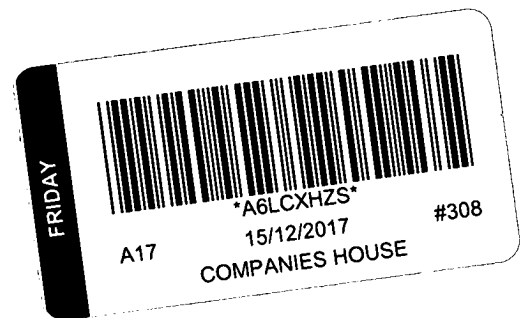


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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
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<b>Members</b>	Mr J De Ferrars (retired 7 March 2017) Mr P O'Brien Mrs E Paynter Mrs A Nicholson Mrs D Easter (retired 4 July 2017) Mrs M Young Mr B Jennings (appointed 4 July 2017) EDEN representative
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr W T Hermon <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Mr P O'Brien (resigned 21 June 2017) <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Mr A J Jackson (resigned 27 February 2017) <sup>3</sup> Mrs A Jefferies <sup>3,4</sup> Mrs C Paul <sup>3</sup> Mr P Smith <sup>1,2</sup> Mr G Barriball <sup>1,2</sup> Mrs S Cooksey <sup>1,2</sup> Mrs N Taylor (appointed 26 January 2016, resigned 9 September 2016) <sup>3</sup> Mrs R Couch (appointed 6 October 2016) <sup>2,4</sup> Mr B Jennings (appointed 20 May 2017) <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Mrs L Rash (appointed 27 February 2017) <sup>3,4</sup> Mrs E Gilbert (appointed 10 September 2017) <sup>2</sup>  <sup>1</sup> Resources, Staffing and Safeguarding Committee <sup>2</sup> Finance and Strategic Development Committee <sup>3</sup> Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee <sup>4</sup> Audit Committee
<b>Company registered number</b>	08156955
<b>Company name</b>	An Daras Multi Academy Trust
<b>Principal and registered office</b>	Unit 4 Tamar Business Park Pennygillam Way, Pennygillam Industrial Estate Launceston Cornwall PL15 7ED
<b>Company secretary</b>	Mrs T Martin
<b>Accounting officer</b>	Mr W T Hermon
<b>Senior management team</b>	Mr W Hermon, Chief Executive Officer Mrs M Basford, Trust Business Manager Mrs C Green, Academy Improvement Officer
<b>Independent auditors</b>	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors Salt Quay House 4 North East Quay Sutton Harbour Plymouth PL4 0BN

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates 6 primary academies in Launceston and its rural hinterland. It has a pupil capacity across its schools totalling 980 (240 at St Stephens, 210 Windmill Hill, 250 St Catherines, 70 North Petherwin, 70 Werrington and 90 Lew Trenchard). Lew Trenchard Primary joined the MAT on 1st June 2017.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Constitution**

The Academy Trust (was incorporated on 25 July 2012 and opened as an Academy Trust on 1st January 2014) is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

The Trustees of An Daras Multi Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as An Daras Multi Academy Trust (ADMAT).

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

**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/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases 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**

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim.

**TRUSTEES**

**Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees**

The Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement:

- up to 4 Trustees who are appointed by members
- up to 6 Community Trustees who are appointed by the Trustee board
- the Chief Executive Officer who is treated for all purposes as being a voting Director

Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy Trusts development. Director/Trustee finance training and development to support further expansion of the Trust has taken place this year. Successful identification and recruitment of an experienced commercial business director has provided the Trust with a new Chair of the Board of Directors. Similarly, a new MAT Finance Director has been appointed to support the MAT Board as it looks to future expansion.

**Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees**

The Academy Trust has a Trustee Recruitment, Induction and Training policy available from the Clerk to the Trustees.

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The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of Academy Trust schools and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. Induction for new trustees tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority, Diocese of Truro and Exeter and other bodies.

**Organisational Structure**

The Board of Trustees (Directors) normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy Trust and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees, including a Local Governing Body committee for each school for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

There are 4 committees plus an LGAB for each separate school as follows;

- **Resources, Staffing and Safeguarding Committee** - this meets at least three times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, premises management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting. It also incorporates the role of safeguarding oversight.
- **Finance and Strategic Development Committee** - this meets at least once a term to monitor, evaluate and review policy, practice and performance in relation to financial, planning, budget setting and monitoring. It also manages MAT expansion and long-term growth planning and implementation.
- **Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee** – this meets at least three times a year and is responsible for strategic monitoring of curriculum, standards and school and MAT improvement in relation to learning outcomes.
- **Audit Committee** – this meets at least once a term and receives reports from the Responsible Officer/internal audit. It is also responsible for looking at best value and scrutiny of external financial and other related audit reports.
- **Local Governing Advisory Committee (individual schools)** – this meets twice a term to monitor, evaluate and review the policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, target setting and assessment, examinations and parent and pupil welfare.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy Trust and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of the Board or LGAB, to appoint the CEO and/or Executive Head teachers and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the Annual Trust Improvement Plan and budget.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an Annual MAT Improvement Plan and cyclical governance plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy Trust by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy Trust, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academy Trust to the CEO and Senior Academy Leadership Team (SALT). The SALT comprises the CEO, Executive Head teacher, Heads of Schools and the Academy Business Manager. The SALT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance. The aim of the leadership structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The CEO and Executive Head teachers, Academy Business Manager and Committees are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Scheme of Delegation. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The CEO and Executive Head teacher is responsible for the appointment of staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts will always include a Director and/or Local Governor.

