21
Property costs	-	5
	<u>209</u>	<u>190</u>
4 GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Accounting and administration	36	37
Audit Fee	10	8
	<u>46</u>	<u>45</u>

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	2023 £'000	2023 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
	Investment Property	Gilts and Equities		
5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
Market Value at 1 April 2022	3,961	132	4,093	4,454
Net investment gains/(losses)	(31)	(11)	(42)	39
Disposals			-	(400)
Market Value at 31 March 2023	<u>3,930</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>4,051</u>	<u>4,093</u>
Market Value at 31 March 2022	<u>3,961</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>4,093</u>	<u>4,454</u>

The property portfolio was valued in 2022/23 internally by Deborah Wylie, Bsc MRICS and Cate Armstrong MRICS who are Registered Valuers in accordance with the Statement of Assets Valuation Practice and guidance notes of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Lands of Skene is a charity which owns an area of land known as the Lands of Skene. The Guildry Fund, Common Good Fund and Bridge of Don Fund each invested financially in the Lands of Skene and as a result are entitled to recognise a share of the total assets less current liabilities of this charity, being calculated in proportion to the initial amount invested by each, as an investment on their respective Balance Sheets.

6 DEBTORS				
Prepayments & accrued income			<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>
7 INVESTMENTS HELD AS CURRENT ASSETS				
City of Aberdeen Loan Funds			<u>4,635</u>	<u>4,113</u>

The trustees have invested the free reserves of each of the charities in the City of Aberdeen loan funds in order to earn interest for the benefit of each charity. The loan funds is a cash investment and is stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date.

8 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year				
Accruals and deferred income			<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>
9 Provisions for Liabilities				
The Provision for Thomas Glover House has been reclassified as a provision from creditors.			<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

	Tangible fixed assets £'000	Current assets (liabilities)/provision £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,051</u>	<u>4,501</u>	<u>8,552</u>	<u>8,073</u>

11 CONTROLLING INTEREST				
Each charity is under the control of its trustees.				

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	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
Aberdeen City Council provides the accounting services for the trust for which a management fee is charged.	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>
The trust also has funds deposited with Aberdeen City Loans Fund as detailed in note 7.		
13 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	479	-
Adjustments for:		
(Gains)/losses on investments	42	(39)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(349)	(220)
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	-	9
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1	14
Increase/(decrease) in creditors/provisions	-	7
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>173</u>	<u>(229)</u>
14 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Investments - City of Aberdeen Loans Fund	<u>4,635</u>	<u>4,113</u>

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15 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Individual Trust Balances							
	Charity Number	Balance as at 1 April 2022 £'000	Transfer between Funds £'000	Revaluation of Investments £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Balance as at 31 March 2023 £'000
EEIF	SC025063	(315)	-	11	(7)	2	(309)
Guildry	SC011857	(2,613)	-	13	(79)	16	(2,663)
Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust	SC018551	(1,220)	-	10	(32)	1	(1,241)
Alexander MacDonald Bequest	SC018568	(30)	-	-	(1)	-	(31)
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trust	SC018575	(15)	-	-	(427)	7	(435)
Lands of Skene	SC018533	(3,771)	-	34	(123)	123	(3,737)
Lands of Torry	SC021299	(2,750)	-	(2)	(173)	173	(2,752)
Total		(10,714)	-	66	(842)	322	(11,168)

The above table shows the balances of the individual trust fund before the removal of intra trust transactions as both the Guildry (40%) and the Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust (30%) are invested in Lands of Skene. The table below shows the individual balances after the removal of these transactions.

Individual Trust Balances after adjusting for intra trust transactions							
	Charity Number	Balance as at 1 April 2022 £'000	Transfer between Funds £'000	Revaluation of Investments £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Balance as at 31 March 2023 £'000
EEIF	SC025063	(315)	-	11	(7)	2	(309)
Guildry	SC011857	(983)	-	-	(40)	16	(1,007)
Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust	SC018551	-	-	-	(4)	1	(3)
Alexander MacDonald Bequest	SC018568	(30)	-	-	(1)	-	(31)
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trust	SC018575	(15)	-	-	(428)	8	(435)
Lands of Skene	SC018533	(3,980)	-	33	(123)	55	(4,015)
Lands of Torry	SC021299	(2,750)	-	(2)	(173)	173	(2,752)
Total		(8,073)	-	42	(776)	255	(8,552)

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16 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS BALANCE SHEETS

Charity Name	Charity Number	Individual Trust Balances									
		Gilts £'000	Equities £'000	Investments £'000	Heritable Property £'000	Investment Aberdeen City Council		Debtors £'000	Creditors £'000	Provision £'000	Total £'000
						Loans	Fund £'000				
EEIF	SC025063	6	115	-	-	188	-	-	-	309	
Guildry	SC011857	-	-	1,495	-	1168	-	-	-	2,663	
Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust	SC018551	-	-	1,121	-	270	-	-	(150)	1,241	
Alexander McDonald Bequest	SC018568	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	31	
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trust	SC018575	-	-	-	-	435	-	-	-	435	
Lands of Skene	SC018533	-	-	-	1,204	2,528	6	(1)	-	3,737	
Lands of Torry	SC021299	-	-	-	2,727	14	46	(35)	-	2,752	
Total		6	115	2,616	3,931	4,634	52	(36)	(150)	11,168	

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Charity Name	Charity Number	Individual Trust Balances after adjusting for intra trust transactions									
		Gilts £'000	Equities £'000	Investments £'000	Heritable Property £'000	Investment Aberdeen City Council		Debtors £'000	Creditors £'000	Provision £'000	Total £'000
						Loans	Fund £'000				
EEIF	SC025063	6	115	-	-	188	-	-	-	309	
Guildry	SC011857	-	-	-	-	1,007	-	-	-	1,007	
Bridges of Aberdeen Heritage Trust	SC018551	-	-	-	-	153	-	-	(150)	3	
Alexander McDonald Bequest	SC018568	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	31	
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trust	SC018575	-	-	-	-	435	-	-	-	435	
Lands of Skene	SC018533	-	-	-	1,204	2,806	6	(1)	-	4,015	
Lands of Torry	SC021299	-	-	-	2,727	14	46	(35)	-	2,752	
Total		6	115	-	3,931	4,634	52	(36)	(150)	8,552	