

Company Registration No. 09971348 (England and Wales)

**THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

Mr Keith Davies
Mr Gareth Ainsworth (appointed 9 June 2023)
Mr Charles Atkinson (Resigned 15 December 2022)
Mr Anthony Grimshaw (Resigned 4 October 2022)
Mr Andy Leigh (appointed 9 June 2023)
Mrs Denise Luczka
Mrs Janet Moores (appointed 9 June 2023)

Trustees

Mr Keith Davies
Mr Anthony Grimshaw (Resigned 4 October 2022)
Miss Susan Hincks
Mr Paul Hodgkinson
Mr Joshua Bennet
Mr Dominic McKeon
Mrs Patricia Norton
Mrs Julia Paradine (Appointed 13 December 2022)
Mr Mike Sidebottom

Senior management team

- CEO	Mr Paul Hodgkinson
- Director of Academy Operations	Miss Rebecca Leonard
- Finance Director	Mr David Smith (Resigned 30 November 2022)
- Chief Finance Officer	Miss Kathleen Connolly (Appointed 9 May 2023)
- Director of Standards	Mrs Alison Woosey
- Direction of Business Operations	Mrs Victoria Gavin (Appointed 1 March 2023)
- Academy Lead (Youth Challenge)	Mr N Hockenhill (Resigned 31 August 2023)
- Academy Lead (Youth Challenge)	Miss Victoria Sutton (Appointed 1 September 2023)
- Academy Lead (Forwards Centre)	Mr Chris Fielding
- Academy Lead (Park School/HHTS)	Mrs Kiran Peart (Resigned 31 March 2023)
- Interim Academy Lead (Park School/HHTS)	Mr Gareth Webb (Appointed 1 June 2023)
- Academy Lead (Lever Park School)	Mr Matthew Taylor

Company name

Bolton Impact Trust

Registered office

97-99 Chorley Street
Bolton
BL1 4AL

Company registration number

09971348 (England and Wales)

Academies operated

Youth Challenge PRU
Forwards Centre
Park School Teaching Services
Lever Park School

Location

Smithills Dean Road
Stephens Street
Chorley New Road
Stocks Park Drive

Principal

Miss R Leonard
Mr C Fielding
Mr G Webb
Mr M Taylor

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent auditor	DJH Mitten Clarke Audit Limited Bridge House Ashley Road Hale Altrincham WA14 2UT
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their report, together with the accounts and independent auditor's reports of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees report and a director's report under company law.

The academy trust operates three alternative provision academies and one Special academy providing places to support vulnerable children from Bolton who are unable to attend mainstream education as a result of emotional, behavioural or health related circumstances. Its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 238 places and had a roll of 265 in the school census on 19 January 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Bolton Impact Trust was created on 26 January 2016 as a multi academy trust (company number 9971348) to promote high quality education for children within Bolton who require Alternative Educational Provision. Pupils attend the academies because of either illness or exclusion from school or because they have needs which require special school support. The trust's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

Trustees act as the Trustees for the charitable activities of the Bolton Impact Trust and are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as The Bolton Impact Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year are included in the reference and administrative details on page 1 and 2 together with their registered office address.

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 whilst 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 they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' indemnities

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, every trustee and officer is indemnified against any liability incurred by them in their capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to them by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the academy trust.

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and are Trustees for the purposes of charity legislation.

Trustees are subject to retirement after four years, but are eligible for re-election at the meeting at which they retire, save for the Executive Principal.

The academy recruits and elects Trustees in the following way:

- Previous members of Interim Executive Board
- Professionals with the ability to provide appropriate support and challenge

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend on their existing experience. Induction will include training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. New Trustees will be given a tour of the academies and the chance to meet with staff and students. Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes of meetings, accounts, budgets plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees.

Governance structure

The Trust has three levels of Governance. The highest level are the Members, who have an overarching responsibility for the viability and performance of the Trust through the appointment of Trustees and approval of the annual report. The Trust has nine Trustees, whose role is to: establish the overall strategic direction of the Trust and set the values by which it will work, hold the CEO to account for the overall performance of the Trust and each academy within it and ensuring financial probity and value for money across the Trust. The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the academy by the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the trust and its component academies, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. There are also four local governing bodies (Forwards Centre, Lever Park, Park School and Youth Challenge) who support the Trust in pursuit of its vision and aims through the strategic oversight of the day to day running of individual academies within the Trust, including safety and wellbeing.

Organisational structure

The structure consists of the academy's leadership team (comprising the CEO, Director of Academy Operations, CFO, Director of Standards and Director of Business Operations), who lead the Trust at a strategic level and report back to the Board of Trustees. There is also an Academy Management Team, comprising the Leadership team and all academy leads, which coordinates the overall day to day management of the Trust on a basis which is consistent throughout the Organisation. The team is responsible for the authorisation of expenditure within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, the ability to incur expenditure on behalf of the trust is delegated within the organisation in accordance with the trust's scheme of delegation and expenditure is controlled in accordance with approved internal control framework. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The leadership pay and remuneration has been set through benchmarking pay against other multi academy trusts and other educational establishments who provide education for children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

Trade union facility time

Set out below is information relating to the amount of time spent by employees on trade union activities, in accordance with the requirement of the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017.