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The Chief Executive Officer is the Accounting Officer.

**Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

The Trustees consider the Board of Directors and the Academy Senior Leadership Team comprise the key management personnel in the Trust in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis.

All Board members give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year for their role as Trustee.

The pay of key management personnel is reviewed annually and is paid in accordance with normal pay scales.

**Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships**

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of the An Daras Multi Academy Trust.

There is a formal Parent Teacher Association associated with each individual school within the Trust.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objects and Aims**

The principal object and activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of the An Daras Multi Academy Trust to provide high quality free education and care for pupils of different abilities which will allow them to secure life-long learning skills.

The aims of the Academy Trust during the year ended 31 August 2017 are summarised below:

- To continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra-curricular activities.
- To develop pupils as more effective learners both for the present and the future.
- To develop the Academy sites so that it enables pupils to achieve their full potential.
- To ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care.
- To improve the effectiveness of the Academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review.
- To maximise the number of pupils who achieve/exceed age related standards in English and Maths by the end of Key Stage 2.
- To provide value for money for the funds expended.
- To develop greater coherence, clarity and effectiveness in school operational systems.
- To comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements.
- To develop the Academy's capacity to lead change, and be a lead in the community.
- To conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.

**Objectives, Strategies and Activities**

A Key Priority for 2017 was to secure the educational value of the MAT to ensure it could offer a wider range of opportunities for improvement across the wider Launceston area. Key priorities for the year are contained in our Academy Trust Improvement Plan 17/18 which is available from the Academy Central Office/and MAT website. Improvement focuses identified for this year include:

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<b>Key Priority</b>	<b>Key Objectives</b>	<b>Key Pupil Outcomes KPIs</b>
<b>Priority A: Continue to improve attainment and progress outcomes for pupils at all Key Stages through effective MAT systems</b>	<p><b>A.1.</b> Develop visible learning approaches into all MAT planning and learning opportunities</p> <p><b>A.2.</b> Continue to improve MAT tracking and assessment systems to ensure all groups of pupils are appropriately challenged and therefore attaining well - GDS</p> <p><b>A.3</b> Use MAT school improvement strategy effectively to raise standards i.e. moderation, PM, CPD and QA monitoring</p> <p><b>A.4.</b> Deploy MAT resources effectively to tackle underperformance within individual schools particularly to diminish differences for disadvantaged pupils</p>	<p>1. KS1 to KS2 progress above average in half/+ MAT schools</p> <p>2. KS1 and KS2 attainment in line with or above national average in half/+ MAT schools</p> <p>By July 2018</p>
<b>Priority B: MAT improvement planning supports effective school improvement planning</b>	<p><b>B.1.</b> Ensure MAT and School Improvement Plans have recognisable "golden threads" with clear emphasis on raising pupil achievement</p> <p><b>B.2.</b> Use MAT system tools consistently and effectively to support improvement planning at each individual school and to contribute positively to pupil achievement</p> <p><b>B.3.</b> Improve use of MAT financial resources to address school improvement priorities so that all schools continue to be good or better – with staffing costs not exceeding 80% annual cost against income</p> <p><b>B.4.</b> Develop children's ownership of learning improvement in the local school environment</p>	<p>3. Improvement planning consistency in format and quality across MAT schools</p> <p>4. Improvement planning and financial planning effectively contributing to improved outcomes for pupils</p> <p>5. Staffing to annual income costs not to exceed 80% for any school</p> <p>6. All priorities within MAT plan successfully met</p>

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<p><b>Priority C: Revise and strengthen MAT school improvement strategy strands</b></p>	<p><b>C.1.</b> Review and revise overall school improvement tools – including personnel – to ensure strategy is flexible, cost effective and meeting individual schools needs</p> <p><b>C.2.</b> Continue to improve the usefulness and accuracy of MAT wide data to target school improvement effectively – significantly contributing to the raising of pupil achievement</p> <p><b>C.3.</b> Develop wider school improvement partnerships drawing in expertise from other organisations e.g. teaching schools, universities and other MATs</p> <p><b>C.4.</b> Ensure individual schools on going self-evaluation is accurate and their school improvement requirements are fully supported by Trust resources and expertise</p>	<p>7. School SEF/data used effectively to identify and intervene on priorities leading to improving standards and consistent progress</p> <p>8. Schools can evidence effective support of MAT resources and expertise to impact on improved outcomes</p> <p>By July 2018</p>
<p><b>Priority D: Trust risk awareness fully informing MAT strategic development</b></p>	<p><b>D.1.</b> Improve MAT Risk Register - use to effectively drive all improvement priorities, including strategic growth</p> <p><b>D.2.</b> Ensure individual School Risk Registers are in place and being used effectively to drive all internal improvement priorities</p> <p><b>D.3.</b> Improve threat management systems – both short term and over the next 3-5 years. Threats are identified, analysed and effective remedial action applied</p> <p><b>D.4.</b> Ensure MAT and individual school Risk Registers are in line and updated regularly</p>	<p>9. Risk registers fully embedded within each school setting ensuring risks are mitigated across the MAT - delivering long term MAT reputational security</p> <p>10. MAT 3 to 5 Year Growth Plan completed, regularly reviewed and actioned as appropriate</p> <p>By July 2018</p>
<p><b>Priority E: Strengthen and extend successful collaboration and network partnerships</b></p>	<p><b>E.1.</b> Provide school improvement and quality assurance systems beyond MAT schools</p> <p><b>E.2.</b> Continue joint project working with other local and regional MATS on key aspects of learning provision to raise pupil achievement across MAT schools</p>	<p>11. Impact of school improvement services provided by the MAT to external settings fully evidenced</p> <p>12. Impact of local network partnership working fully evidenced</p> <p>By July 2018</p>

The Finance and Strategic Development (FSD) Committee of Directors have also set three financial **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** for the MAT schools during the next 17/18 financial year.



