# ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DELASALLE (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

# TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

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#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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J Jacobs

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P Sweeney (Chair of Governing Body)\*

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I Duffy (RO, Chair of Audit & Finance)\* Resigned April 2017

R Gangadeen\*

A Nicolotti\* (resigned July 2017)

C. Stevens W Doris S. Akinsanya

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W Doris

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P. Sweeney J. Jacobs

#### Senior leadership team

- Headmaster

- Deputy Head - Assistant Head

- Assistant Head

- Assistant Head

- Assistant Head

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- Assistant Head -

- Raising standards Leader

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- Finance Director

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S. Coward (Resigned 16 December 2016)

N Mohamed (Appointed 01 January 2017)

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Trustees' present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 01 September 2016 to 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", and the Academies' Accounts Direction 2016/17 issued by the ESFA.

The principal activity of the company is the operation of a state-funded Academy, St. Joseph's College, providing a state education for students aged 11 to 18. It has a pupil capacity of 900 11-16 year olds and 299 16-19 year olds. The school had a roll of 1097, recorded in the January 2017 census; 855 students in years 7 to 11 and 242 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

#### Structure, governance and management

#### Constitution

The academy trust was incorporated as a company on 08 May 2012 and the predecessor school converted to academy status on 01 June 2012. The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The Trustees of St. Joseph's College Delasalle Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

The charitable company is known as St. Joseph's College Delasalle.

Details of the Trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details included at the front of these accounts.

#### Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before or within one year if they cease to be a member.

#### Trustees' indemnities

During the year there were no third party indemnities given by the company on behalf of any of its trustees.

#### Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Governors

In accordance with the articles, the trustees of the charitable company are the governors. They are appointed as follows;

- Up to twelve foundation Governors recommended by the Board of Trustees and appointed by the De La Salle Trustees.
- Up to two staff Governors elected by the staff;
- Up to three parent Governors elected by parents;
- the Principal is an ex-officio Governor:
- · One community governor
- Up to three co-opted Governors
- additional Governors may be appointed by the Secretary of State.

In respect of those appointed by the governors, ((a), above) when a vacancy arises, the governors seek to make an appointment that would maximise the relevant skills and experience on the board as a whole.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Governors

The training and induction provided for new governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training in charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All governors are provided with the information needed (including policies, minutes, budgets, etc.) to undertake their role as governors. The College has a Service Level Agreement with the LA to enable support and training throughout the year.

#### Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees, the majority of whom are non-executive, comprises those persons appointed under the Articles of Association. The board meets at least three times a year and has seven committees;

- S48 Committee
- · Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare
- Finance, Audit and HR
- Teaching, Learning & Assessment
- Standards & Performance
- Chairs' Committee
- Chair's strategy
- Pay Committee

The Finance Committee also fulfils the functions of an Audit Committee

All committees are formally constituted with terms of reference and comprise appropriately qualified and experienced members.

Trustees delegate specific responsibilities to its committees, the activities of which are reported to and discussed at full Governing Body Meetings.

Day to day management of the company is undertaken by the Headmaster, supported by the Leadership Team,

The Headmaster is the Principal Accounting Officer and the Director of Finance is the Principal Finance Officer.

#### Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) are the key management personnel of the trust. Trustees are also senior management although they receive no pay or other remuneration in respect of their role as trustees. Where staff trustees are in place, they receive remuneration for their role as staff and their pay is determined in the same way as applicable to all other staff. Further details of remuneration paid to staff who are trustees is set out within the notes to the accounts.

The pay of the Headmaster is set annually by the Pay Committee, having regards to performance against objectives set the previous year. Pay of other SLT members is also set by the Pay Committee again having regard to performance against previously agreed objectives and any recommendations made by the Headmaster. The pay and conditions policy adopted remains the same as that used by Croydon Council.

#### Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

There were no Connected or Related Party relationships.

#### Objectives and activities

#### Objects and aims

The principal object of the company is the advancement of education in the United Kingdom. It achieves this object principally through the operation of St. Joseph's College, the aim being to provide the highest possible standard of education and pastoral care, maximising the life-chances of its students.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### Objectives, strategies and activities

The main objectives during the year were:

- Improve Teaching and Learning in order to ensure higher level of progress and attainment made by all students and improve results at A Level and GCSE.
- Further increase numbers in the Sixth Form.
- Improving the progress of our most vulnerable groups is a particular objective, namely SEN, Black Caribbean, Pupil Premium and most able students.
- Offer a more inclusive curriculum by continuing in-house provision of vocational courses in Sport and Engineering.
- Introduce new technologies to improve teaching and learning.
- Successfully introduce the House system back into the College

#### Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the associated activities, Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

#### Strategic report

#### Achievements and performance

The company has enjoyed a good year, GCSE results A\*-C (new GCSE Grading of 4-9) in English and Maths increased from 69% to 71% and 70% of students secured 5A\*-C (4-9) including Maths and English, up 3% on the previous year.