The Trust meets its statutory obligations to provide facility time to trade union representatives by pooling resources with other schools and academies to cover the time spent by trade union representatives across a number of different employers.

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
0	97

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	
0%	0
1% - 50%	0
51% - 99%	0
100%	0

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time	£770
Total pay bill	£5,445,683
Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time.	0.01

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Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	0%
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Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The trust is not part of a wider network; however, the trust does work closely with Bolton Council (its principal funder) in ensuring the provision of high quality education for Bolton pupils who fall within the remit of the activities of the trust. The trust also works closely with colleagues from Bolton Learning Alliance (secondary headteachers in Bolton) in pursuing educational excellence for Bolton pupils. The Trust is a strategic partner of St James' School Train:Teach:Lead Partnership.

During the year, the Trust worked with Outwood Grange Academy Trust (OGAT) to deliver an Alternative Provision in Worksop. This ultimately was not viable as there were difficulties in the location and recruiting local staff. The Trust continues to work closely with OGAT in providing behaviour support through School-to-School reviews.

During 2022-23, the Trust was approached by the DfE Southern Region and was subsequently commissioned to provide Trust to School Improvement (TSI) support to Wave Multi Academy Trust who are based in the south-west of England.

The Trust regularly undertakes commissions for review and behaviour support within the sector.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal objective and activity of the charitable company is the operation of: the Forwards Centre, Lever Park School, Park School and Youth Challenge; to provide education for children unable to attend mainstream education through either social, emotional, mental health or ill health related circumstances.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The main objectives of the academy trust during the year ended August 2023 are summarised below:

- To ensure a consistent quality of education and care for each student regardless of which academy they attend
- To ensure that all students are cared for and safeguarded appropriately
- To provide education, care, guidance and support to those students who aren't medically able to attend mainstream school
- To offer advice, guidance and support to students whose challenging behaviours have resulted in them being excluded from mainstream school(s)
- To improve the general standard of education for all by keeping systems and processes under regular review
- To provide value for money for funds expended
- To comply with all appropriate statutory curricular requirements
- To maintain close links with the communities where our academies are situated
- To conduct the trust's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness

Public benefit

In setting the trust's objectives and its planning of activities, Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education.

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Strategic report

Since January 2019 all four Academies were inspected by Ofsted. The Overall Effectiveness Judgements were in line with our own self-evaluation of the quality of education in each of the Provision:

Academy	Date	Type of Inspection	Previous overall effectiveness	Overall effectiveness (2019)	Areas to develop
Forwards Centre	4 th February 2020	Section 5 (two days)	Good	Good	Ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum to become more embedded
Park School Teaching Service	14 th February 2019	Section 8 (one day)	Good	Good	Better use of progress tracking systems Improve careers programme
Youth Challenge	26 th /27 th February 2019	Section 5 (two day)	Outstanding (as KS4 provision)	Outstanding	Broaden Key Stage 3 curriculum
Lever Park	24 th /25 th April 2019	Section 5 (two day)	Requires Improvement (previously Special Measures)	Good	Deepen Key Stage 3 curriculum (essential knowledge) Develop middle leaders (for impact) Encourage more independent learning

Performance summary

Numbers

In 2022-23 the Trust had a total of 65 year 11 students. This is a reduction of 10 pupils compared to last year.

Year	No. of Year 11 Students	+/- Previous Year
2022-23	65	-10
2021-22	75	-3
2020-21	78	-37
2019-20	115	+38
2018-19	77	

Academy	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Lever Park	10	18	22	20	15
Park School	24	33	15	19	12
Youth Challenge	31	56	35	35	38

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Outcomes Overview

Students who are in year 11 have extremely varied amounts of time in our settings. Ranging from a few weeks to five years. Students can join us at any point in their secondary education and may remain with us until they are at school leaving age. Their experience prior to joining our Trust has often been a difficult one, they typically have been disengaged from their learning either through poor behaviour, mental health issues, illness or undiagnosed SEN needs. On arrival their diagnostic assessments show that the majority of students are several years below their actual age in reading, spelling and numeracy. They have significant gaps in their learning, low self-esteem and a lack of confidence in themselves and their academic ability.

GCSE results

There was a slight dip in the numbers of pupils achieving a GCSE pass in English and Maths this year, and a very similar number of pupils those achieving a grade 4 or above when compared to last year. However, we must always be cautious when comparing year on year data across the Trust as the cohorts contain too many variables for this to be considered a reliable comparison.

% of students gaining at least 1 GCSE in Maths and English					
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
English	55%	66%	63%	58%	48%
Maths	60%	64%	58%	61%	54%

% of students gaining grades 4-9 in GCSE Maths and English					
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
English	16%	12%	25%	5%	5%
Maths	8%	16%	15%	4%	5%

When we move to measuring pupils against themselves when they entered the Trust, this gives us a more accurate view of pupil progress from when they joined us to when they leave.

% of student achieving GCSE Baseline target Grade					
	2018-19	2019-20	2021-21	2021-22	2022-23
English	67%	55%	63%	62%	46%
Maths	58%	59%	57%	58%	53%

The National picture suggests that results have returned to 2019-20 levels, so it is a useful comparison to look at this year's figures along with those from 2019-20. In English pupils achieving their baseline target is 9 percentage points lower than in 2019-20. In Maths the percentage point difference is 6.

