

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

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**Haines Watts**

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# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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### Trustees

Mr K Davies  
Mr A Grimshaw  
Mr P Hodgkinson  
Mr D McKeon  
Mr M Sidebottom  
Miss S Hincks  
Mr J Bennett (appointed 15 September 2020)  
Mr K Halliwell (resigned 16 September 2020)

### Members

Mr K Davies  
Mr C Atkinson  
Mr A Grimshaw

### Senior management team

- Executive Principal	Mr P Hodgkinson
- Vice Principal	Miss R Leonard
- Finance Director	Mr David Smith
- Academy Lead (Youth Challenge)	Mr N Hockenhill
- Academy Lead (Forwards Centre)	Mr C Fielding
- Academy Lead (Park School/HHTS)	Mrs K Peart
- Academy Lead (Lever Park School)	Mr M Taylor
- Academy Lead (Personal Learning Centre)	Mrs Alison Woosey

### Company registration number

09971348 (England and Wales)

### Registered office

97-99 Chorley Street  
Bolton  
BL1 4AL

### Academies operated

Youth Challenge PRU  
Forwards Centre  
The Personal Learning Centre (closed 23/7/2021)  
Park School Teaching Services  
Lever Park School

Location
Smithills Dean Road
Stephens Street
Chorley Street
Stephens Street
Stocks Park Drive

### Principal

Miss R Leonard  
Mr C Fielding  
Mrs A Woosey  
Mrs K Peart  
Mr M Taylor

### Independent auditor

Haines Watts  
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# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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The Trustees present their report, together with the accounts and independent auditor's reports of the private limited company for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees report and a director's report under company law.

The trust operates five academies providing 256 places to support vulnerable children from Bolton who are unable to attend mainstream education as a result of emotional, behavioural or health related circumstances. This will reduce to four academies following the closure of the Personal Learning Centre on the 23 July 2021.

#### 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 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 Executive Principal 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 five local governing bodies (Forwards Centre, Lever Park, Park School, Personal learning Centre 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 Executive Principal, Vice Principal, Finance Director, Director of Standards and Business Development Manager), who lead the Trust at a strategic level and report back to the Board of Trustees. There is also an Academy Management Team, comprising of 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.

#### Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
2	112

#### Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	
0%	0
1% - 50%	2
51% - 99%	0
100%	0

#### Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time	£2,100
Total pay bill	£5,117,000
Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time.	0.04

#### Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	100%
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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. In addition, the trust is a Strategic Partner of St James Teaching School with the aim of improving standards of teaching across the borough.

### **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, Youth Challenge and the Personal Learning Centre 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 2021 are summarised below:

- To ensure a consistent quality of education and care for each child regardless of which academy they attend
- To ensure that all pupils are cared for and safeguarded appropriately
- To provide education, care, guidance and support to those children who aren't medically able to attend mainstream school
- To offer advice, guidance and support to children 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 five 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 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Section 5 (two days)	Good	Good	Ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum to become more embedded
Personal Learning Centre	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Section 8 (one day)	Outstanding (as Young Mums Unit)	Outstanding	Broaden range of curriculum options
Park School Teaching Service	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Section 8 (one day)	Good	Good	Better use of progress tracking systems Improve careers programme
Youth Challenge	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Section 5 (two day)	Outstanding (as KS4 provision)	Outstanding	Broaden Key Stage 3 curriculum
Lever Park	24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> 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

#### Grading Process

This year teachers were asked to create a portfolio of evidence for every student with a focus and heavier weighting given to evidence that had been completed under exam conditions using resources that had not been viewed or used by students before and additional assessment materials made available by the examination boards.

All staff received training in their academies on the JCQ guidance for the determination of grades and were partnered with another teacher in their subject from within the Trust or a mainstream colleague to moderate their portfolios.

Senior leaders then moderated the portfolios with another senior leader from within the Trust. Every grade was reviewed by the Academy Lead in discussion with senior leaders and subject leaders.

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Each academy then submitted their portfolios of evidence for a selection of students in at least two subjects, one being either maths or English as directed by the examination boards. These portfolios were then moderated by the examination boards and the marks were agreed and accepted.