There were significant improvements in the progress of our key vulnerable groups of students who were a priority area in the previous academic year, the Progress 8 figure of SEN students increased from -0.74 to -0.25. The progress of Pupil Premium students also improved with the cohort outperforming the Non-Pupil Premium cohort and securing a Progress 8 figure of +0.05.

Chemistry and Physics GCSE courses both had a 100% pass rate. Seven courses achieved over 90% A\*-C pass rates. The top 8 students in the year group achieved 83 A\*-A grades with one student securing the top grade of a 9 across Maths, English Language and Literature as well as 10 other A\* or equivalent grades.

Many subject areas at GSCE secured above the national average for A\*-C including, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Core Science, Additional Science, Art, Business Studies, Computing and Spanish. Many subjects also secured above the national average for the percentage of A\*-A secured including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Core Science, Computing and Graphics. Post 16 Academic routes saw an increase in the percentage of students achieving A\*-B grades (up 5% on last year) as well as a similar rise in the % securing A\*-C. The percentage securing A\*-E however has decreased and remains a priority for the coming academic year. Both Applied General and Technical qualification outcomes at Level 3 have increased with both securing a 100% Pass rate. The average grade in Applied Generals was a Distinction and in the Technical qualifications the highest possible average grade was secured at a Distinction\*. Numerous learning outside the classroom activities took place over the year including visits to Spain, and an immersion course in China, allowing students the opportunities to develop their cultural experiences and learn in different ways.

# Key performance indicators Solvency:

At the end of the accounting period the Current Assets: Current Liabilities ratio is 2.3:1 this excludes the LGPS deficit, separately included on the balance sheet.

#### Income over Expenditure:

The general restricted funds have increased by £1k in the year and general unrestricted funds have decreased by £20k.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### Cost Control measures:

Expenditure on staff and staff related costs against total revenue income was 76%. Expenditure on staffing has increased slightly compared to last year, this was due to the additional expenditure on agency staff, recruitment and agency fees. A new timetable model has reduced the number of teaching staff for 2017/18 together with other efficiency measures to enable a balanced budget. A reduction in LGPS employer contribution rates and a decrease in the deficit repair lump sum reduced support staff costs from April 2017.

Financial re-modelling will see larger class sizes and a reduction in teaching and support staff in an effort to manage funding cuts, but still meet the needs of the College. We have achieved a £500K saving on teaching costs for next year, which includes a 1% uplift to all pay scales, based on prior information provided by the STPRB (School Teachers Pay Review Body). The latest recommendation however is that a 2% uplift is awarded to the minima and maxima of the Main pay scale. The Unions have recommended 2% across the whole of the Main scale and 1% on the Upper scale. We have budgeted for 1%, the ESFA are not funding any additional uplift. This puts us in a difficult position, both in terms of affordability, by offering a further uplift and the risk of not attracting teachers because we remain at a 1% base.

As it stands it is for school leaders and governing bodies to implement these changes to the national pay framework in accordance with their pay policies and within the funding available. This is not a viable option.

#### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of governors has a reasonable expectation that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Financial review

We receive our income from a number of different sources. The majority of our income comes from central government via the Education and Skills Funding Agency who provide us with grant, based largely on our student numbers to cover our staffing and other general running costs (General Annual Grant -GAG). The ESFA may provide us with additional grants which are earmarked for specific purposes (such as Pupil Premium which must be used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils). These appear in the accounts as DfE/ESFA grants. Where we receive grant or other funding from the Local Authority (such as where we undertake responsibilities on their behalf in respect of our students) this appears in the accounts as 'Other' government grants. Such income is collectively referred to as "Restricted Funds". Other income is received from parents (for example as contributions to trip or other costs) and from third parties (for example from our bank for interest on our account balances or from others who are charged for their use of our facilities). Such other income may be restricted or unrestricted, depending on whether it comes to us with conditions as to its use or whether it is available for spending at the discretion of the trustees.

We hold funds in two broad categories, funds which are available for spending and other funds which are not available for spending.

Spendable funds are in turn sub-categorised between those which are available for spending at the discretion of trustees ("Unrestricted Funds") and those which are subject to condition or restriction, ("Restricted Funds").