However, there are some additional things to consider when making this comparison:

- Our baselining systems in 2019-20 had not been standardised, and what was considered 'expected progress' in our settings was varied and not as ambitious as our current system where we measure pupils by an ambitious flight path, equivalent to mainstream schools. If the same measures were now applied to the 2019-20 cohort, their data would be lower.
- The current cohort were in year 8 when their education was disrupted by Covid. They experienced significant disruption in years 9 and 10 which will have had an impact on their outcomes. Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds were the most adversely affected by covid; this is the majority of our pupils. Added to this, 58% of our current cohort were permanently excluded from school during this time, which will have had an additional negative impact upon their outcomes.

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Going concern

The academy's activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the achievements review on page 6 of this report. The financial position of the trust, its cash flows and liquidity position are described in the statement of financial activities on page 20.

The company has sufficient financial resources, together with long term demand for places at the component academies. Therefore, the board of Trustees believe that the trust is well placed to manage its business risks successfully and that they have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. It is on this basis that that board has adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Financial review

The trust receives income from two main sources: the Education and Skills Funding Agency provides funding for each available place that is provided for the trust and also a pupil premium for each child that is currently eligible (or has been eligible within the previous six year) for free school meals and the Local Authority which provides high needs top up funding in relation to the needs of individual children and pupil premium for looked after children.

In relation to the period ended 31 August 2023, total outgoing resources were £8,087,000, including depreciation of £139,000. The total movement in free revenue reserves is an in-year deficit of £158,000.

The pension value as at 31 August 2023 has been determined by the actuary which is showing the academy trust as having a pension asset as at 31 August 2023. In accordance with applicable accounting standards, the asset value has been capped at an asset ceiling value on the basis that the academy trust has minimum funding requirements existing for future service. Although a pension asset is arising, this does not create an immediately realisable asset that can be expended for the specific purposes of the pension fund.

The net book value of fixed assets at 31 August 2023 stood at £6,000,000 of which £4,978,000 were donated assets at the date of academy transfer. The assets have been used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the academy trust's pupils.

During the year, the Primary part-time provision moved from Youth Challenge to the Forward Centre, which had an impact at the start of the year on income, whilst this change bedded in. A focus upon increasing traded pupils, particularly from other boroughs, has allowed to Trust to absorb these financial pressures and deliver a surplus in year balance. There was no impact upon the Trust's reserves policy.

Reserves policy

The Trustees will review the reserve levels of the academy on an ongoing basis. The aim is to maintain a reserve valuing 5% of annual turnover. The balance on restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) and the balance on unrestricted reserves were in surplus totalling £307,000 at 31 August 2023. The Trust has set a surplus budget for 2023-24 to increase reserves at 31 August 2024 to a level in line with the Trust's policy. Income and expenditure will be reviewed monthly and the forecast monitored to keep the full year outturn on track. Long term financial planning will ensure that that funds remain at or in excess of this point.

Investment policy

At the present time, funds are held within the trust's bank account as given the low level of reserves and requirement for cash liquidity long term investments are not appropriate. The trust's current policy is to only invest funds in risk free and easily accessible accounts.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is expose, in particular those related to education, provision of facilities, finance and other operational areas of the Trust. The Trust has adopted policies and procedures to mitigate these risks for the Trust Senior Management Team to implement and report to the Audit and Risk Committee on any non-compliance. The key risks fall into four categories.

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Strategic

Financial sustainability and individual viability of academies is a major risk for the Trust. Funding within AP and SEMH is a challenge and the Trust continues to operate with a flexible staffing model to deal with the fluctuations in demand within our AP academies. The academies have excellent reputations for achieving the best outcomes for our students regardless of how long there are within our settings. Along with strong relationships with commissioners and schools the Trust continues to mitigate this risk.

Business Critical

Good Ofsted outcomes and growth are a priority for the Trust, but with any growth there is a risk that leadership capacity is overstretched leading to lack of impact in new areas or declining performance in existing academies. To mitigate this risk, the Trust has established strong leadership and capacity, as well as focusing on implementing strong operational processes.

Operational

The Trust's success is dependent on recruiting, developing and retaining the right staff, as well as ensuring that our buildings provide the best environment for our students. To mitigate the risk of staff attraction and retention, the Trust offers an attractive pay and rewards package for staff, focusing on EAP and wellbeing, as well as CPD opportunities. The Trust ensures that the estate is compliant with relevant Health and Safety legislation and works closely with partners and service providers to ensure safe places for staff and students. The Trust has implemented software to monitor compliance with Health & Safety legislation. All academies have an annual compliance check undertaken by an external partner. The RPA will be undertaking a compliance check in January 2024.

Safeguarding

The safety of students and staff is of paramount importance to the Trust. The risks of failure to safeguard students and staff could have a detrimental mental impact on the reputation of the Trust. The Trust has in place robust Safeguarding and Child Protection policies and procedures. Staff have the appropriate training for their roles and everyone working in the Trust is aware of the process for raising any concerns that they may have on safeguarding. The implementation and effectiveness of these policies is monitored regularly, with both internal and external review. At Trust and each academy level there is a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who ensures consistent and compliant best practice in safeguarding and child protection.