After looking at the evidence submitted, all grades were accepted from all academies by the examination boards without dispute, demonstrating that the work collected and marks given were accurate and fair.

#### Numbers

In 2020-21 the Trust had a total of 78 year 11 students. This is a reduction of 37 compared to last year. All academy numbers dropped this year apart from Lever Park who had an additional 4 students. The numbers last year showed a significant increase in year 11 students. The average number of year 11 students in the two years prior to last year is 85, this year's number demonstrates a return to what the Trust would consider as more typical of the numbers for year 11 students.

Year	No. of Year	+/- Previous
2020-21	78	-37
2019-20	115	+38
2018-19	77	-15
2017-18	92	

Academy	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	+/- Previous Year	
Lever Park	10	18	22	+4	22% Increase
Park School	24	33	15	-18	54% Decrease
PLC	12	8	6	-2	25% Decrease
Youth Challenge	31	56	35	-21	38% Decrease

#### 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. Outcomes for year 11 students this year demonstrates excellent progress for the majority who despite their low baseline levels have achieved their target grades in Maths and English.

We saw an increase for the third year running in the number of students achieving at least one GCSE grade 1-9 in English and in Maths. There was also an increase in students achieving a grade 4 or higher in both English and Maths, and in the percentage of students achieving their target GCSE grades in those subjects.

% of students gaining at least 1 GCSE in Maths and English				+/- Previous Year
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
English	55%	69%	93%	+24%
Maths	60%	67%	96%	+29%

% of students gaining grades 4-9 in GCSE Maths and English				+/- Previous Year
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
English	16%	13%	42%	+29%
Maths	8%	17%	24%	+7%

% of students achieving GCSE Baseline target Grade				+/- Previous Year
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
English	67%	81%	93%	+12%
Maths	58%	80%	90%	+10%



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Across the Trust year 11 students achieved 57 GCSE passes in subjects other than English and Maths, and achieved 144 additional qualifications in accredited courses. Throughout the Trust, students can study for GCSE qualifications in English Literature, Statistics, Biology, Geography, Design and Technology, Art, Religious Studies, and PE. Other accredited subjects offered are ICT, Art and Design, Sport, Motor Vehicle, Catering, Photography, Personal and Social Development, Construction and Hair and Beauty.

### 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 5 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 2021, total outgoing resources were £7.5m, including depreciation of £0.1m and FRS102 costs of £0.5m. The total movement in free revenue reserves is an in-year surplus of £0.3m.

The valuation of the pension fund has identified a pension deficit of £6.4m; an increase of £1.8m from the previous year. Accounting requirements set out in FRS102 set out the method of calculating the discount rate is quoted as having to be equal to the market yields available on high quality corporate bonds.

The net book value of fixed assets at 31 August 2021 stood at £5,317,000, of which £5,209,000 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.

The impact of COVID-19 has been significant in financial terms due to a reduction in pupil numbers due to permanent exclusions. Early projections of a loss of funding resulting in the Trust developing and successfully implementing a significant cost reduction programme through the year. This ensured that the business met and exceeded the financial challenges and placed the Trust on a secure financial footing with increased ability to adapt to fluctuations in future pupil numbers. There was no impact upon the Trust's reserves policy.

The Trust received additional funding in relation to catch up premium, summer schools and mass testing. This income was used to ensure that the Trust's pupils continued to receive high quality education in a safe environment. The summer schools programme supported the transition of pupils and assisted their school readiness for return in the Autumn 21 term. In addition, funding received for free school meals ensured that eligible pupils continued to receive high quality meals throughout COVID-19 school closures and holiday periods.

### 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 £420,000 at 31 August 2021 which is in line with this policy. 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.

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### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the academy is exposed, in particular, those relating to increases in the demand for Alternative provision becoming unmanageable, health and safety of children and staff, safeguarding risks and the risks of children's behaviour becoming more extreme than expected for children attending Alternative provision.

Risk mitigation has been identified and adopted (with ongoing monitoring) to reduce risks to an acceptable level.

