CARMARTHENSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS)

Charity No 1141755

Company No 07600945

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name

Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Registered Charity Number

1141755

Registered Company Number

07600945

Registered Office

4A Cowell Street

Llanellı

Carmarthenshire SA15 1UU

Directors/Trustees

Mark Andrew Harvey Michael Hugh Evans

Janice Williams

Richard John Edwards Terrence Colin Way Jeffrey Stephen Edmunds

Simon Jonathan Goddard (resigned 21 11.11)

Charlotte Margaret Annette Price

Gary Lloyd Jones John Lynne Griffiths Hamish William Laughland Anthony Giles Morgan

Janet Ennis Collins (appointed 14 02 12)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS)

The Trustees who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 where indicated, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2012. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (revised 2005) in preparing the report and financial statements of the Charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12th April 2011 and registered as a charity on 6th May 2011 and commenced its activities on 1st July 2011. The company was established and is governed under its Articles of Association which sets out its objects and powers

Organisation and management

The Charity is administered and managed by the members of the Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than six members and not more than fifteen.- honorary office holders of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer elected by members from amongst themselves at the first meeting of Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice Bureau

A member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office if they become disqualified, incapable, is absent from meetings, notifies the trustees of his wish to resign, ceases to be a member or fails to declare an interest in a contract of the Charity.

The Trustee Board which comprises of Trustees/Directors, Bureau County Director and other appropriate personnel meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss issues and future plans.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The names of the Trustee Board are shown on the previous page The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and none of the officers hold any shares in the company. The Charity is administrated by a Trustee Board of between three and fifteen persons.

The Trustee Board members can either be elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Trustee Board provided that the total number of co-opted nominated members does not exceed one third of the total members of the Trustee Board. No member of the Trustee Board can serve for more than three years without being formally re-elected

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are provided with a Trustee handbook and a follow up course of induction procedures

The company was established and is governed under its Articles of Association which sets out its objects and powers. Under those Articles the members of the Trustee Board are elected at AGM. A member may be coopted at any ordinary meeting, subject to the Articles, until the next AGM.

The charity is operated in accordance with its Articles of Association The Trustee Board is responsible for all aspects of the Bureau Sub committees are delegated the power to make some decisions on behalf of the Board. In other areas, recommendations are made to the Trustee Board, which makes the ultimate decision

Wider network

Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice Bureau is a member of Citizens Advice (Cita), but is an independently registered Charity and company limited by guarantee. Citizens Advice provides support services to the Bureau in the form of information and training amongst others. The Bureau is required to adopt service wide policies and comply with Membership Scheme requirements.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS) (Cont'd)

Relationships with other organizations

The Charity has links with Carmarthenshire County Council, Carmarthenshire Social Services, Cita and receives additional funding from local councils across the county

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

During the period the Board has reviewed each of the Bureau's operations and activities as part of an overall risk assessment approach. All new ventures are appraised on the basis of the risks identified and the procedures and policies associated with the minimisation of such risks that are significant

In addition, the Bureau is subject to regular audit by Cita.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aims and objects of the Charity are to provide the following:-

Free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination.

The service aims

- To provide the advice people need for the problems they face
- To improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Charity's public benefit

The Charity exists to provide advice to members of the public It is part of the Charity's ethos to meet the changing needs of the people of Carmarthenshire and to be responsive to their requests for advice. Any surplus generated from the provision of our services is reinvested for the benefit of the public in the future We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities

Volunteers

During the year an average twenty staff were employed at the bureau
In addition approximately seventy volunteers provided support The Trustees Board would like to thank the staff and volunteers for their substantial work during the period

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Review of activities

Ammanford, Carmarthen and Llanelli Citizens Advice Bureaux merged on 1st July 2011. In May 2012 the service was audited by Cita and the standards required were achieved Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice Bureau also maintained the Community Legal Services Quality Mark in General Help, and Specialist Quality Mark in Debt and Welfare Benefits with Casework.