Fundraising

The Trust's fundraising activities (beyond its statutory education funding) are limited to submitting bids for external funding from government bodies.

Plans for future periods

The trust intends to offer an increased alternative education provision to schools within Bolton on a traded basis and increased provision to pupils beyond Bolton where appropriate, with a view to earlier intervention and thus reducing demands for provision which arise through permanent exclusion of pupils.

From September 2023, the Trust has increased capacity at Lever Park by 18 places through moving into Barlow Park. Discussions are on-going with Bolton LA and the DfE regarding a proposed change in provision at the Forwards Centre.

A joint bid with Wigan Council was submitted to the DfE as part of the DfE Free School Programme. This is for a 50-place AP provision within Wigan. Following an interview process in summer, the Trust is awaiting a decision on whether this bid has been successful.

The Trust has a growth strategy which focuses on three areas:

- Expanding the commissioner based
- Contributing to the wider system via the Trust Support Menu
- Growing the Academy portfolio

The Trust continues to invest in its estate to ensure that it is safe, well maintained and complies with relevant regulations. Major planned work for 2023-24 is the CIF-funded Safeguarding project at Lever Park.

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Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

This Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of Trustees, as company directors on the 12 December 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:



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Keith Davies
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Scope of responsibility

As Trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that The Bolton Impact Trust 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 CEO, 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 The Bolton Impact trust and the Secretary of State for Education. The executive principal is also responsible for reporting to the board of Trustees 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 have formally met 5 times during the year, including an extraordinary meeting on the 17 March. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	04.10.22	13.12.22	17.03.23	28.03.23	18.07.23	Attended	Out of a possible
Keith Davies (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	5
Joshua Bennett	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	5
Anthony Grimshaw	Ap					0	1
Susan Hincks	✓	✓	✓	Ap	✓	4	5
Paul Hodgkinson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	5
Dominic McKeon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	5
Patricia Norman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	5
Julia Paradine		✓	Ap	✓	✓	3	4
Mike Sidebottom	✓	✓	Ap	✓	✓	4	5
Dee Luczka				✓	✓	2	2

The board composition has changed during the year, with one resignation and two new appointments.

Members and Trustees hold a four year period of office from the date their office commenced, with the exception of the CEO. Three new members have been appointed during the year.

Trustees review on an annual basis the composition of the Board to Trustees' skills meet the quality and depth required to ensure effective management. This includes an annual evaluation of Trustees skills using the National Governance Association's audit. In addition to this, the individual academy local governors also complete the audit to ensure effective governance at individual academy level. Audit outcomes are used as a basis for recruitment for all Trustees and Governors when filling vacant positions.

The Trust commissioned an independent governance review in the Autumn Term of 2022 to provide external assurance of the effectiveness of its governance arrangements and there were no significant recommendations arising from the review. An internal scrutiny review of governance is planned for Autumn 2023.

The Trust has an effective clerking service which is a bought-in service from the Local Authority. The Trust manages conflicts of interest through maintaining an up-to-date and complete register of interests. Governance meetings across the Trust include Declarations of Interest as a standing agenda item. Agendas and papers are distributed in advance of meetings to enable governors and trustees to review papers for any conflicts of interest.

In addition to local governing boards, the Trust board has three standing committees that assist in fulfilling their work. These are the Finance and Resources Committee, Standards Committee and Risk and Audit Committee. The Risk and Audit Committee review minutes from the committees to ensure that any risks are identified and managed. This is also in place for the main Trust Board meeting, this ensures that all trustees have sight of committee work.

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The Finance and Resources committee is a sub-committee of the main Trust board. Its purpose is to assist the Trust Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with regard to the financial management of the Trust, along with HR and estates matters. It does this through the review of the management accounts, financial forecast, balance sheet reconciliations and reports on HR and estates to make recommendations to the Trust Board.

Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	11.11.22	03.03.23	30.06.23	Attended	Out of a possible
Keith Davies (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	3	3
Paul Hodgkinson	✓	✓	✓	3	3
Mike Sidebottom	✓			1	1
Dee Luczka		In attendance	✓	1	1
Julia Paradine		✓	✓	2	2

The Risk and Audit committee is also a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to review the financial statements, accounting policies, risk register. The committee receives and reviews internal and external auditors' reports and ensures that recommendations are actioned and risk is managed.

Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	25.11.22	17.03.23	30.06.23	Attended	Out of a possible
Joshua Bennett (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	3	3
Keith Davies	✓	✓	✓	3	3
Paul Hodgkinson	✓	✓	✓	3	3
Susan Hincks	✓	✓	✓	3	3

Review of value for money

As accounting officer of The Bolton Impact Trust, the CEO is responsible and accountable for ensuring that the 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, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for the taxpayers resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the academy 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 use of its resources has provided good value for money during year by:

- Increased income derived through increased trading with schools
- Increased income derived through trading with other local authorities
- Continued use of a flexible staffing model
- Use of CIF bids and professional service providers to ensure that the Trust's estate is safe, well-maintained, and complies with regulations

The purpose and 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 the academy trust's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact upon the organisation should they be realised and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in The Bolton Impact Trust from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and the financial statements.