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- 1) All staff costs should be a maximum of 75% of annual income for larger schools (WHA, SSCA, SC) and 80% maximum for smaller schools (LT, NP, W)
- 2) Central costs should be met from a maximum of 5% top slice for all schools
- 3) An allocation of 2.5% of annual income should be contributed by each school to reserve holdings.

Any budget setting/monitoring needs to consider these three KPIs as they will be reported to the FSD and Audit Committee every term.

Considerable financial investment in MAT infrastructure have been a focus for the year. New financial management systems, IT hardware and support, new Central Offices and significant premises improvements across the MAT estates have been undertaken in the year.

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy Trust's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

The Academy Trust aims to advance, for the public benefit, education in Launceston and the surrounding area. In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by estimating, maintaining, managing and developing schools, offering a broad and balanced curriculum, and maintaining a distinct Christian ethos within its church schools.

The Academy Trust also provides facilities for recreational and other leisure time occupations for the community at large in the interests of social welfare and with the intent of improving the life of the said community.

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievements and Performance**

**Three Year MAT Expansion Plan**

The Trust planned a steady expansion of the number of schools which made up the Trust for 2017. This was successfully completed with the integration of Lew Trenchard Primary into the MAT on 1st June 2017. The next phase of the plan is underway with the MAT intending to grow by the addition of another school in 2018. As part of expansion planning the Board of Directors have ensured 2016/17 saw significant financial investment into the wider MAT infra-structure and school improvement capacity.

The need to improve academic performance at three out of the five schools within the MAT as of September 2016 was also correctly identified as a priority by the Academy Trust board and pro-active financial, staffing, governance and school improvement actions were taken to ensure these outcome needs could be successfully met.

**2017 Academy Trust Data Colour Code Key**

Dark Green = Above national benchmarks, Light Green = At or close to national benchmarks, Orange = Below national benchmarks

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**St Stephens Community Academy (SSCA) Pupil Achievement Results**

Headline SSCA achievement results at all Key Stages are affected by the inclusion of pupil data from pupils who attend the Area Resource Base (ARB) class which caters for the education of ten pupils with severe and profound learning needs.

KS = Key Stage

EGPS = Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

**2017 Key Stage 1 Attainment Outcomes**

**Table A:** SSCA KS1 Cohort achievement (three ARB pupils included in data)

A:Attainment Level	Reading	Writing	Maths	Phonics (Pass)
Expected+	School: 77% Nat 17: 75%	School: 67% Nat 17: 68%	School: 73% Nat 17: 75%	School: 83% Nat 17: 81%

**2017: Key Stage 2 Attainment and Progress Outcomes**

**Table B:** SSCA KS2 Cohort achievement (two ARB pupils included in data)

B:Attainment Level	Reading	GPS	Writing	Maths	Combined Exp+ (R, W, M)
Expected+	School: 50% Nat 17: 71%	School: 61% Nat 17: 77%	School: 70% Nat 17: 76%	School: 73% Nat 17: 75%	School: 43% Nat 17: 61%
Progress	School: - 3.1 Lowest 25% of schools nationally		School: -0.6 Lowest 40% of schools nationally	School: -0.8 Lowest 40% of schools nationally	

**Table C:** SSCA KS2 Cohort achievement (one ARB pupils excluded from data)

C:Attainment Level	Reading	GPS	Writing	Maths	Combined Exp+ (R, W, M)
Expected+	School: 53% Nat 17: 71%	School: 64% Nat 17: 77%	School: 73% Nat 17: 76%	School: 74% Nat 17: 75%	School: 44% Nat 17: 61%

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**Windmill Hill Academy (WHA) Pupil Achievement Results**

**2017 Key Stage 1 Attainment Outcomes**

**Table D: WHA KS1 Cohort achievement**

D:Attainment Level	Reading	Writing	Maths	Phonics (Pass)
Expected+	School: 72% Nat 17: 75%	School: 76% Nat 17: 68%	School: 76% Nat 17: 75%:	School: 81% Nat 17: 81%

**2017 Key Stage 2 Attainment and Progress Outcomes**

**Table E: WHA KS2 Cohort achievement**

E:Attainment Level	Reading	EGPS	Writing	Maths	Combined Exp+ (R, W, M)
Expected+	School: 76% Nat 17: 71%	School: 90% Nat 17: 77%	School: 79% Nat 17: 76%	School: 76% Nat 17: 75%	School: 62% Nat 17: 61%
Progress	School: +1.0 Highest 40% of schools nationally		School: +1.8 Highest 20% of schools nationally	School: -0.7 Lowest 40% of schools nationally	

**North Petherwin (NP) Pupil Achievement Results**

**2017 Key Stage 1 Attainment Outcomes**

**Table F: NP KS1 Cohort achievement**

F:Attainment Level	Reading	Writing	Maths	Phonics (Pass)
Expected+	School: 75% Nat 17: 75%	School: 67% Nat 17: 68%	School: 75% Nat 17: 75%:	School: 75% Nat 17: 81%