Funds not available for spending include the book value of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. These have a value and are therefore included as assets in the accounts but clearly, we cannot spend this value. In common with all academies and Local Authorities, our share of the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit must also be reflected in our accounts and as this is not a conventional liability, it does not need to be deducted from spendable funds. We meet our obligations in respect of the LGPS by paying over pension contributions due as calculated by the scheme's actuaries.

The following balances held were held at 31 August;

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Fund	Category	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
GAG	Restricted General Funds	92	54
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	Restricted General Funds	45	-
Other Government Grants	Restricted General Funds	-	-
Other Income	Restricted General Funds	<u>5</u>	<u>87</u>
Sub-total	General Restricted Funds	142	141
Unspent Capital Grants	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	389	-
Other Income	Unrestricted General Fund	<u>25</u>	<u>45</u>
Sub-Total	Spendable Funds	556	186
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	181	215
Share of LGPS Deficit	Restricted Pension Reserve	(1,028)	<u>(1,556)</u>
Total	All Funds	<u>(291)</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>

#### Reserves policy

The principal policy on reserves is that accumulation of unspent GAG balances should not breach any limits thereon set out in the Funding agreement. The level of general reserves should never be in deficit. No official reserves policy exists. The average annual amount generated by the school is £130k (2016: £143k) and is used to balance/augment the budget and provide additional learning resources for students. Private funds, generated through lettings, maintains an average balance of £100k (2016: £100k), these are unrestricted funds. 80% (2016: 50%) of these funds have been used to maintain the building, contribute towards energy costs and other commitments. The remaining balance is held in reserve to match the funds generated annually through educational activities. The ratio of general restricted reserves to annual operating restricted fund expenditure in this accounting period was 2.1% (2016: 2.1%).

A School Fund is maintained consisting of donations from parents and is solely used to provide additional resources for students.

Most of the company's income is obtained from the DfE (via the Education and Skills Funding Agency) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the period ended 31 August 2017 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

Each year the Governors review the resource requirements and grant and other income that is forecast for the coming year and an annual budget is formulated and approved.

#### Investment policy and powers

There are no investments held beyond cash deposits retained with the major UK clearing banks. Speculative investments are not permitted.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those relating to academic performance/finances/child welfare. The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the company faces, and have developed policies and procedures to mitigate those risks. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The company has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

The risk management process has been codified in a risk register implemented by the Leadership Team and overseen by Governors.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The principal financial risk faced by the company is that on-going pressure on funding results in a risk that deficits may be experienced. The budgeting and reporting process, including scrutiny by the Governors of actual financial performance, mitigates the risk.

As the nature of the financial instruments dealt with by the company is relatively simple (bank balances, debtors and "trade" creditors), Governors consider the associated risk in this area to be minimal.

The risk resulting from the company's share of the LGPS deficit is managed by following the advice of the scheme's actuaries, specifically as regards the level of contributions payable, ensuring that annual budgets are drawn up to reflect the actuary's advice.

#### Plans for future periods

The main objectives for the coming year are:

- Develop marketing strategy for the College at every level
- Increase student performance across all groups and improve GCSE and A Level results
- Work with neighbouring schools to increase numbers in our 6th form
- Work with neighbouring schools to benefit from economies of scale on large contracts
- Develop sporting facilities to increase revenue for the school.
- Continue to develop lettings opportunities,
- Development of after school classes for music and sport to target less privileged students.
- Continue to bid for capital funding to improve current facilities.
- Implement the new House system.

#### Funds held as custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The academy trust is not acting as custodian for any other external body.

#### **Auditor**

In so far as the Governors are aware:

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

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 12 December 2017 and signed on the Board's behalf by:

P Sweeney

**Chair of Trustee** 

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that St Joseph's College Delasalle has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headmaster, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between St Joseph's College Delasalle and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
D. Garrido (Headmaster and Accounting Officer)	4	4
W Doris	4	4
J Garner	4	4
Br. L Hughes (Br. J. Deeney)	1	4
Br. B Foy	4	4
J Jacobs	4	4
J Thorpe	0	4
P Sweeney (Chair of Governing Body)	4	4
P Macchieraldo	2	4
I Duffy (RO, Chair F&A Committee) Resigned April	17 2	4
R Gangadeen	3	4
A Nicolotti	2	4
C. Stevens	4	4
S. Akinsanya	4	4
F. Chung	2	4
V.Kauschel	2	4
P. Hassan	3	4
S. Tuohy	2	4

#### Governance reviews:

- Self-evaluation forms are completed annually; governors are directed to the committee that best utilises their skills.
- The Chair evaluated the competency matrix and re-organised the committees accordingly in September 2016.