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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 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance and Resources Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined competitive (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines; and
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has decided to buy-in an internal audit service from Beever & Struthers. This option has been chosen as the most effective way to give independent assurance to the board.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and other matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- Safeguarding
- Absence Management
- Single Central Record

The internal auditor reports to the board of trustees, through the Risk and Audit Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities. On an annual basis the internal auditors prepare a summary report to trustees outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year-on-year progress. The internal auditor delivered their schedule of work as planned and the trust tailored their programme of checks to the risk register priorities.

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer, the CEO has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. In the accounting period the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the school resource management self-assessment tool;
- the work of the strategic management team within the academy trust, who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- the work of the external auditor; and
- the work of the local authority in reviewing safeguarding.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 12 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by



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Keith Davies
Chair of Trustees



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Paul Hodgkinson
Accounting Officer

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

As accounting officer of The Bolton Impact Trust, 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 terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, 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 Academy Trust Handbook 2022, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that 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.

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Paul Hodgkinson
Accounting Officer

Date: 12 December 2023

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Bolton Impact Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 published 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 accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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 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 accounts 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 accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 12 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Keith Davies
Chair of trustees

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Bolton Impact Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the accounts, including 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 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 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 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023.

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 accounts' 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 accounts 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

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts 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. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. 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.

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; 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 accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the accounts, 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the group's or the parent charitable company's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Identify and test journal entries, in particular any journal entries posting with unusual account combinations.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the group or parent charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (ie. gives a true and fair view).
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our 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 2006. 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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

.....*M. Mitten Clarke Audit Ltd*.....

Candice Beynon FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

DJH Mitten Clarke Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Bridge House

Ashley Road

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Date*12/12/2023*.....

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 2 October 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Bolton Impact Trust during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 The Bolton Impact Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to The Bolton Impact Trust 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 The Bolton Impact Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of The Bolton Impact Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Bolton Impact Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 29 March 2016 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. 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 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts 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 BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- We have confirmed that the activities conform to the academy trust's framework of authorities. As identified by review of minutes, management accounts, discussion with the accounting officer and other key management personnel.
- We have carried out an analytical review as part of the consideration of whether general activities of the academy trust are within the academy trust's framework of authorities.
- We have considered the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance and have evaluated the general control environment of the academy trust and extended the procedures required for financial statements to include regularity.
- We have assessed and tested a sample of the specific control activities over regularity of a particular activity. In performing sample testing of expenditure, we have considered whether the activity is permissible within the academy trust's framework of authorities. We confirm that each item tested has been appropriately authorised in accordance with the academy trust's delegated authorities and that the internal delegations have been approved by the governing body, and conform to the limits set by the Department for Education.
- Formal representations have been obtained from the governing body and the accounting officer acknowledging their responsibilities including disclosing all non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the authorising framework, access to accounting records, provision of information and explanations, and other matters where direct evidence is not available.
- In performing sample testing of expenditure, we have reviewed against specific terms of grant funding within the funding agreement. We have reviewed the list of suppliers and have considered whether supplies are from related parties and have reviewed minutes for evidence of declaration of interest, and whether or not there was involvement in the decision to order from this supplier.
- We have performed sample testing of other income and tested whether activities are permitted within the academy trust's charitable objects.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

DJH Mitten Clarke Audit Ltd

DJH Mitten Clarke Audit Limited
Reporting Accountant

Date: 12/12/2023

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	928	928	136
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	6,656	-	6,656	6,239
Other trading activities	5	-	1,167	-	1,167	992
Total		-	7,823	928	8,751	7,367
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	-	7,965	122	8,087	8,098
Total	6	-	7,965	122	8,087	8,098
Net income/(expenditure)		-	(142)	806	664	(731)
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	223	-	223	6,980
Net movement in funds		-	81	806	887	6,249
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		-	226	5,358	5,584	(665)
Total funds carried forward		-	307	6,164	6,471	5,584

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Comparative year information		Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
Year ended 31 August 2022		funds	General	Fixed asset	2022
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	136	136
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	6,239	-	6,239
Other trading activities	5	-	992	-	992
Total		-	7,231	136	7,367
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	-	7,942	156	8,098
Total	6	-	7,942	156	8,098
Net expenditure		-	(711)	(20)	(731)
Transfers between funds	16	-	(61)	61	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	6,980	-	6,980
Net movement in funds		-	6,208	41	6,249
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	(5,982)	5,317	(665)
Total funds carried forward		-	226	5,358	5,584

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £'000	£'000	2022 £'000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		6,000		5,243
Current assets					
Debtors	13	212		282	
Cash at bank and in hand		548		487	
		<u>760</u>		<u>769</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(217)		(189)	
Net current assets			543		580
Total assets less current liabilities			6,543		5,823
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(72)		-
Net assets excluding pension liability			6,471		5,823
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	18		-		(239)
Total net assets			6,471		5,584
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds	16				
- Fixed asset funds			6,164		5,358
- Restricted income funds			307		465
- Pension reserve			-		(239)
Total restricted funds			6,471		5,584
Unrestricted income funds	16		-		-
Total funds			6,471		5,584

The accounts were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



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Keith Davies
 Chair of Trustees

Company registration number 09971348 (England and Wales)

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £'000	£'000	2022 £'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19		(68)		45
Cash flows from investing activities					
Capital grants from DfE Group		928		136	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(904)		(87)	
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		25		5	
Net cash provided by investing activities			49		54
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of long term bank loan		80		(250)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities			80		(250)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			61		(151)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			487		638
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			548		487

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

The Bolton Impact Trust is a charitable company. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and 2 and the nature of its operations are set out in the trustees' report.