**2017 Key Stage 2 Attainment and Progress Outcomes**

**Table G: NP KS2 Cohort achievement**

G:Attainment Level	Reading	EGPS	Writing	Maths	Combined Exp+ (R, W, M)
Expected+	School: 57% Nat 17: 71%	School: 57% Nat 17: 77%	School: 71% Nat 17: 76%:	School: 86% Nat 17: 75%	School: 57% Nat 17: 61%
Progress	School: +1.9 Highest 25% of schools nationally		School: +2.7 Highest 25% of schools nationally	School: +3.6 Highest 25% of schools nationally	

**Werrington (W) Pupil Achievement Results**

**2017 Key Stage 1 Attainment Outcomes**

**Table H: W KS1 Cohort achievement**

H:Attainment Level	Reading	Writing	Maths	Phonics (Pass)
Expected +	School: 75% Nat 17: 75%	School: 50% Nat 17: 68%	School: 88% Nat 17: 75%:	School: 83% Nat 17: 81%

**2017 Key Stage 2 Attainment and Progress Outcomes**

**Table I: W KS2 Cohort achievement**

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I:Attainment Level	Reading	EGPS	Writing	Maths	Combined Exp+ (R, W, M)
Expected +	School: 75% Nat 17: 71%	School: 75% Nat 17: 77%	School: 100% Nat 17: 76%	School: 75% Nat 17: 75%	School: 75% Nat 17: 61%
Progress	School: +2.8 Highest 25% of schools nationally		School: +4.0 Highest 5% of schools nationally	School: +2.1 Highest 25% of schools nationally	

**St Catherines (SC) Pupil Achievement Results**

**2017 Key Stage 1 Attainment Outcomes**

**Table J: SC KS1 Cohort achievement**

J:Attainment Level	Reading	Writing	Maths	Phonics (Pass)
Expected+	School: 93% Nat 17: 75%	School: 83% Nat 17: 68%	School: 87% Nat 17: 75%:	School: 90% Nat 17: 81%

**2017 Key Stage 2 Attainment and Progress Outcomes**

**Table K: SC KS2 Cohort achievement**

K:Attainment Level	Reading	EGPS	Writing	Maths	Combined Exp+ (R, W, M)
Expected+	School: 72% Nat 17: 71%	School: 71% Nat 17: 77%	School: 76% Nat 17: 76%	School: 66% Nat 17: 75%	School: 59% Nat 17: 61%
Progress	School: +1.0 Highest 40% of schools nationally		School: +1.0 Highest 40% of schools nationally	School: +1.0 Lowest 40% of schools nationally	

To ensure that standards are continually assessed, the Academy Trust operates a full programme of internal and external learning monitoring.

Secure pupil standards against national benchmarks by the end of Key Stage 2 by five out of six academy schools indicates that the Academy Trust has delivered its stated aims and objectives for most of schools within the Trust. All schools - when criteria are applicable - within the MAT for 2017 are above National Floor Targets as defined by the DfE.

The Academy Trust has also successfully completed the restructuring of its governance arrangements, created a new partnership arrangement with the Diocese of Truro and the Diocese of Exeter and revised its Scheme of Delegation and Terms of Reference for committees.

**Key Performance Indicators**

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the Balance Sheet date. In particular, the management of spending against General Annual Grant (GAG) requires special attention. In the period under review, £24,300 was carried forward representing <1% of GAG.

As funding is based on pupil numbers this is also a key performance indicator. Pupil numbers for 2017 were 806, an increase of 78 over 2016. It is anticipated that this number will continue to be at least stable and may show a small increase in schools with surplus capacity over the next year.

Another key financial performance indicator is staffing costs as a percentage of GAG. For 2017 this was 111%, compared to 105% in 2016.

Pupil to teacher ratio for 2017 was 19:1.

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**Going Concern**

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

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the going concern policy.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial Review**

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2017 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

At 31 August 2017, the net book value of fixed assets was £5,197,668 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 15 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The freehold for land, buildings and other assets were transferred to the Academy Trust upon conversion. Land and buildings at St Stephens Community Academy were professionally valued on 16th May 2014 at £1,547,000. Land and buildings at Windmill Hill Academy were professionally valued on 23rd May 2014 at £1,829,000. North Petherwin had a desktop valuation from the ESFA of £826,000 and Werrington £749,000. A professional valuation has now been carried out for North Petherwin £1,600,600, Werrington £1,200,000, St Catherine's £2,365,000 and Lew Trenchard £1,445,000. Other assets have been included in the financial statements at a best estimate, taking into account purchase price and remaining useful lives.

The Academy has taken on the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff transferred on conversion. The deficit is incorporated within the Statement of Financial Activity with details in Note 25 to the financial statements.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Chief Executive Officer Executive Head Teacher, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and updated included Pecuniary Interest, Charges and Lettings, Asset Management and Insurance.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be between 1 and 2 months payroll costs - which is in the range of £280,000 - £560,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance or significant falls in pupil numbers - particularly at the small schools in the Academy Trust. Total free reserves of the Academy trust amount to £371,300.

The Trustees have reviewed the future plans of the Academy trust and have set designated reserves as follows  
a) £10,000 to secure HR officer position b) £10,000 to provide extended school improvement services for those schools requiring extra support.

The defined benefit pension scheme reserve has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Academy Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Academy Trust's budgeted annual income, whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the

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fund, or direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy Trust.