Attendance at meetings of the Finance & Audit committee in the year was as follows:

#### **Trustees**

N	leetings attended	Out of possible
D. Garrido -Headmaster	4	4
I Duffy (Responsible Officer, Chair F&A (resigned Apr	il 17) 2	4
P. Sweeney (Chair of Governors)	4	4
R. Gangadeen	3	4
A. Nicolotti (resigned July 2017)	3	4
F. Chung	2	4
V. Kauschel	3	4

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer the Headmaster has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

College, maintenance and decorating work continue on a cyclical basis. The appearance of the majority of the teaching areas are much improved. A planning schedule will be maintained throughout the year to continue improvements.

A Capital bid was successful for a fire alarm replacement system. The tendering process is underway and it is anticipated work will commence in January 2018 with completion due in March 2018. An ongoing programme of bidding is anticipated to replace the Hall/Science Block and Swimming Pool building roof. We hope to be successful in obtaining a Salix loan to improve energy efficiency.

Lettings income remains steady; the swimming pool is now booked to capacity. A new website has links to our facilities available for hire. A drive to further increase bookings for our sports hall and professional kitchen are a priority for next year.

#### The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in St Joseph's College Delasalle for the period 01 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

#### Capacity to handle risk

The board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 01 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of Trustees.

#### The risk and control framework

The academy trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Governors;
- regular reviews by the finance and audit committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- · delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- · Identification and management of risks.

The board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. A new member of the Finance & Audit committee will be appointed as RO. The Governing Body

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

are satisfied that the RO function has been fully delivered in line with the agreed program of work and is furnished with quarterly reports undertaken by an independent financial advisor who carries out a rolling programme of checks on:

- · Payroll reconciliation and employee's salary details
- Banking reconciliation
- · Ordering & invoicing processes
- Petty cash
- Cash flow
- Budget monitoring
- Month end statement signed by the Accounting Officer

These reports are circulated to the GB quarterly any recommendations are reviewed at the next meeting. There have been no findings that have given cause for concern throughout the year.

#### Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer the Headmaster has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the Responsible Officer
- the work of the External Auditor;
- · the financial management and governance self-assessment process
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Audit & Finance Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

D Garrido

**Accounting Officer** 

P Sweeney

**Chair of Trustees** 

#### STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

As accounting officer of St Joseph's College Delasalle I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust's Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that other than the matter referred to below, no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.

The only irregularity that has come to my attention relates to the settlement agreement with a previous supplier, disclosed in note 6 to the accounts. I am satisfied the expenditure represented good value for money and was authorised by the Trustees. The trust subsequently discovered that prior approval of the ESFA should have been obtained for this expenditure. It was thought at the time that ESFA approval was not required as the expenditure was from non-grant funds. The trust has however applied for retrospective approval from the ESFA. I expect approval to be granted because the agreement was reached having taken legal advice and having established a strong business case for it.

D Garrido

**Accounting Officer** 

12 December 2017

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The trustees (who also act as governors for St Joseph's College Delasalle and are also the directors of St Joseph's College Delasalle for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 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.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring that grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 12 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

P Sweeney

Chair of Trustees

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DELASALLE

#### Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of St Joseph's College Delasalle for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2017 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Academy Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Financial Statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the Financial Statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Academy Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the Financial Statements are authorised for issue.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DELASALLE (CONTINUED)

#### Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the Financial Statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements; and
- the Trustees' Report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report, including the incorporated strategic 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.

#### Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees 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 Academy Trust'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 have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DELASALLE (CONTINUED)

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

David John Walsh FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Baxter & Co

**Statutory Auditor** 

**Chartered Certified Accountants** 

Lynwood House Crofton Road Orpington Kent BR6 8QE

Dated: 14 December 2017

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DELASALLE AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 October 2012 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Joseph's College Delasalle during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to St Joseph's College Delasalle and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the St Joseph's College Delasalle and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than St Joseph's College Delasalle and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of St Joseph's College Delasalle's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of St Joseph's College Delasalle's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 June 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2016, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance, and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

#### Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the Academy Trust's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Review of payments to staff;
- Review of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- · Review of grant and other income streams;
- Review of some key financial control procedures;
- Discussions with finance staff:
- Consideration of the record maintained by the Accounting Officer of the oversight they have exercised;
- Consideration of the programme of risk review and checking of financial controls implemented by the trust in order to comply with its obligations under 2.4.9 of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016, issued by the ESFA.