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 accounts 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 accounts 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 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Bolton Impact Trust 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 accounts 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 accounts.

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

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.

THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £3,000 or more 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 life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring 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 so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

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

Leasehold land	Straight line over 20 - 125 years
Leasehold buildings	Straight line over 50 years
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Straight line over 3 years
Motor vehicles	Straight line over 7 years

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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 or services it must provide.

1.7 Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged 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.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

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 projected unit method. The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer 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 Department for Education Group.

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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 18, 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 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. 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.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Capital grants	-	928	928	136

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4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	2,390	2,390	2,330
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- Pupil premium	-	136	136	124
- Others	-	175	175	147
	-	2,701	2,701	2,601
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	3,955	3,955	3,635
COVID-19 additional funding				
DfE/ESFA				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	3
Total funding	-	6,656	6,656	6,239

The academy trust received £3,955,000 (2022: £3,635,000) from the local authority in the year, being £3,682,000 (2022: £3,244,000) for High needs block funding, £nil (2022: £135,000) for Bolton nurture group, £14,000 (2022: £8,000) for pupil premium, £205,000 (2022: £203,000) for Teachers pay and pension grant, £15,000 (2022: 25,000) for KS4 top-ups, £6,000 (2022: £nil) for recovery premium and £33,000 (2022: £20,000) for child meals.

There were no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies relating to the grants in the year.

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Other income	-	1,167	1,167	992

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £'000	Non-pay expenditure		Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
		Premises £'000	Other £'000		
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	4,980	111	567	5,658	5,340
- Allocated support costs	1,321	680	428	2,429	2,758
	6,301	791	995	8,087	8,098

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6 Expenditure (Continued)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	10	9
- Other services	2	2
Operating lease rentals	112	76
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	139	149
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(17)	7
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	9	112
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7 Central services

The academy trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- leadership support
- human resources
- financial services
- educational support services

The academy trust has charged for these services on the basis of time spent by the Central Services Team alongside allocations of other expenditure using appropriate basis of apportionment.

The amounts charged during the year were as follows:	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Youth Challenge PRU	310	284
Forwards Centre	205	129
Park School Teaching Services	142	149
Lever Park School	385	282
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	<u>1,042</u>	<u>844</u>

8 Charitable activities

All from restricted funds:	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Direct costs		
Educational operations	5,658	5,340
Support costs		
Educational operations	2,429	2,758
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	<u>8,087</u>	<u>8,098</u>

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8 Charitable activities

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Analysis of costs	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Direct costs		
Teaching and educational support staff costs	4,980	4,607
Staff development	25	44
Depreciation	111	119
Technology costs	14	22
Educational supplies and services	346	342
Examination fees	32	23
Other direct costs	150	183
	<u>5,658</u>	<u>5,340</u>
Support costs		
Support staff costs	1,321	1,801
Depreciation	11	37
Technology costs	20	7
Maintenance of premises and equipment	168	139
Cleaning	108	115
Energy costs	101	48
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	277	210
Insurance	6	4
Security and transport	9	8
Catering	159	150
Interest on defined benefit pension schemes	9	112
Legal costs	96	47
Other support costs	120	63
Governance costs	24	17
	<u>2,429</u>	<u>2,758</u>

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9 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Wages and salaries	4,410	3,781
Social security costs	443	406
Pension costs	968	1,594
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Staff costs - employees	5,821	5,781
Agency staff costs	465	580
Staff restructuring costs	15	47
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	6,301	6,408
Staff development and other staff costs	25	44
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Total staff expenditure	6,326	6,452
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Staff restructuring costs comprise:

Severance payments	15	47
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Severance payments

The academy trust paid 2 severance payments in the year, disclosed in the following bands:

£0 - £25,000	2
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Special staff severance payments

Special staff severance payments are amounts paid to employees outside of statutory and contractual requirements. Included in staff restructuring costs are non-contractual special staff severance payments totalling £15,000 (2022: £24,000). Individually, the payments were £5,000 and £10,000.

Staff numbers

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Teachers	31	37
Administration and support	77	67
Management	13	9
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	121	113
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9 Staff

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Higher paid staff

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	2	-
£70,001 - £80,000	1	3
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£110,001 - £120,000	-	1
120,001 - £130,000	1	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1 and 2. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £896,000 (2022: £756,000).

10 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 principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal 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 for the period was as follows:

Mr P Hodgkinson (executive principal and trustee):

Remuneration	£120,001 - £125,000 (2022: £115,001 - £120,000)
Employers' pension contribution	£30,001 - £35,000 (2022: £25,001 - £30,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2023, travel and subsistence expenses of £32 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 trustees (2022: £nil).

Other related party transactions involving trustees are set out in the related parties note.