**Investment Policy**

Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. Any cash not required for operating expenses will be placed on deposit at the most favourable rate available from providers covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The Investment policy authorises longer term investment of funds in blocks of £50,000 following due diligence. Day to day management of the surplus funds is delegated to the CEO and Finance Director within strict guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Principal Risks And Uncertainties**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major 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 principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy Trust are as follows:

**Financial** - the Academy Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the last year 99.2% of the Academy Trust's incoming resources were ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

**Failures in governance and/or management** - the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy Trust's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

**Reputational** - the continuing success of the Academy Trust is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that pupil success and achievement are closely monitored, reviewed and publicly celebrated as appropriate.

**Safeguarding and child protection** - the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline. The Academy Trust places a high priority on ensuring a dedicated Child Protection and Attendance Officer is in post.

**Staffing** - the success of the Academy Trust is reliant upon the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning. High quality Performance Management procedures are supporting the continued drive for high achievement outcomes for pupils.

**Fraud and mismanagement of funds** - the Academy Trust has appointed a Responsible Officer to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive regular training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Academy Trust has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular termly basis.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities, potential future growth in PAN, and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. The Academy Trust has made particular efforts to streamline management systems through a central operations team. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

Whilst the Academy Trust pupil numbers on roll are healthy, risks to revenue funding from a falling roll remain small. However, the freeze on the Government's overall education budget, changes in funding arrangements for

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)  
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High Needs and increasing employment and premises costs mean that budgets will be increasingly tight in coming years.

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term. They review performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Board and Finance Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Academy had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors that would have a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit pension scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in Note 25 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However as the Trustees consider that the Academy Trust is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The Academy Trust will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Academy will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff to deliver its objectives.

The Academy Trust will continue to grow its infra structure capacity through investment in systems, staffing and premises.

The Academy Trust as part of its ongoing self-evaluation will review the purpose, Terms of Reference and make up of its Local Governing Bodies to ensure consistent impact at a local level is fully delivered.

The Academy Trust will continue to work with partner schools to improve the educational opportunities for pupils in the wider community. As part of this commitment to local partnership working the Academy Trust has expansion and business growth plans in operation.

Full details of our plans for the future are given in our Academy Improvement Plan and Academy Growth Plan, which is available on our website or from the Clerk to the Trustees.

**AUDITORS**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as company directors, on 22nd November 2017 and signed on the board's behalf by:



**Mr B Jennings  
Chair of Trustees**

**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST  
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**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

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**SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that An Daras Multi Academy 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 Chief Executive, 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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

**GOVERNANCE**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr W T Hermon	3	3
Mr P O'Brien	3	3
Mr A J Jackson	0	1
Mrs A Jefferies	2	3
Mrs C Paul	3	3
Mr P Smith	1	3
Mr G Barriball	2	3
Mrs S Cooksey	3	3
Mrs N Taylor	0	0
Mrs R Couch	3	3
Mr B Jennings	1	1
Mrs L Rash	3	3
Mrs E Gilbert	0	0

There is a Resources, Staffing and Safeguarding Sub-Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees - responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, premises management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements. It also incorporates the role of safeguarding oversight.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr P O'Brien	4	4
Mr W T Hermon	4	4
Mrs A Nicholson	0	0
Mrs D Easter	0	0
Mrs S Cooksey	3	4
Mr P Smith	2	4
Mr G Barriball	4	4
Mrs C Paul (one off to make quorate)	0	0
Mrs S Chapman (one off to make quorate)	0	0

There is an Audit Sub-Committee of the main Board of Trustees - receives reports from the Responsible Officer/internal audit. It is also responsible for looking at best value and scrutiny of external financial and other related audit reports.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:



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Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr W T Hermon	4	4
Mrs A Jefferies	4	4
Mrs C Paul	3	4
Mrs R Couch	2	4
Mrs L Rash	3	4
Mr P O'Brien	2	4

**REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY**

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Value for money purchasing.
- Reviewing controls and managing risk.
- Considering allocation/targeting/use of resources.
- Not allocating time/resources to areas where few improvements can be achieved.
- Making comparisons with similar Academies using data provided by the ESFA and the Government.
- Challenging proposals and examining their effectiveness and efficiency.
- Deploying staff effectively.
- Reviewing quality of curriculum provision and quality of teaching.
- Reviewing quality of children's learning to enable children to achieve nationally expected progress.
- Outlining procedures for accepting best value quotes, noting that this is not necessarily the cheapest quote.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in An Daras Multi Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

**CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

**THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK**

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports

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**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)**

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- which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance and Strategic Development Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed Bishop Fleming LLP, the external auditors, and Cornwall Council LFS team to perform additional checks.

The reviewers' role includes 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 current period included:

The work of the reviewer  
Testing of payroll systems  
Testing of purchase systems  
Testing of control account/bank account reconciliations

On a quarterly basis, the reviewers reports to the Board of Trustees through the audit committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

**REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS**

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:


- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 22/11/17 and signed on their behalf, by:



**Mr B Jennings**  
Chair of Trustees



**Mr W T Hermon**  
Accounting Officer

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**STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE**

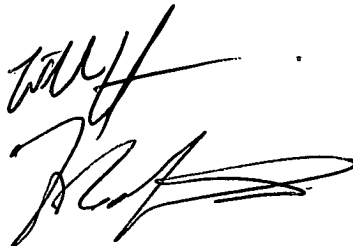
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As Accounting Officer of An Daras Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with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

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

I confirm that 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.

