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UNITED TRUSTS TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH APRIL 2016

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the trust for the period ended 4th April 2016. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

United Trusts' main objective is to promote tax-free payroll giving to workplace charity funds, where gift distribution decisions can be made by a workplace charity fund committee. Operations are now carried out by LCVS nationwide, but the main area of activity is North West England and North Wales. In addition the Give As You Earn elective payroll giving service enables individual donors, at the time the payroll deductions are authorised, to nominate which charities are to receive their gifts.

LCVS, its parent company, is now fully responsible for all of these activities.

Public benefit

The trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The trust has now discontinued its activities; these activities are now under the control and responsibility of its parent company and corporate trustee LCVS.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

All operations were carried out through the parent company and corporate trustee, LCVS.

Reserves policy

Since the responsibility of the trust's administration rests with its corporate trustee and does not incur any administration costs, the trust has no requirement to hold any free reserves.

Risk management

The trustees have examined, and will continue to keep under review, the major risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established in the areas of major identified risk. Historically, the main risks facing the charity were the loss of key personnel and the loss of adequate money for financing administration costs. To mitigate such risks, operational activities of the trust have now been fully incorporated within the activities of its parent company LCVS.

Plans for the future

The activities of the trust have been amalgamated with those of the corporate trustee, LCVS, the trust and its affairs are now no longer in operation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is also closely connected with UW Giving (previously United Way), the HM Revenue and Customs-approved payroll giving agency-charity. The trustees' report for UW Giving is issued under separate

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cover. The day to day management of the charity is the collective responsibility of the trustees. The trustees meet regularly to receive progress reports and decide future policy. Responsibility for the trust's administration rests with its corporate trustee, LCVS.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The corporate trustee, LCVS, has a trustee recruitment policy that maintains a diverse mix of skills and experience that supports the governance and management of the charity. The induction procedure for new trustees includes distribution of background information, access to all records and attendance at an organisational induction session. Following this, new trustees formally sign a declaration of willingness to serve.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

United Trusts was incorporated under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee without share capital as company number 2185697, on 30th October 1987, as amended by special resolution dated 4th April 2006 and 5th February 2008. It is a registered charity number 327579.

Principal and registered office:

151 Dale Street Liverpool L2 2AH

Trustees:

All elected trustee members also serve as directors of the company. The trustees during the year were as follows:

H Williams

H Russell

Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services

Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services (LCVS), the corporate trustee, is incorporated under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee without share capital as company number 181759, a registered charity, number 223485, and a charitable Trust Corporation. LCVS trustees, who are also its Directors, were as follows during the year: Roger Morris, Heather Akehurst, Perminder Bal (1st December 2015), Caroline Ellen (nee Clark) (resigned 2nd December 2016), Charles Feeny, Adeyinka Olushonde, Christine Reeves, Hilary Russell, Deborah Shackleton (resigned 29th November 2016), Andrew Whitehead, Sir Bert Massey (appointed 1st January 2016, resigned 29th November 2016) and Richard Finch (appointed 1st January 2016).

Company secretary: Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services

151 Dale Street Liverpool L2 2AH Tel: 0151 227 5177

Professional advisers:

Bankers Barclays Bank Plc

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STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the directors of United Trusts for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in the business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

By Order of the Board

HILARY RUSSELL

LCUS CHAIR

Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services

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Secretary

Dated: 21 March 2017

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH APRIL 2016

		nrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals £	Year to 5 th April 2015
Income & Expenditure					
Income from:		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
		-	-	-	-
Total					
Expenditure on: Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Total					
Total		-	-		
Net expenditure / Net movement in the period		(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Reconciliation of funds:		-	-	<u>.</u>	-
Total funds carried forward	5	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these accounts.

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	Notes	2016	2015
		£	£
Current assets Cash at bank		6,357	6,397
Liabilities Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	4	(6,357)	(6,397)
Net assets		£ -	£ -
The funds of the charitable company:			
Unrestricted funds	5	£ - ====	£ -

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on 21 Mach 2017, on their behalf by:

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H Russell
Trustee
On behalf of Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH APRIL 2016

1. LIMITED LIABILITY

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee. Each member's liability is limited to £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published in July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The trustees are mindful that operational activities have now transferred to Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services (LCVS). The charitable company will continue in existence to facilitate a timely and ordered disposal of its assets. LCVS has assumed all ongoing liabilities of the charitable company and the trustees therefore have reasonable expectation that the charitable company will be able to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements has been used.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated and are available for use or retention at the discretion of the Trustees, in accordance with the charity's objectives.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Taxation

The income and gains of the funds are exempt from taxation as they are applied for charitable purposes only.

3. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

There were no employees in the year (2015: 0).

The Trustees, being also the Directors of the company, are not remunerated for their services. No out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year (2015: Nil).

4. CREDITORS

	2016 £	2015 £
Inter – Company transactions with LCVS	3	743
Other creditors – distributions due	6,354	5,654
	£6,357	£6,397
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At the end of the year £3 (2015: £743) is due to LCVS, the parent company, this is in respect of unrestricted bank interest received.

5 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

o.	Move	Movements in the Year			
	Reserves at Beginning of Period	Surplus/ (Deficit) for Period	Reserves at End of Period		
General Fund	£-	£(-)	£-		
		=====	=====		

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

6. **CONNECTED CHARITIES & RELATED PARTIES**

United Trusts is connected to UW Giving (previously United Way), a separately registered charity, by virtue of the same Honorary Officers, the same trustees and carrying out operations from the same principal address. United Trusts was formed, originally, to promote giving to local charities. The Trust has wound up its activities and instead LCVS, the corporate trustee, has taken over and combined the work with its own activities. No monies were due to United Trusts from LCVS at the year end in respect of office costs (2015: £Nil). At the year end £6,354 (2015: £5,654) was owing to the corporate trustee, LCVS, in respect of funds to be passed on. An amount of £3 (2015: £743) was also due to LCVS in respect of bank interest received.

7. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Trustees consider the charitable company's controlling party to be Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services (LCVS).

LCVS is a charitable company registered in England and Wales.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the charitable company are consolidated is that headed by LCVS.

The financial statements of LCVS are available to the public and may be obtained from:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way

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