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DELASALLE AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

#### Conclusion

In the course of our work and other than the matter referred to below, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Prior approval of the ESFA should have been obtained prior to entering into a settlement agreement with a previous supplier. The details of the expenditure are described in note 6 to the accounts. The trustees believed at the time that ESFA approval was not required as the expenditure was from non-grant funds. The trust has however applied for retrospective approval from the ESFA.

Baxter & Co

Independent Reporting Accountants Chartered Certified Accountants

Lynwood House Crofton Road Orpington Kent BR6 8QE

Dated:14 December 2017

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

		Unrestricted Funds	Restrict General Fi	ted funds: ixed asset	Total 2017	Total 2016
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants Charitable activities:	3	105	-	431	536	122
- Funding for educational operations	4	• -	6,657	-	6,657	6,728
Other trading activities	5	117	-		117	103
Total income and endowments		222	6,657	431	7,310 ——	6,953
Expenditure on:			<del>-</del>			_
Raising funds	6	85	-	-	85	6
Charitable activities:	_	4.55	0.740	440	0.000	7 000
- Educational operations	7	157 <sub></sub> _	6,716 ———	110	6,983	7,208
Total expenditure	6	242	6,716	110	7,068	7,214
Net income/(expenditure)		(20)	(59)	321	242	(261)
Transfers between funds		-	(34)	34	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses		No. of the second				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	17		622		622	(423)
Net movement in funds		(20)	529	355	864	(684)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		45 ———	(1,415)	215	(1,155) ———	(471)
Total funds carried forward		25	(886)	570	(291)	(1,155)

The comparative figures for 2016 are analysed according to fund on the next page of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

# SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE: COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

		Unrestricted		ricted funds:	Total
	Mataa	Funds	General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	2016 £'000
Income and endowments from:	Notes	£'000	2, 000	£ 000	£, 000
Donations and capital grants	3	43	-	79	122
Charitable activities:	•				
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	6,728	-	6,728
Other trading activities	5	103	-		103
Total income and endowments		146	6,728	79	6,953
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	6	-	-	6
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	7	424	6,701 ———	83 	7,208
Total expenditure	6	430	6,701	83	7,214
Net income/(expenditure)		(284)	27	(4)	(261)
Transfers between funds		-	39	(39)	-
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	17		(423	) <u>-</u>	(423)
Net movement in funds		(284)	(357	) (43)	(684)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		329	(1,058	) 258	(471)
Total funds carried forward		45	(1,415	) 215	(1,155)

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

		2017		2016	
	Notes	£'000	2'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		181		215
Current assets					
Debtors	12	280		134	
Cash at bank and in hand		705		448	
		985		582	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one					
year	13	(429)		(396)	
Net current assets		·	556		186
Net assets excluding pension liability			737		401
-					
Defined benefit pension liability	17		(1,028)		(1,556)
Total net assets					
rotal net assets			(291)		(1,155)
Funds of the Academy Trust:					
Restricted funds	15				
- Fixed asset funds			570		215
- Restricted income funds			142		141
- Pension reserve			(1,028)		(1,556)
Total restricted funds			(316)		(1,200)
Unrestricted income funds	15		25		45
Total funds		ب ۳	(291)		(1,155)

The Financial Statements set out on pages 19 to 41 were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2017 and are signed on its behalf by:

P Sweeney

**Chair of Trustees** 

Company Number 08061075

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

		2017	,	2016	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash used in operating activities	18		(140)		(89)
Cash flows from investing activities		<sup>1</sup> wis			
Capital grants from DfE and ESFA		431		79	
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(34)		(40)	
			397		39
Change in cash and cash equivalents in	the				
reporting period	i tile		257		(50)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 Septembe	r 2016	5 m	448		498
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 Augus	t 2017		705		448
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

St Joseph's College Delasalle meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the Financial Statements and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Financial Statements.

#### 1.3 Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy Trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Grants receivable

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

#### Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

#### **Donations**

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the Academy Trust has provided the goods or services.

#### Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the accounts until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

#### Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

#### 1.4 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 are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### Expenditure on raising funds

This includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

#### Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy Trust apportioned to charitable activities.

#### Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Academy Trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management, Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £5,000 or more per item (or less if they form part of a larger purchase or project where the total cost exceeds £25,000) are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding that require the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment
Fixtures, fittings & equipment
Motor vehicles

33.33% Straight Line 10% - 20% Straight Line 20% Straight Line

The Land and Buildings occupied by the Academy are not valued as they are not owned or occupied under a long tem lease.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 1.6 Liabilities

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 Academy Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods of services it must provide.