**Mr W Hermon**  
**Accounting Officer**

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is a cursive, stylized name, likely 'W Hermon'. The bottom signature is also cursive and appears to be a second name or a confirmation signature.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

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The Trustees (who act as governors of An Daras Multi Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

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



**Mr B Jennings  
Chair of Trustees**

Date: 22.12.17

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF AN  
DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

We have audited the financial statements of An Daras Multi Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

**SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Academy Trust's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

**OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

**OPINION ON OTHER MATTER 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 (incorporating the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report) for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and the Strategic Report and the Directors.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF AN  
DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

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**MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

*Bishop Fleming LLP*

Pamela Tuckett FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Bishop Fleming LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

Salt Quay House

4 North East Quay

Sutton Harbour

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Date: 12/12/17

**AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST  
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING AUDITORS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 17 January 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by An Daras Multi Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the EFA 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 An Daras Multi Academy Trust and the EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN DARAS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING AUDITORS**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of An Daras Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 19 December 2013, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2015, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

**APPROACH**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the EFA. 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.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the academy complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING AUDITORS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO AN DARAS MULTI  
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**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 year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

*Bishop Fleming LLP*

Pamela Tuckett FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of  
**Bishop Fleming LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
Salt Quay House  
4 North East Quay  
Sutton Harbour  
Plymouth  
PL4 0BN

Date: 12/12/17



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	As restated Total funds 2016 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>						
Donations & capital grants:						
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion	2	32,754	(82,000)	-	(49,246)	1,715,307
Other donations and capital grants	2	12,502	20,455	618,945	651,902	239,381
Charitable activities	3	309,498	3,701,495	-	4,010,993	2,904,482
Other trading activities	4	13,016	-	-	13,016	25,881
Investments	5	455	-	-	455	553
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>368,225</b>	<b>3,639,950</b>	<b>618,945</b>	<b>4,627,120</b>	<b>4,885,604</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Raising funds		11,035	-	-	11,035	29,019
Charitable activities		394,027	4,062,373	140,839	4,597,239	3,181,346
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	6	<b>405,062</b>	<b>4,062,373</b>	<b>140,839</b>	<b>4,608,274</b>	<b>3,210,365</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(36,837)</b>	<b>(422,423)</b>	<b>478,106</b>	<b>18,846</b>	<b>1,675,239</b>
Transfers between Funds	20	(179,925)	65,361	114,564	-	-
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>(216,762)</b>	<b>(357,062)</b>	<b>592,670</b>	<b>18,846</b>	<b>1,675,239</b>
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	345,000	-	345,000	(542,000)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(216,762)</b>	<b>(12,062)</b>	<b>592,670</b>	<b>363,846</b>	<b>1,133,239</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		563,762	(1,067,256)	7,402,039	6,898,545	3,442,433
Prior year adjustment (Note 19)		-	-	(2,322,873)	(2,322,873)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>347,000</b>	<b>(1,079,318)</b>	<b>5,671,836</b>	<b>4,939,518</b>	<b>4,575,672</b>

The notes on pages 26 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

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**REGISTERED NUMBER: 08156955**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	£	2017 £	As restated 2016 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Intangible assets	14		22,333	-
Tangible assets	15		5,175,335	5,032,800
			<u>5,197,668</u>	<u>5,032,800</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	16	648,919		520,825
Cash at bank and in hand		755,168		608,047
		<u>1,404,087</u>		<u>1,128,872</u>
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	17	(490,237)		(385,000)
			<u>913,850</u>	<u>743,872</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
			<u>6,111,518</u>	<u>5,776,672</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		(1,172,000)	(1,201,000)
			<u>4,939,518</u>	<u>4,575,672</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
<b>FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST</b>				
Restricted funds:				
General funds	20	92,682		133,744
Fixed asset funds	20	5,671,836		5,079,166
		<u>5,764,518</u>		<u>5,212,910</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension liability				
Pension reserve		(1,172,000)		(1,201,000)
			<u>4,592,518</u>	<u>4,011,910</u>
Total restricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	20		347,000	563,762
			<u>4,939,518</u>	<u>4,575,672</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				

The financial statements on pages 23 to 50 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 21/11/17 and are signed on their behalf, by:



**Mr B Jennings**  
**Chair of Trustees**

The notes on pages 26 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
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	<b>Note</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	22	<u>173,768</u>	<u>70,695</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received		455	533
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(272,207)	(50,193)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		245,851	164,360
Purchase of intangible assets		<u>(33,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities</b>		<u>(59,401)</u>	<u>114,700</u>
<b>Cash transferred on conversion to an academy trust:</b>			
Cash inflows from conversion		<u>32,754</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>		<u>32,754</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>147,121</b>	<b>185,395</b>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>608,047</u>	<u>422,652</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>			
II income is recognised when the Academy has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably	23	<u><u>755,168</u></u>	<u><u>608,047</u></u>

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

An Daras Multi Academy Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 GOING CONCERN**

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

**1.3 FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.4 INCOME**

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

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 entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities in the year 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 when there is unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance 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.

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

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

**1.5 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds 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.

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.6 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND AMORTISATION**

Intangible assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

**1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding 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. 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 freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Long-term leasehold property	-	2% straight line, land 125 years
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% straight line

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 incorporating income and expenditure account.

On conversion the Academy Trust was granted a 125 year lease from the Local Authority for the land and buildings previously occupied by the Local Authority schools. On conversion the long term leasehold property was recognised as a donation from the Local Authority and was valued using the depreciated replacement cost method.