### **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**

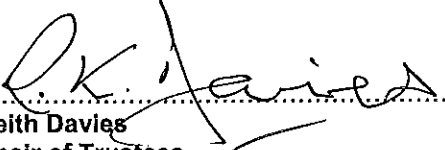
The trust intends to offer an increased alternative education provision to schools within Bolton on a traded basis and increased provision to pupils beyond Bolton where appropriate, with a view to earlier intervention and thus reducing demands for provision which arise through permanent exclusion of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

### **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 14 December 2021 and signed on the board's behalf by:

  
.....  
**Keith Davies**  
Chair of Trustees

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

### 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 executive principal, 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 members have formally met twice with Trustees and the Trustees have formally met a further 13 times in the 2020/21 academic / financial year. The impact of COVID-19 has resulted in all meetings being held virtually. Meetings followed standard procedures and were clerked and minuted as per normal practice. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of Trustees was as follows:

#### Attendance at board meetings – 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

	Date office commenced	Date office ceased	Meetings attended	Maximum number of meetings
<b>Members</b>				
K Davies	01/04/2020		10	12
C Atkinson	02/03/2016		2	2
A Grimshaw	01/04/2020		7	9
<b>Trustees</b>				
P Hodgkinson	02/03/2016		15	15
M Sidebottom	01/04/2020		9	11
D McKeon	01/04/2020		8	11
S Hinks	13/09/2018		9	9
J Bennett	15/09/2020		8	9

Members and Trustees hold a four year period of office from the date their office commenced, with the exception of the Executive Principal.

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 will secure an independent governance review in the 2021/22 financial academic year to provide external assurance of the effectiveness of its governance arrangements.

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Pecuniary interests of members and Trustees

Trustee	Business interests	Trusteeships and governorships of other educational institutions & charities	Family relationships with members, Trustees, governors or employees
C R Atkinson	None	Bolton Community Leisure Trust (Trustee) Trustee of the Leverhulme Academy Church of England and Community Trust	None
P Hodgkinson	None	None	None
A Grimshaw	Alltrades Bolton Ltd (Director) Beaumont Homes (Director)	Bolton Community Trust (Founder / Member)	Sister employed at Lever Park
R K Davies	Merryfield Right To Manage Company Ltd (Director)	None	None
M Sidebottom	None	Smithills School (Principal)	None
D McKeon	None	Little Lever School (Principal)	None
S. Hincks	None	Bolton School's Girls Division (Principal)	None
J. Bennett	Department for Education Senior Policy Advisor		

**Review of value for money**

As accounting officer of The Bolton Impact Trust, the executive principal is responsible and accountable for ensuring that the academy delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands the guide to academy value for money statements published by the Education Funding Agency and understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayers resources received.

The impact of COVID-19 has been significant in financial terms due to a significant reduction in pupil numbers due to permanent exclusions. Early projections of a loss of funding resulting in the Trust developing and successfully implementing a significant cost reduction programme through the year. This ensured that the business met and exceeded the financial challenges and placed the Trust on a secure financial footing with increased ability to adapt to fluctuations in future pupil numbers. There was no impact upon the Trust's reserves policy.

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The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year and reports to the board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. Set out below are examples of how the accounting officer has ensured that the academy's use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic period September 1 2020 to 31 August 2021.

- Increased income derived through increased trading with schools
- Increased income derived through trading with other local authorities
- Delivery of a Trustwide savings programme to reduce staffing and other expenditure resulting from the impact of Covid upon pupil numbers

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### Financial governance & oversight

The trust has an audit function fulfilled by its Risk and Audit Committee. The trust's board understands the need for it to be accountable as a publicly funded organisation and does everything possible to be open and transparent and has shared its detailed budgets with a representative of the Education and Skills Funding Agency. The trust's expenditure is economic, efficient and effective. The trust has ensured its governance structure is effective by placing qualified professionals in positions of challenge.

### Reviewing controls and managing risks

The trust has a risk register that is updated on a regular basis. Mitigation has been enacted in relation to all potential risks to ensure that any risks of concern are within the board's risk appetite. The academy has entered into an insurance arrangement with the Education and Skills Funding Agency through the use of their Risk Protection Arrangements. Financial management information is produced on a regular basis and presented to the board, the strategic management team and the leadership team.