We have received additional funding from the following:

Better Advice Better Health, January 2012 - March 2012 to increase the delivery of the Disabled Children's element of this project

Welsh Government, January 2012 - March 2012 to increase the Advice Line Cymru service to assist with the Welsh Government's commitment to bilingual services

Within the first year as a merged service the Bureau has achieved the following -

Increased the paid staff by three

Increased the Voluntary staff by five

Increased the opening hours throughout the County

Signed a three year Service Level Agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS) (Cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Any unutilized funds at the end of the period will be carried forward and used to either sustain the bureau or for matched funding for at least three months

Investment policy

The Charity invests its funds in bank deposits and is continually seeking to obtain better rates of return

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

To build a stronger forward facing service in order to identify and meet the needs of the Community To continue to develop and create new partnerships with organizations and agencies To create a financially stable service enabling the Bureau to maintain its service provision.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law required the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) and in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419 (2)) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Executive Committee on behalf by

29 Novembra Schand signed on its

Chairperson/Director/Trustee

Director/Trustee

Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice Bureau

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2012, which are set out on pages 5 to 11

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an opinion on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommenced Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Jonathan Williams F.C C A

Rimmer & May Chartered Accountants

19 Murray Street

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Date 29 Novembe 2012

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS)

| No | tes | Unrestricted Funds 2012 £ | Restricted Funds 2012 £ | (9 Months) Total Funds 2012 £ |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | CCS | _ | _ | _ |
| Incoming resources from generated | d funds | | | |
| Voluntary income | 2 | 735 | | 735 |
| Investment income | 3 | 249 | | 249 |
| Incoming resources from charitable | activities | | | |
| Contracts, fees and grants | 4 | 160,538 | 203,835 | <u>364,373</u> |
| Total incoming resources | | 161,522 | 203,835 | <u>365,357</u> |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | |
| Costs of charitable activities | 5 | 179,193 | 203,315 | 382,508 |
| Governance costs | 5 | 2,700 | | <u>2,700</u> |
| Total resources expended | 5 | <u>181,893</u> | <u>203,315</u> | <u>385,208</u> |
| NET (OUTGOING) RESOURCES | | (20,371) | 520 | (19,851) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Funds introduced | | 373,116 | | 373,116 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 352,745 | <u>520</u> | 353,265 |

The results for the period derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2012

| | | (9 Months) Total Funds 2012 |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| | Notes | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | | 0.055 |
| Tangible Assets | 8 | <u>9,266</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS Debtors | 9 | 5,630 |
| Bank and Cash | | <u>370,320</u> 375,950 |
| CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year NET CURRENT ASSETS | 10 | (<u>31,951</u>) <u>343,999</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIA | ABILITIES | <u>353,265</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>353,265</u> |
| FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS | 11 | 352,745 520 353,265 |

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2012 (Cont'd)

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2012.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statement for the period ended 31 March 2012 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial period and of its surplus or deficit for each financial period in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees/Directors on 29 Name Williams were signed on its behalf by:

Mr M A Harvey – Chair

(Director/Trustee)

Mr T C Way

(Director/Trustee)

Company Number 07600945

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP revised 2005).

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the reserves.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the Charity of the service or facility received.

Leasing

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

Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution paid by the Charity during the year

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are included at valuation on commencement in July 2011 and at cost thereafter less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write down the net book value of the assets at the following rates -

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment - 25% reducing balance method

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS) (Cont'd)

| 2. | VOLUNTARY INCOME | | | 2012 £ |
|----|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| | Donations | | | <u>735</u> |
| 3 | INVESTMENT INCOME Deposit account interest | | | £ 249 |
| 4 | INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVIC Contracts and fees – Citizens Advice Contracts and fees – Advice Line Cymru (Welsh Governme Contracts and fees – Legal Services Commission Grants – Carmarthenshire County Council Grant – Shelter | | | 88,862 28,467 42,845 203,419 |
| 5 | TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | Charitable Activities | Governance | Total £ |
| | Direct Costs Employment costs Establishment costs Office and administrative expenses Support costs Sundry and other costs Cost of Trustee meetings and training Legal and professional fees Accountancy Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 308,158 21,006 39,921 8,343 229 3,150 | 630 2,070 2,700 | 308,158 21,006 39,921 8,343 229 630 3,150 2,070 _1,701 385,208 |
| 6 | TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for | r the period en | ded 31 March 20 | 012 |
| 7 | STAFF COSTS Wages and Salaries National Insurance Pension | | | 2012 £ 278,443 23,313 3,738 |

The pension charge represents contributions for one employee.