#### 1.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The Academy Trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy Trust and their measurement basis are as follows.

#### Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The Academy Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### 1.10 Pensions benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust.

#### **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 17, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

#### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

#### 1.11 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy Trust at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.12 Agency arrangements

Where the Academy Trust acts as agent in collecting and / or distributing from the ESFA or others, and subsequent disbursements are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Trust does not have control over charitable application of the funds. The funds received and paid, and any balances held are disclosed in note 23.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Academy Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 17, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

#### Critical areas of judgement

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees have not needed to exercise any subjective judgements that would be critical to the Academy Trust's Financial Statements.

#### 3 Donations and capital grants

Donations and capital grants	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2017 £'000	Total 2016 £'000
Capital grants	-	431	431	79
Other donations	105		105	43
	105	431	536	122

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

4	Funding for the Academy Trust's ed	ucational	operations			
			Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2017 £'000	Total 2016 £'000
	DfE / ESFA grants				2333	
	General annual grant (GAG) Other DfE / ESFA grants		. <del>-</del>	6,017 298	6,017 298	6,151 264
			-	6,315	6,315	6,415
	Other government grants					
	Local authority grants		-	<u>130</u>	130	87 ————
	Other funds					
	Other incoming resources	-		<u>212</u>	212	<u>226</u>
	Total funding			6,657	6,657	6,728
5	Other trading activities					
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2017	Total 2016
			funds £'000	funds £'000	£'000	£'000
	Hire of facilities		117		117	103
6	Expenditure					
		Staff		Other	Total	Total
		costs	& occupancy costs	costs	2017	2016
		£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Expenditure on raising funds Academy's educational operations	-	-	85	85	6
	- Direct costs	4,538	54	727	5,319	5,671
	- Allocated support costs	672	771	221	1,664	1,537
		5,210	825	1,033	7,068	7,214
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

Charitable activities

Governance costs

6	Expenditure			
	Net income/(expenditure) fo	r the year includes:	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	Fees payable to auditor for:			
	- Audit		9	9
	- Other services	"	5	5
	Operating lease rentals		26	44
	Depreciation of tangible fixed	assets	68	83
	Net interest on defined benefit	pension liability	32	40
	Included within expenditure ar	e the following transactions:	2017 £	
	Compensation payments - total		67,500	
	- Items over £5,000:	Settlement payment to end contract with supplier early	67,500	

During the year, the academy reached a settlement agreement with a supplier with whom it had previously contracted for services. The academy took the decision that it was in its best interests to terminate this contract earlier than was allowed for in the contract. Following a process which included consideration of best value and having taken legal advice, a settlement of £67,500 was agreed, to be paid from non-grant funds.

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2017 £'000	Total 2016 £'000
Direct costs - educational operations	157	5,162	5,319	5,671
Support costs - educational operations	<u>-</u>	1,664	1,664	1,537
	157	6,826	6,983	7,208
	<u></u>			
			Total	Total
	* ***		2017	2016
Analysis of support costs			£'000	£'000
Analysis of support costs Support staff costs			672	621
Depreciation and amortisation			14	17
Premises and occupancy costs			757	732
Other support costs			207	153

14

1,537

14

1,664

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

8	Staff costs			
•		2017	2016	
		£'000	£'000	
	Wages and salaries	3,856	3,935	
	Social security costs	398	351	
	Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	680	667	
	Apprenticeship levy	2		
	Staff costs	4,936	4,953	
	Supply staff costs	263	222	
	Staff restructuring costs	11	11	
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	Total staff expenditure	5,210	5,186	
		WACCO		

#### Non statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs is a single, non-contractual severance payment of £10,520.

#### Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year	r was as follows:	
	2017	2016
	Number	Number
Teachers	75	75
Administration and support	48	64
Management	13	10
	131	144
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The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was as for	2017	2016
	Number	Number

The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was a	as follows:	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2017	2016
	Number	Number
Teachers	70	70
Administration and support	33	42
Management	13	10
W.	116	122
	Approx. 1994	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 8 Staff costs

#### Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	1	2
£70,001 - £80,000 £80,001 - £90,000	-	2
£100,001 - 110,000	1	_

#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions, excluding employer NIC) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £873k.

#### 9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy Trust. The Headteacher and other Staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees.