### **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 ongoing 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. The system also ensures that risks are managed efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in The Bolton Impact Trust from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and the financial statements.

### **Capacity to handle risk**

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 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 committee and the audit and risk committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes.
- An internal audit of controls undertaken by an independent auditing firm.
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance.
- A clearly defined competitive tendering policy.
- Delegation of authority within an approved scheme of delegation.
- Identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function. Following the revised FRC Ethical Standards for auditors, the academy trust appointed Beever & Struthers as internal auditor for the 2020-21 period.

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

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control account/ bank reconciliations
- testing of petty cash systems
- School Improvement Plan
- Safeguarding
- Premises
- Data Management
- ICT

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## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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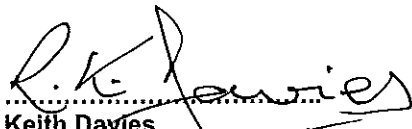
The internal auditor reports on a termly basis to the board of trustees, through the Risk and Audit Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities. The internal auditor delivered their schedule of work as planned and the trust tailored their programme of checks to the risk register priorities.


### **Review of effectiveness**

The executive principal, as accounting officer, 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 external auditor (Haines Watts).
- A review of internal control procedures, including examination of procedures and testing of controls against those procedures was undertaken by an independent auditing firm the outcome of which was reported to Trustees.
- The work of the strategic management team and leadership team, who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, including ongoing financial management practice.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 14 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by

  
.....  
**Keith Davies**  
Chair of Trustees

  
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**Paul Hodgkinson**  
Executive Principal & Accounting Officer

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

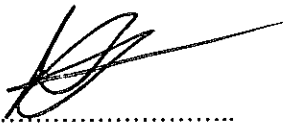
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As accounting officer of The Bolton Impact Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

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**  
**Executive Principal & Accounting Officer**

Date: 14 December 2021

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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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 2020 to 2021 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:

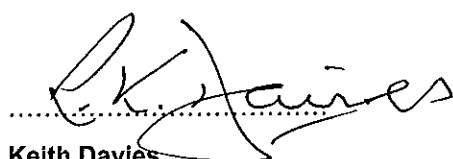
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting 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 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 14 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



**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 2021**

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### Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Bolton Impact Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 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 2021 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 2020 to 2021.

### 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 trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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### **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.

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

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

- 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.
- 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.

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

### 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.

*Haines Watts*

**Candice Beynon FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Haines Watts**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

Bridge House  
Ashley Road  
Hale  
Altrincham  
WA14 2UT

Date: 14/12/21

# 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 2021**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 21 July 2016 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, 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 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, 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 2020 to 2021. 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 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 2021**

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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 board of trustees, and conform to the limits set by the Department for Education.
- Formal representations have been obtained from the board of trustees 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 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

*Haines Watts*  
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**Haines Watts**  
**Reporting Accountant**

Date: 14/12/21

# 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 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	62	62	28
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	6,504	-	6,504	6,809
Other trading activities	5	-	701	-	701	511
<b>Total</b>		-	7,205	62	7,267	7,348
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	-	7,367	133	7,500	7,285
<b>Total</b>	6	-	7,367	133	7,500	7,285
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		-	(162)	(71)	(233)	63
Transfers between funds	16	-	(9)	9	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(1,360)	-	(1,360)	(1,650)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		-	(1,531)	(62)	(1,593)	(1,587)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		-	(4,451)	5,379	928	2,515
Total funds carried forward		-	(5,982)	5,317	(665)	928

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2020	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2020 £'000
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	28	28
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	6,809	-	6,809
Other trading activities	5	-	511	-	511
<b>Total</b>		-	7,320	28	7,348
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	-	7,154	131	7,285
<b>Total</b>	6	-	7,154	131	7,285
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		-	166	(103)	63
Transfers between funds	16	-	(19)	19	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(1,650)	-	(1,650)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		-	(1,503)	(84)	(1,587)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	(2,948)	5,463	2,515
Total funds carried forward		-	(4,451)	5,379	928


# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		5,317		5,379
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	267		223	
Cash at bank and in hand		638		386	
		<u>905</u>		<u>609</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(235)		(235)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>670</u>		<u>374</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>5,987</u>		<u>5,753</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(250)		(260)
<b>Net assets before defined benefit pension scheme liability</b>			<u>5,737</u>		<u>5,493</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	18		(6,402)		(4,565)
<b>Total net (liabilities)/assets</b>			<u>(665)</u>		<u>928</u>
<b>Funds of the academy trust:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>	16				
- Fixed asset funds			5,317		5,379
- Restricted income funds			420		114
- Pension reserve			(6,402)		(4,565)
<b>Total restricted funds</b>			<u>(665)</u>		<u>928</u>
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	16		-		-
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>(665)</u>		<u>928</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 14 December 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
Keith Davies  
Chair of trustees

Company Number 09971348



**THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	2021 £'000	£'000	2020 £'000	£'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Net cash provided by operating activities	19		271		13
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Capital grants from DfE Group		34		28	
Donated assets from DfE Group		28		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(71)		(47)	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(9)		(19)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>					
Repayment of long term bank loan		(10)		(140)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			(10)		(140)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			252		(146)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			386		532
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			638		386

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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#### 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 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 2020 to 2021 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.

The Personal Learning Centre has recognised a deficit in the year. The financial unsustainability of the Personal Learning Centre has resulted in a Trust decision to close this academy with effect from 23 July 2021 and terminate the funding agreement with effect from 31 August 2021. For this reason, the financial statements for the Personal Learning Centre in the multi-academy trust have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

With respect to Youth Challenge PRU, Forwards Centre, Park School Teaching Services and Lever Park School, the trustees 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.

Lever Park School has recognised a deficit of £878,000 for the year. The surpluses generated elsewhere within the Trust have been utilised to support the academy in the current and previous years. In sponsoring Lever Park, the Trust recognises the need to support the academy in financial terms in order to deliver long term improvements in standards and provision.

##### 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.

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies

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.

##### 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.

# THE BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 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.

#### 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	nil
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

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

#### 1.6 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the academy trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods of services it must provide.

#### 1.7 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.

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 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.

##### 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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 1 Accounting policies

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.

#### 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 2021. 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 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Capital grants	-	62	62	28

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### 4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	2,860	2,860	2,562
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
Pupil premium	-	152	152	170
Others	-	45	45	33
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,057</u>	<u>3,057</u>	<u>2,765</u>
<b>Other government grants</b>				
Local authority grants	-	3,303	3,303	4,044
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,303</u>	<u>3,303</u>	<u>4,044</u>
<b>COVID-19 additional funding</b>				
<b>DfE/ESFA</b>				
Catch-up premium	-	63	63	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	81	81	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total funding</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,504</u>	<u>6,504</u>	<u>6,809</u>

The academy trust received £3,303,000 (2020: £4,044,000) from the local authority in the year, being £2,890,000 (2020: £3,755,000) for High needs block funding, £78,000 (2020: £nil) for Bolton nurture group, £25,000 (2020: £34,000) for pupil premium, £204,000 (2020: £199,000) for Teachers pay and pension grant, £82,000 (2020: £38,000) for KS4 top-ups and £24,000 (2020: £18,000) for KS2 child meals.

The academy also received £63,000 of funding for catch-up premium. The funding has been spent within the year in line with the guidance from the ESFA.

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

Following the reclassification in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020/21 of some grants received from the Department for Education and ESFA, the academy trust's funding for Pupil Premium is no longer reported under the Other DfE Group grants heading, but as separate lines under the Other DfE/ESFA grants heading. The prior year numbers have been reclassified.

### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Other income	-	701	701	511
	<u>-</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>511</u>

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### 6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £'000	Non-pay expenditure Premises £'000	Other £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	4,513	106	479	5,098	5,320
- Allocated support costs	1,550	463	389	2,402	1,965
	<u>6,063</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,285</u>

#### Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	9	9
- Other services	2	5
Operating lease rentals	83	55
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	133	128
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	3
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	81	52
	<u>81</u>	<u>52</u>

### 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; and
- other centralised as arising.

The academy trust charges for these services on the following basis:

- 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:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Youth Challenge PRU	233	173
Forwards Centre	155	116
Personal Learning Centre	64	51
Park School Teaching Services	142	106
Lever Park School	190	141
	<u>784</u>	<u>587</u>



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8	<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	All from restricted funds:		
	<b>Direct costs</b>		
	Educational operations	5,098	5,320
	<b>Support costs</b>		
	Educational operations	2,402	1,965
		<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,285</u>
	<b>Analysis of costs</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	<b>Direct costs</b>		
	Teaching and educational support staff costs	4,513	4,753
	Staff development	36	43
	Depreciation	106	105
	Technology costs	21	23
	Educational supplies and services	245	205
	Examination fees	21	28
	Other direct costs	156	163
		<u>5,098</u>	<u>5,320</u>
	<b>Support costs</b>		
	Support staff costs	1,550	1,107
	Depreciation	27	26
	Technology costs	12	7
	Maintenance of premises and equipment	113	117
	Cleaning	108	114
	Energy costs	39	39
	Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	171	181
	Insurance	5	6
	Catering	182	176
	Interest on defined benefit pension scheme	81	52
	Legal costs	48	61
	Other support costs	44	47
	Governance costs	22	32
		<u>2,402</u>	<u>1,965</u>

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### 9 Staff

#### Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Wages and salaries	3,927	3,864
Social security costs	401	383
Pension costs	1,312	1,106
Staff costs - employees	5,640	5,353
Agency staff costs	281	499
Staff restructuring costs	142	8
	6,063	5,860
Staff development and other staff costs	36	43
Total staff expenditure	6,099	5,903
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Severance payments	142	8

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

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £74,000 (2020: £6,000). Individually, the payments were: £6,000, £16,000, £6,000, £5,000, £6,000, £6,000, £6,000, £9,000, £8,000 and £6,000.

#### Staff numbers

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

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Teachers	41	39
Administration and support	72	83
Management	9	9
	122	131

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#### 9 Staff

##### Higher paid staff

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

	2021 Number	2020 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	-	2
£70,001 - £80,000	3	1
£100,001 - £110,000	-	1
£110,001 - £120,000	1	-
	<u>1</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. 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 £814,000 (2020: £741,000).

#### 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	£115,001 - £120,000 (2020: £110,001 - £115,000)
Employers' pension contribution	£25,001 - £30,000 (2020: £25,001 - £30,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2021, there were no travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed or paid directly to the trustees (2020: £nil).

Other related parties involving trustees are set out on note 22.

#### 11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department of 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	Computer equipment £'000	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2020	5,802	22	20	43	5,887
Additions	29	37	5	-	71
Disposals	-	(3)	(13)	-	(16)
At 31 August 2021	<u>5,831</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>5,942</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 September 2020	472	9	16	11	508
On disposals	-	(3)	(13)	-	(16)
Charge for the year	109	14	4	6	133
At 31 August 2021	<u>581</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>625</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 August 2021	<u>5,250</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5,317</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>5,330</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5,379</u>

The net book value of land and buildings comprises:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Long leaseholds (over 50 years)	<u>5,250</u>	<u>5,330</u>

### 13 Debtors

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Trade debtors	19	-
Other debtors	11	31
Prepayments and accrued income	237	192
	<u>267</u>	<u>223</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Trade creditors	32	34
Accruals and deferred income	203	201
	<u>235</u>	<u>235</u>

#### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Government loans	<u>250</u>	<u>260</u>
<b>Analysis of loans</b>	<b>2021 £'000</b>	<b>2020 £'000</b>
Wholly repayable within five years	250	260
Less: included in current liabilities	-	-
	<u>250</u>	<u>260</u>
Amounts included above	<u>250</u>	<u>260</u>
<b>Loan maturity</b>		
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	140	-
Due in more than two years but not more than five years	110	260
	<u>250</u>	<u>260</u>