The average monthly number of employees during the period was twenty In addition approximately seventy volunteers provided support

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS) (Cont'd)

| 8 | FIXED ASSETS | | | ce equipment d furniture £ |
|----|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| | Cost/Valuation At 1 July 2011 - introduced at valuation Additions in period At 31 March 2012 | | | 8,400 <u>2,567</u> 10,967 |
| | Depreciation Depreciation charge for the period | | | £ |
| | At 31 March 2012 | | | <u>1,701</u> <u>1,701</u> |
| | Net Book Value At 31 March 2012 | | | <u>9,266</u> |
| 9 | DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | | | 2012 £ |
| | Debtor – Charitable income Prepayments | | | 4,340 <u>1,290</u> <u>5,630</u> |
| 10 | CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | ₹ | | 2012 £ |
| | Charitable income received in advance Taxation Accruals | | | 11,807 11,963 <u>8,181</u> 31,951 |
| 11 | MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | Net Movement in funds £ | Funds introduced | At 31.03 12 £ |
| | Unrestricted funds General fund Restricted funds | (20,371) | 373,116 | 352,745 |
| | Citizens Advice | <u>520</u> (<u>19,851</u>) | <u>373,116</u> | <u>520</u> 353,265 |
| | TOTAL FUNDS | | | |
| | Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows - | Incoming Resources £ | Outgoing Resources £ | Movement in funds £ |
| | Unrestricted funds General fund Restricted funds | 161,522 | (181,893) | (20,371) |
| | Citizens Advice TOTAL FUNDS | 203,835 365,357 | (<u>203,315</u>) (<u>385,208</u>) | <u>520</u> (<u>19,851</u>) |

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12 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2012 the company had annual commitments under operating leases as follows:-

| | 2012 £ |
|--|----------------|
| Expiry date Between two and five years Over five years | 6,250 4,100 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS)

| | £ | (9 Months) <u>2012</u> £ |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | _ | |
| Voluntary income | | |
| Donations | | 735 |
| Investment Income Deposit account interest | | 249 |
| Deposit account interest | | |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | | |
| Contracts and fees – Citizens Advice | 88,862 | |
| Contracts and fees – Advice Line Cymru (Welsh Government) | 28,467 | |
| Contracts and fees – Legal Services Commission | 42,845 | |
| Grants – Carmarthenshire County Council | 203,419 | |
| Grants - Shelter | 780 | <u>364,373</u> |
| Total incoming resources | | 365,357 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Wages – salaries | 301,756 | |
| Staff pension costs | 3,738 | |
| Payroli, accounting and consultancy | 1,655 | |
| Staff training | 1,009 | |
| Staff travel | 7,199 | |
| Volunteer training | 130 | |
| Volunteer travel and expenses | 8,213 | |
| Subsistence and refreshments | 968 | |
| Heating and lighting | 6,162 | |
| Rent and rates | 7,325 | |
| Water rates | 816 | |
| Insurance | 2,169 | |
| Telephone and internet | 7,911 | |
| Postage, stationery and computer costs | 6,927 | |
| I T support | 11,061 | |
| Reference materials | 3,298 | |
| Cleaning, repairs and maintenance | 6,703 | |
| Equipment leasing | 388 | |
| Legal and professional | 3,150 | |
| Bank charges | 168 | |
| Sundry expenses | 61 | |
| Depreciation | <u>1,701</u> | |
| Carried Forward | 382,508 | |
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012 (9 MONTHS) (Cont'd)

| | | (9 Months) <u>2012</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Brought Forward | | 382,508 |
| Governance costs | | |
| Room hire for Trustee meetings | 142 | |
| Trustees training costs | 325 | |
| Trustees travel costs | 163 | |
| Accountancy | <u>2,070</u> | 2,700 |
| Total resources expended | | <u>385,208</u> |
| Net (outgoing) resources | | (<u>19,851)</u> |

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