**1.8 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS**

Liabilities and provisions 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 anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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

*Financial assets* - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment. 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 costs as detailed in note 17. 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 instruments. Amounts due to the Academy Trust's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

**1.10 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.

**1.11 PENSIONS**

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Governments Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 25, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.12 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT**

Estimates and judgments 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 (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgment:

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

**1.13 OPERATING LEASES**

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**1.14 DEBTORS**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.15 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.



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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.16 CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY TRUST**

The conversion from a state maintained school to an academy trust involved the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £NIL consideration. The substance of the transfer is that of a gift and it has been accounted for on that basis as set out below.

The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from Low Trenchard Primary School to an academy trust have been valued at their fair value. The fair value has been derived based on that of equivalent items. The amounts have been recognised under the appropriate balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in Donations - transfer from local authority on conversion in the Statement of financial activities and analysed under unrestricted funds, restricted general funds and restricted fixed asset funds.

Land and Buildings have been included as per the valuation by the ESFA whilst other fixed assets have been included at amounts valued by the Trustees. Pension assets and liabilities have been valued by Hymans Robertson LLP.

Further details of the transaction are set out in note 24.

**2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	As restated Total funds 2016 £
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion	32,754	(82,000)	-	(49,246)	1,715,307
Donations	12,502	20,455	-	32,957	75,021
Capital Grants	-	-	618,945	618,945	164,360
Subtotal	12,502	20,455	618,945	651,902	239,381
	45,256	(61,545)	618,945	602,656	1,954,688
Total 2016	405,189	(224,310)	1,773,809	1,954,688	

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**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Education	114,711	3,701,495	3,816,206	2,827,082
Nursery	194,787	-	194,787	77,400
	<u>309,498</u>	<u>3,701,495</u>	<u>4,010,993</u>	<u>2,904,482</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>129,617</u>	<u>2,774,865</u>	<u>2,904,482</u>	

**FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	As restated Total funds 2016 £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General Annual Grant	-	3,066,901	3,066,901	2,202,878
Start up Grants	-	2,452	2,452	74,124
Other DfE/ESFA grants	2,000	443,455	445,455	304,588
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,512,808</u>	<u>3,514,808</u>	<u>2,581,590</u>
<b>Other Government grants</b>				
High Needs	-	169,686	169,686	156,949
Other government grants non capital	-	12,301	12,301	18,016
	<u>-</u>	<u>181,987</u>	<u>181,987</u>	<u>174,965</u>
<b>Other funding</b>				
Internal catering income	45,688	-	45,688	16,798
Sales to students	23,115	-	23,115	3,617
Other	43,908	6,700	50,608	50,112
	<u>112,711</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>119,411</u>	<u>70,527</u>
	<u>114,711</u>	<u>3,701,495</u>	<u>3,816,206</u>	<u>2,827,082</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>52,217</u>	<u>2,774,865</u>	<u>2,827,082</u>	

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Lettings	600	-	600	305
External catering	-	-	-	518
Consultancy	-	-	-	563
Fees received	12,416	-	12,416	20,835
Other	-	-	-	3,660
	<u>13,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,016</u>	<u>25,881</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>25,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,881</u>	

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Investment income - local cash	455	-	455	553
	<u>553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>553</u>	
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>553</u>	

**6. EXPENDITURE**

	Staff costs 2017 £	Premises 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	As restated Total 2016 £
Expenditure on raising funds	-	-	11,035	11,035	29,019
Education:					
Direct costs	2,826,787	128,255	269,494	3,224,536	2,363,030
Support costs	483,252	250,206	488,288	1,221,746	741,906
Nursery:					
Direct costs	137,756	-	5,314	143,070	69,276
Support costs	1,293	5,256	1,338	7,887	2,269
	<u>3,449,088</u>	<u>383,717</u>	<u>775,469</u>	<u>4,608,274</u>	<u>3,205,500</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>2,352,070</u>	<u>177,353</u>	<u>676,077</u>	<u>3,205,500</u>	

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**7. DIRECT COSTS**

	Education £	Nursery £	Total 2017 £	As restated Total 2016 £
Pension income	21,000	-	21,000	13,000
Educational supplies	114,171	5,173	119,344	177,833
Staff development	56,416	141	56,557	22,907
Other costs	123,746	-	123,746	49,640
Supply teachers	36,464	-	36,464	26,044
Technology costs	-	-	-	21,103
Wages and salaries	2,129,829	117,548	2,247,377	1,642,084
National insurance	166,107	3,303	169,410	92,951
Pension cost	495,387	16,905	512,292	270,505
Depreciation	81,416	-	81,416	100,649
	<u>3,224,536</u>	<u>143,070</u>	<u>3,367,606</u>	<u>2,416,716</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>2,347,440</u>	<u>69,276</u>	<u>2,416,716</u>	

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Education £	Nursery £	Total 2017 £	As restated Total 2016 £
Pension income	6,000	-	6,000	4,000
Recruitment and support	5,231	-	5,231	1,557
Maintenance of premises and equipment	93,478	4,437	97,915	56,167
Cleaning	18,130	-	18,130	11,862
Rent and rates	57,470	650	58,120	41,469
Energy costs	54,537	-	54,537	25,246
Insurance	50,536	169	50,705	36,808
Security and transport	17,827	-	17,827	17,072
Catering	180,210	581	180,791	114,680
Technology costs	74,476	-	74,476	35,297
Office overheads	41,849	757	42,606	35,765
Legal and professional	41,201	-	41,201	38,100
Bank interest and charges	160	-	160	286
Governance	38,966	-	38,966	19,451
Wages and salaries	333,172	963	334,135	240,307
National insurance	16,765	133	16,898	9,709
Pension cost	132,315	197	132,512	59,111
Depreciation	59,423	-	59,423	17,743
	<u>1,221,746</u>	<u>7,887</u>	<u>1,229,633</u>	<u>764,630</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>762,361</u>	<u>2,269</u>	<u>764,630</u>	