The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

#### Mr M V David Garrido (Headteacher):

- Remuneration: £100,000 £105,000 (2016 part year-: £75,000 £80,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £15,000 £20,000 (2016- part year -: £10,000 £15,000)

#### Mrs J Thorpe (Staff Governor):

- Remuneration: Not appointed this year (2016: £5,000 £10,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: Not appointed this year (2016: £nil)

#### Mr A McDonald (Staff Governor):

- Remuneration: Not appointed this year (2016: £40,000 £45,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: Not appointed this year (2016: £5,000 £10,000)

#### Mrs C Stevens (Staff Governor):

- Remuneration: £25,000 £30,000 (2016: £25,000 £30,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 £10,000 (2016: £5,000 £10,000)

During the year, expenses payments totalling £1,472 (2016: £249) were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees in respect of costs incurred in the performance of their duties of employment (2016: 2 Trustees).

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out within the related parties note.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 10 Trustees and officers insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £1,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £1,344 (2016: £1,200). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

#### 11 Tangible fixed assets

ū	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost				
At 1 September 2016	211	254	12	477
Additions	34			34
At 31 August 2017	245	254	12	511
Depreciation		<del></del> -		
At 1 September 2016	174	84	4	262
Charge for the year	36	30	2	68
At 31 August 2017	210	114	6	330
Net book value				-
At 31 August 2017	35	140	6	181
At 31 August 2016	37	170	<del></del>	215
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The Academy occupies the Land and Buildings at Beulah Hill, London, SE19 3HL, under the terms of a licence to occupy from the Trustees of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle).

The Trustees of the academy trust have considered carefully the requirements of and guidance notes within the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the ESFA. They have concluded that, taking into account the rights and obligations placed upon the academy trust by the licence to occupy, the substance of the arrangement is not materially different to its legal form. Accordingly they have concluded that it would be misleading to recognise the academy's right to occupy its buildings as a fixed asset on its balance sheet.

12	Debtors	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	VAT recoverable Prepayments and accrued income	7 273	15 119
	f <del>u</del>	280	134

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	Trade creditors	-	2
	Other taxation and social security	98	105
	Accruals and deferred income	331	289 ——
		429	396
14	Deferred income	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	8	
	Deferred income at 1 September 2016	20	31
	Released from previous years	(20)	(31)
	Amounts deferred in the year	<u>8</u>	20
	Deferred income at 31 August 2017	8	20
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Deferred income at 31 August 2017 comprises the unspent balance of Bursary funding £nil (2016: £11k), Lottery funding £nil (2016: £9k) and income for trips collected in advance of the trip taking place £8k (2016: £nil).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15	Funds	Balance at 1 September			Gains, losses and	Balance at 31 August
		2016	Income	Expenditure	transfers	2017
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Restricted general funds					
	General Annual Grant	54	6,017	(5,979)	-	92
	Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	1	(1)	-	-
	Pupil premium	-	297	(252)	-	45
	Other government grants	-	130	(130)	-	-
	Other restricted funds	87 	212	(260)	(34)	5
	Funds excluding pensions	141	6,657	(6,622)	(34)	142
	Pension reserve	(1,556) ———		(94)	622	(1,028)
		(1,415) ——	6,657	(6,716)	588 	(886)
	Restricted fixed asset funds					
	DfE / ESFA capital grants Capital expenditure from GAG	158	431	(67)	-	522
	and other funds	57	-	(43)	34	48
		215	431	(110)	34	570
				Materials.	**************************************	<del>( ) </del>
	Total restricted funds	(1,200)	7,088	(6,826)	622	(316)
	Unrestricted funds		es.			
	General funds	<u>45</u>	<u>222</u>	(242)	<u></u>	25
	Total funds	(1,155)	7,310	(7,068)	622	(291)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Restricted General Funds are used to fund the general operating costs of the Academy.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2017.

The Restricted LGPS Fund represents the Academy's share of the LGPS Pension Fund deficit.

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund represents investment in fixed assets, net of related depreciation. Unspent capital grants are also held in this fund and their use is restricted to the capital projects for which the grant was paid.

Unrestricted Funds represent balances held at period end that can be applied at the discretion of the Governors, to support any of the Academy's charitable purposes.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