Included within creditors is a loan of £250,000 from ESFA. The loan is provided at 0% interest rate. Monthly payments, commenced in January 2020 and is currently paused until 1 January 2023 to allow the Trust to recover its financial position.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2021 £'000
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	44	2,860	(2,561)	-	343
Pupil premium	-	152	(152)	-	-
Catch-up premium	-	63	(63)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	81	(81)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	45	(29)	-	16
Other government grants	-	3,303	(3,303)	-	-
Restricted capital funds	70	-	-	(9)	61
Other restricted funds	-	701	(701)	-	-
Pension reserve	(4,565)	-	(477)	(1,360)	(6,402)
	<u>(4,451)</u>	<u>7,205</u>	<u>(7,367)</u>	<u>(1,369)</u>	<u>(5,982)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Inherited on conversion	5,319	-	(108)	-	5,211
DfE group capital grants	60	62	(25)	9	106
	<u>5,379</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>(133)</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5,317</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>928</u>	<u>7,267</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>(1,360)</u>	<u>(665)</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>928</u>	<u>7,267</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>(1,360)</u>	<u>(665)</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.

Restricted fixed asset funds are those funds relating to the long term assets of the academy used in delivering the objectives of the academy.

The transfer from restricted general funds to restricted fixed asset is to meet the cost of fixed asset additions for which there was no specific capital funding in the year.

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 2021.

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#### 16 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2020 £'000
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	(423)	2,562	(2,095)	-	44
Pupil premium	-	170	(170)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	33	(33)	-	-
Other government grants	-	4,044	(4,044)	-	-
Restricted capital funds	89	-	-	(19)	70
Other restricted funds	2	511	(513)	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,616)	-	(299)	(1,650)	(4,565)
	<u>(2,948)</u>	<u>7,320</u>	<u>(7,154)</u>	<u>(1,669)</u>	<u>(4,451)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Transfer on conversion	5,427	-	(108)	-	5,319
DfE group capital grants	36	28	(23)	19	60
	<u>5,463</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>(131)</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5,379</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>2,515</u>	<u>7,348</u>	<u>(7,285)</u>	<u>(1,650)</u>	<u>928</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,515</u>	<u>7,348</u>	<u>(7,285)</u>	<u>(1,650)</u>	<u>928</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 16 Funds

##### Total funds analysis by academy

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 were allocated as follows:		
Youth Challenge PRU	685	880
Forwards Centre	60	95
Personal Learning Centre	-	(543)
Park School Teaching Services	553	733
Lever Park School	(878)	(1,051)
	<u>420</u>	<u>114</u>
Total before fixed assets fund and pension reserve		
Restricted fixed asset fund	5,317	5,379
Pension reserve	(6,402)	(4,565)
	<u>(665)</u>	<u>928</u>
Total funds		

The Lever Park School is carrying a net deficit of £878,000. However, surpluses generated elsewhere within the Trust have been utilised to support this academy in the current and previous years. In sponsoring Lever Park, the Trust recognises the need to support the academy in financial terms in order to deliver long term improvements in standards and provision. The financial unsustainability of the Personal Learning Centre has resulted in a Trust decision to close this academy with effect from 23 July 2021 and terminate the funding agreement with effect from 31 August 2021.

##### Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching educational support £'000	Other staff costs £'000	Educational supplies £'000	Other costs excluding depreciation £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Youth Challenge PRU	1,398	396	182	327	2,303	2,271
Forwards Centre	648	305	74	103	1,130	1,108
Personal Learning Centre	335	116	23	52	526	487
Park School Teaching Services	742	320	48	133	1,243	1,274
Lever Park School	1,426	413	116	210	2,165	2,014
	<u>4,549</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>7,367</u>	<u>7,154</u>



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#### 17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total Funds £'000
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,317	5,317
Current assets	-	905	-	905
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(235)	-	(235)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(250)	-	(250)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(6,402)	-	(6,402)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,982)</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>(665)</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total Funds £'000
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2020 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,379	5,379
Current assets	-	609	-	609
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(235)	-	(235)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(260)	-	(260)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(4,565)	-	(4,565)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,451)</b>	<b>5,379</b>	<b>928</b>

#### 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 Greater Manchester Pension Fund. 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 academies. 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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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 18 Pension and similar obligations

##### 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 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £431,000 (2020: £419,000).