11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £'000	Assets under construction £'000	Computer equipment £'000	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost						
At 1 September 2022	5,831	59	62	18	37	6,007
Transfer on conversion	38	(38)	-	-	-	-
Additions	386	486	13	5	14	904
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(14)	(14)
At 31 August 2023	6,255	507	75	23	37	6,897
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2022	702	-	39	6	17	764
On disposals	-	-	-	-	(6)	(6)
Charge for the year	112	-	16	7	4	139
At 31 August 2023	814	-	55	13	15	897
Net book value						
At 31 August 2023	5,441	507	20	10	22	6,000
At 31 August 2022	5,129	59	23	12	20	5,243

The net book value of land and buildings comprises:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Long leaseholds (over 50 years)	5,441	5,129

13 Debtors

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Trade debtors	153	34
Other debtors	-	30
Prepayments and accrued income	59	218
	212	282

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Government loans	8	-
Trade creditors	10	9
Other taxation and social security	14	-
Other creditors	-	7
Accruals and deferred income	185	173
	<u>217</u>	<u>189</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Government loans	72	-
	<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>

Analysis of loans	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Not wholly repayable within five years by instalments	80	-
Less: included in current liabilities	(8)	-
	<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>

Loan maturity

Debt due in one year or less	8	-
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	8	-
Due in more than two years but not more than five years	25	-
Due in more than five years	39	-
	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>

Included within creditors is a loan of £11,162 from Salix to part fund for the replacement of a boiler. The loan is provided at 0% interest rate. Bi-yearly payments are made against the loan commenced in September 2023 and is expected to be fully repaid on March 2031.

Also included within creditors is a CIF loan of £69,406 to part fund for the replacement of a boiler. The loan is provided at 2.07% interest rate. Monthly payments are made against the loan commenced in September 2023 and is expected to be fully repaid on August 2033.

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2023 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	465	2,390	(2,548)	-	307
Pupil premium	-	136	(136)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	175	(175)	-	-
Other government grants	-	3,955	(3,955)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	1,167	(1,167)	-	-
Pension reserve	(239)	-	16	223	-
	<u>226</u>	<u>7,823</u>	<u>(7,965)</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>307</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	5,090	-	(111)	-	4,979
DfE group capital grants	268	928	(11)	-	1,185
	<u>5,358</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>(122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,164</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>5,584</u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>(8,087)</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>6,471</u>
Unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>5,584</u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>(8,087)</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>6,471</u>

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

Restricted general funds are those resources that have been designated restricted by the grant provider in meeting the objectives of the academy.

The pension value as at 31 August 2023 has been determined by the actuary which is showing the academy trust as having a pension asset as at 31 August 2023. In accordance with applicable accounting standards, the asset value has been capped at an asset ceiling value on the basis that the academy trust has minimum funding requirements existing for future service. Although a pension asset is arising, this does not create an immediately realisable asset that can be expended for the specific purposes of the pension fund.

Restricted fixed asset funds are those funds relating to the long term assets of the academy used in delivering the objectives of the academy. Restricted fixed asset funds are those funds relating to the long term assets of the academy used in delivering the objectives of the academy. This fund is made up of the net book value of fixed assets £6,000,000, unspent DFC of £112,000, unspent CIF of £22,000 and disposal proceeds on the sale of fixed asset of £30,000.

Unrestricted funds are those funds to which the board of trustees may use in the pursuance of the academy's objectives and are expendable at the discretion of the trustees.

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 2023.

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16 Funds

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Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2022 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	343	2,330	(2,208)	-	465
Pupil premium	-	124	(124)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	3	(3)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	16	147	(163)	-	-
Other government grants	-	3,635	(3,635)	-	-
Restricted capital funds	61	-	-	(61)	-
Other restricted funds	-	992	(992)	-	-
Pension reserve	(6,402)	-	(817)	6,980	(239)
	<u>(5,982)</u>	<u>7,231</u>	<u>(7,942)</u>	<u>6,919</u>	<u>226</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	5,211	-	(121)	-	5,090
DfE group capital grants	106	136	(35)	61	268
	<u>5,317</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>(156)</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>5,358</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(665)</u>	<u>7,367</u>	<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>6,980</u>	<u>5,584</u>
Unrestricted funds	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total funds	<u>(665)</u>	<u>7,367</u>	<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>6,980</u>	<u>5,584</u>

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16 Funds (Continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 were allocated as follows:		
Youth Challenge PRU	610	412
Forwards Centre	10	10
Park School Teaching Services	495	583
Lever Park School	(721)	(540)
Central services	(87)	-
	<u>307</u>	<u>465</u>
Total before fixed assets fund and pension reserve		
Restricted fixed asset fund	6,164	5,358
Pension reserve	-	(239)
	<u>6,471</u>	<u>5,584</u>
Total funds	<u><u>6,471</u></u>	<u><u>5,584</u></u>

Central services had a deficit in year, due to aborted costs for the proposed partnership with Outwood Grange Academy Trust to deliver an Alternative Provision in Worksop. The Trust incurred a number of costs for the leased building. These were not funded as part of the partnership agreement. The lease was terminated in July 2023. For the 2023-24 year, increased school-to-school support will deliver a surplus position and reduce the deficit.

Lever Park had a strong trading year in 2022-23 but additional staffing and other expenditure resulted in a deficit for the year. Staffing has been reviewed for 2023-24 and expenditure is being reviewed. Investment in new heating and a new roof should reduce the in-year energy costs.

Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff	Other support staff costs	Educational supplies	Other costs excluding depreciation	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Youth Challenge PRU	1,600	229	101	431	2,361	2,778
Forwards Centre	794	77	55	195	1,121	1,254
Park School Teaching Services	889	41	26	90	1,046	1,329
Lever Park School	1,697	235	98	245	2,275	2,581
Central services	-	739	66	340	1,145	-
	<u>4,980</u>	<u>1,321</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>1,301</u>	<u>7,948</u>	<u>7,942</u>
	<u><u>4,980</u></u>	<u><u>1,321</u></u>	<u><u>346</u></u>	<u><u>1,301</u></u>	<u><u>7,948</u></u>	<u><u>7,942</u></u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General £'000	Restricted funds: Fixed asset £'000	Total Funds £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	6,000	6,000
Current assets	-	596	164	760
Current liabilities	-	(217)	-	(217)
Non-current liabilities	-	(72)	-	(72)
Total net assets	-	307	6,164	6,471

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General £'000	Restricted funds: Fixed asset £'000	Total Funds £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,243	5,243
Current assets	-	654	115	769
Current liabilities	-	(189)	-	(189)
Pension scheme liability	-	(239)	-	(239)
Total net assets	-	226	5,358	5,584

18 Pension 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 Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

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' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academy trusts. All teachers have the option to opt out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary. These contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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18 Pension and similar obligations

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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 every 4 years. 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 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. The assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £425,000 (2022: £410,000).

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 an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy 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 23.6% for employers and 5.5 -12.5% for employees.

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 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Total contributions made	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Employer's contributions	568	479
Employees' contributions	148	125
Total contributions	<u>716</u>	<u>604</u>

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18 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions	2023 %	2022 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.75	3.80
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.95	3.05
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.20	4.25

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

	2023 Years	2022 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	18.3	20.3
- Females	22.2	23.2
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	21.5	21.6
- Females	25.0	25.1

Sensitivity analysis

Changes in assumptions at 31 August 2023	Approximate % increase to employer liability	Approximate monetary amount (£000)
0.1% decrease in Real Discount Rate	3%	180
1 year increase in member life expectancy	4%	261
0.1% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	0%	27
0.1% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	2%	156

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2023 Fair value £'000	2022 Fair value £'000
Equities	5,478	4,708
Bonds	1,095	955
Property	626	614
Other assets	626	546
Total market value of assets	7,825	6,823

The actual return on scheme assets was £348,000 (2022: £86,000).

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18 Pension and similar obligations	(Continued)	
Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Current service cost	543	1,165
Past service cost	-	19
Interest income	(304)	(106)
Interest cost	313	218
Total operating charge	<u>552</u>	<u>1,296</u>
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2022	7,062	12,577
Current service cost	543	1,165
Interest cost	313	218
Employee contributions	148	125
Actuarial gain	(179)	(7,000)
Benefits paid	(62)	(42)
Past service cost	-	19
At 31 August 2023	<u>7,825</u>	<u>7,062</u>
Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2022	6,823	6,175
Interest income	304	106
Actuarial (gain)/loss	44	(20)
Employer contributions	568	479
Employee contributions	148	125
Benefits paid	(62)	(42)
At 31 August 2023	<u>7,825</u>	<u>6,823</u>

The pension value as at 31 August 2023 has been determined by the actuary which is showing the academy trust as having a pension asset as at 31 August 2023. In accordance with applicable accounting standards, the asset value has been capped at an asset ceiling value on the basis that the academy trust has minimum funding requirements existing for future service. Although a pension asset is arising, this does not create an immediately realisable asset that can be expended for the specific purposes of the pension fund.

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19 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	Notes	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		664	(731)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(928)	(136)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	18	(25)	705
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	18	9	112
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		139	149
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets		(17)	7
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		70	(15)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		20	(46)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(68)</u>	<u>45</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2022 £'000	Cash flows £'000	31 August 2023 £'000
Cash	487	61	548
Loans falling due within one year	-	(8)	(8)
Loans falling due after more than one year	-	(72)	(72)
	<u>487</u>	<u>(19)</u>	<u>468</u>

21 Long-term commitments

Operating leases

At 31 August 2023 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Amounts due within one year	89	79
Amounts due in two and five years	298	74
	<u>387</u>	<u>153</u>

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22 Capital commitments

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the accounts	237	471

The academy trust had £237,000 of capital commitments at the year end relating to roofing and safeguarding works.

23 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust 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 trustees have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

M Sidebottom, a trustee, is also a Headteacher at Smithills School and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust received £29,502 (2022: £33,561) in relation to provision of a placement at the academy. At the end of the year, the academy was owed £nil (2022: £9,009).

D McKeon, a trustee, is appointed as the head teacher at Little Lever School and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust received £112,644 (2022: £57,717) in relation to provision of placements at the academy. At the end of the year, the academy was owed £16,695 (2022: £297).

S Hincks, a trustee, also holds a position as a governor at the University of Bolton and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust received £480 (2022: £3,220) in relation to provision of trainee placements at the academy. At the end of the year, the academy was owed £nil (2022: £3,100).

M Sidebottom, a trustee, is also a governor at Church Road School and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust received £640 (2022: £n/a) in relation to provision of a placement at the academy. At the end of the year, the academy was owed £nil (2022: £n/a).

In entering into the above transactions the trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Trust Handbook 2022.

24 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.