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Movements in funds - previou	s year Balance at 1 September 2015 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2016 £'000
Restricted general funds		2010			
General Annual Grant	(105)	6,151	(6,031)	39	54
Other DfE / ESFA grants	` -	264	(264)	-	-
Other government grants	-	87	(87)	-	-
Other restricted funds	135	226	(274)		87 
Funds excluding pensions	30	6,728	(6,656)	39	141
Pension reserve	(1,088)		(45)	(423)	(1,556) ——
	(1,058)	6,728	(6,701)	(384)	(1,415)
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Restricted fixed asset funds		•			
DfE / ESFA capital grants Capital expenditure from GAG	183	79	(25)	(79)	158
and other funds	75	••	(58)	40	57
	258	79	(83)	(39)	215
			(00)		
Total restricted funds	(800)	6,807	(6,784)	(423)	(1,200)
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	329	146	(430)	<b></b>	45
			<del>`</del>		
Total funds	(471)	6,953	(7,214)	(423)	(1,155)
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Analysis of net assets betwee	เกานกนร	Unrestricted	Rest	tricted funds:	Total
		Funds	General	Fixed asset	2017
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2 represented by:	017 are				
Tangible fixed assets		_	-	181	181
Current assets		25	571	389	985
Creditors falling due within one	year		(429)	-	(429)
Defined benefit pension liability	•	-	(1,028)	-	(1,028)
		 25	(886)	<del></del> 570	(291)
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted Restricted funds:		Total
	Funds £'000	General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	2016 £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2016 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	215	215
Current assets	45	537	••	582
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(396)	-	(396)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(1,556)	-	(1,556)
	45	(1,415)	215	(1,155)
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#### 17 Pensions and similar obligations

The Academy Trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by the London Borough of Croydon. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

#### **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

#### Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014.

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#### 17 Pensions and similar obligations

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

During the previous year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £463k (2016: £479k).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

#### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18.7% for employers and 5.5% to 6.8% for employees.

In addition to the above, lump sum payments are made by the employer so as to reduce the deficit over an agreed manageable period of time.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Total contributions made	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Employer's contributions Employees' contributions	171 39	185 42
Total contributions	210	227

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17	Pensions and similar obligations		
	Principal actuarial assumptions	2017	2016
		%	%

Rate of increases in salaries

2.9
3.1
Rate of increase for pensions in payment
2.4
2.1
Discount rate
2.4
2.0

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2017	2016
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
- Males	22.3	22.3
- Females	24.4	24.4
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	24.0	24.4
- Females	26.2	26.7

#### **Sensitivity Analysis**

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the scheme liabilities are as follows;

If the real discount rate were to decrease by 0.5%, the approximate increase to the Employer liability would be 9%, £219k (2016;10%, £292k).

If the salary increase rate were to increase by 0.5%, the approximate increase to the Employer liability would be 1%, £29k (2016; 2%, £62k).

If the pension increase rate were to increase by 0.5%, the approximate increase to the Employer liability would be 8%, £187k (2016; 8%, £223k).

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme	2017 Fair value £'000	2016 Fair value £'000
Equities Bonds Property	919 226 147	864 259 111
Other assets	40	
Total market value of assets	1,332	1,234
Actual return on scheme assets - gain/(loss)	(66)	205

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Pensions and similar obligations		
Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2017	2016
	£,000	£'000
Current service cost	233	190
Interest income	(26)	(35)
Interest cost	58	75
Total operating charge	<u> 265</u>	230
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Obligations at 1 September 2016	2,790	1,941
Current service cost	2,790	1,541
Interest cost	58	75
Employee contributions	39	42
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(714)	593
Benefits paid	(46)	(51
At 31 August 2017	2,360	2,790
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets	;	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Assets at 1 September 2016	1,234	853
Interest income	26	35
Actuarial loss/(gain)	(92)	170
Employer contributions	171	185
Employee contributions	39	42
Benefits paid	(46)	(51 ———
At 31 August 2017	1,332	1,234
Total pension scheme liabilities / obligations	(2,360)	(2,790
Total pension scheme assets	1,332	1,234

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	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period	242	(261)
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA and other capital income	(431)	(79)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	62	5
Defined benefit pension net finance cost	32	40
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	68	83
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(146)	3
Increase in creditors	33	120
Net cash used in operating activities	(140)	(89)

#### 19 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2017 the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

		2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	Amounts due within one year	23	23
	Amounts due in two and five years	38	50
		61	73
20	Capital commitments		
		2017	2016
		£'000	£'000
	Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the Financial Statements	389	-
	•		

At 31 August 2017 the Academy was committed to a fire alarm replacement project with total expected costs of £406k. Costs incurred by 31 August 2017 were £17k, with anticipated future costs of £389k. The project is funded by CIF grant.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 21 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the Academy Trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account.

No related party transactions took place in the year.

In entering into these transactions, the Academy Trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

#### 22 Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.

#### 23 Agency arrangements

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2017 the trust received £25,080 (2016: £34,082) and disbursed £35,738 (2016: £43,974) from the fund. An amount of £nil (2016: £10,658) is included within creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year relating to undistributed funds.