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 25.6% for employers and 3.25 - 11.4% 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.

Total contributions made	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Employer's contributions	485	440
Employees' contributions	123	114
Total contributions	608	554

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#### 18 Pension and similar obligations

Principal actuarial assumptions	2021 %	2020 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.7	3.0
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.9	2.2
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.7	1.7

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

	2021 Years	2020 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	20.5	20.5
- Females	23.2	23.1
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	21.9	22.0
- Females	25.3	25.0

#### Sensitivity analysis

Changes in assumptions at 31 August 2021	Approximate % increase to employer liability	Approximate monetary amount (£000)
0.1% decrease in Real Discount Rate	3%	351
1 year increase in member life expectancy	4%	503
0.1% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	0%	50
0.1% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	2%	295

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme	2021 Fair value £'000	2020 Fair value £'000
Equities	4,384	3,148
Bonds	927	741
Property	432	324
Other assets	432	416
Total market value of assets	6,175	4,629

The actual return on scheme assets was £973,000 (2020: £994,000).

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#### 18 Pension and similar obligations

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Current service cost	881	687
Interest income	(83)	(64)
Interest cost	164	116
	<u>962</u>	<u>739</u>
<b>Total operating charge</b>		
	<u>962</u>	<u>739</u>
<b>Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations</b>	<b>2021 £'000</b>	<b>2020 £'000</b>
At 1 September 2020	9,194	5,727
Current service cost	881	687
Interest cost	164	116
Employee contributions	123	114
Actuarial loss	2,250	2,580
Benefits paid	(35)	(30)
	<u>12,577</u>	<u>9,194</u>
At 31 August 2021		
	<u>12,577</u>	<u>9,194</u>
<b>Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets</b>	<b>2021 £'000</b>	<b>2020 £'000</b>
At 1 September 2020	4,629	3,111
Interest income	83	64
Actuarial gain	890	930
Employer contributions	485	440
Employee contributions	123	114
Benefits paid	(35)	(30)
	<u>6,175</u>	<u>4,629</u>
At 31 August 2021		
	<u>6,175</u>	<u>4,629</u>

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

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(233)	63
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(62)	(28)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	396	247
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	81	52
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	133	128
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	3
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(44)	3
(Decrease) in creditors	-	(455)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>271</u>	<u>13</u>

#### 20 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2020 £'000	Cash flows £'000	31 August 2021 £'000
Cash	386	252	638
Loans falling due after more than one year	(260)	10	(250)
	<u>126</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>388</u>

#### 21 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

At 31 August 2021 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Amounts due within one year	74	56
Amounts due in two and five years	58	106
	<u>132</u>	<u>162</u>

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#### 22 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.

A Grimshaw, a member and a trustee, is also appointed as a director of Beaumont Homes NW Limited and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust paid £390 (2020: £442) in relation to the supply of a cement mixer. No amounts were owed by the academy trust at the year end.

M Sidebottom, a trustee, is also a Deputy head at Smithills School and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust received £39,105 (2020: £595) in relation to provision of a placement at the academy. At the end of the year, the academy was owed £3,168 (2020: £nil).

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 £42,174 (2020: £30,265) in relation to provision of placements at the academy. At the end of the year, the academy was owed £2,178 (2020: £4,356).

C Atkinson, a member, is appointed as director of Bolton Community Leisure Trust and therefore has an interest. During the year, The Bolton Impact Trust paid £470 (2020: £4,232) in relation to swimming lessons and room hire. No amounts were owed by the academy trust at the year end.

S Howarth, sister of A Grimshaw, a member and trustee, is employed by the academy trust as a non-teaching assistant. S Howarth's appointment was made in open competition and A Grimshaw was not involved in the decision making process regarding appointment. S Howarth is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a trustee.

In entering into the above transactions the trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

#### 23 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.