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**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

	<b>2017</b>	As restated
	<b>£</b>	2016
		<b>£</b>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:	-	-
- owned by the Academy Trust	<b>129,672</b>	118,392
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	<b>11,167</b>	-
Auditors' remuneration - audit	<b>9,650</b>	8,800
Auditors' remuneration - other services	<b>9,965</b>	10,225
Operating lease rentals	<b>17,447</b>	8,598

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**10. STAFF COSTS**

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	2,581,512	1,881,094
Social security costs	186,308	103,672
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	644,804	331,374
	<u>3,412,624</u>	<u>2,316,140</u>
Staff restructuring costs	-	9,886
Agency supply teacher costs	36,464	26,044
	<u>3,449,088</u>	<u>2,352,070</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year was as follows:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	39	33
Educational Support	61	49
Administration and Clerical	9	8
Management	2	2
	<u>111</u>	<u>92</u>

Average headcount expressed as a full time equivalent:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	42	35
Educational Support	40	29
Administration and Clerical	6	5
Management	2	2
	<u>90</u>	<u>71</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer's National Insurance contributions and employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the Senior Management Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £147,053 (2016: £317,469).

As staff Trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a Trustee, where staff Trustees do not form part of the key management personnel other than in their role as Trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 12 has not been included in the total benefits received by key management above.

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**11. CENTRAL SERVICES**

The Academy Trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- Finance and administration
- Insurance

The Academy Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

The costs of provision of central services is recharged to the academies based upon pupil numbers.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
St Stephens Community Academy	82,797	75,477
Windmill Hill Academy	71,380	74,733
Werrington Primary School	22,658	12,641
North Petherwin Primary School	24,339	16,112
St Catherine's C of E School	80,448	30,860
Low Trenchard C of E Primary School	3,134	-
	<u>284,756</u>	<u>209,823</u>
Total		

**12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

One or more 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 other staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

During the year ended 31 August 2017, expenses totalling £52 (2016: £150) were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2016: 1).

**13. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE**

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £1,115 (2016: £1,083).

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**14. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Software £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 September 2016	-
Additions	33,500
At 31 August 2017	33,500
<b>AMORTISATION</b>	
At 1 September 2016	-
Charge for the year	11,167
At 31 August 2017	11,167
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>	
At 31 August 2017	22,333
At 31 August 2016	-

**15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 September 2016 (as previously stated)	3,568,194	3,913,463	42,506	134,596	7,658,759
Prior year adjustment	-	(2,338,463)	-	-	(2,338,463)
At 1 September 2016 (as restated)	3,568,194	1,575,000	42,506	134,596	5,320,296
Additions	-	201,991	10,713	59,503	272,207
At 31 August 2017	3,568,194	1,776,991	53,219	194,099	5,592,503
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 September 2016 (as previously stated)	136,777	34,880	26,122	105,307	303,086
Prior year adjustment	-	(15,590)	-	-	(15,590)
At 1 September 2016 (as restated)	136,777	19,290	26,122	105,307	287,496
Charge for the year	52,125	29,291	10,644	37,612	129,672
At 31 August 2017	188,902	48,581	36,766	142,919	417,168
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 August 2017	3,379,292	1,728,410	16,453	51,180	5,175,335
At 31 August 2016 (as restated)	3,431,417	1,555,710	16,384	29,289	5,032,800



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**15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)**

Included in freehold property is freehold land at a valuation of £1,146,000 which is not depreciated.

A prior year adjustment has been made to remove the land and buildings of those schools where ultimate control falls with the Diocese. See note 19.

**16. DEBTORS**

	2017 £	2016 £
VAT recoverable	96,582	39,017
Prepayments and accrued income	552,337	481,808
	<u>648,919</u>	<u>520,825</u>

**17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	234,501	182,253
Other taxation and social security	48,664	52,413
Other creditors	59,841	49,074
Accruals and deferred income	147,231	101,260
	<u>490,237</u>	<u>385,000</u>

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>DEFERRED INCOME</b>		
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	38,643	25,033
Resources deferred during the year	59,270	38,643
Amounts released from previous years	(38,643)	(25,033)
	<u>59,270</u>	<u>38,643</u>

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School Meals funding.

**18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	529,183	563,630
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	322,462	244,870

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, other debtors and accrued income.

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Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors and accruals.

**19. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT**

Due to clarifications in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016/17 on the treatment of church land and buildings as a fixed asset. The Trust has derecognised the long lease property, previously recognised on the balance sheet. This resulted in a reduction in the balance sheet (and prior year SOFA) of £2,388,463.

In addition a notional rent is now included as a donation from the Diocese to reflect the use of the property totalling £20,455. Should property improvements be planned the VAT position should be monitored.

Improvements to property are now expensed.

**20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Brought forward £	Income (as restated) £	Expenditure (as restated) £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>						
Central office facilities	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>						
General Funds	543,762	368,225	(405,062)	(179,925)	-	327,000
Total Unrestricted funds	563,762	368,225	(405,062)	(179,925)	-	347,000
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Annual Grant	90,108	3,066,901	(3,198,070)	65,361	-	24,300
High Needs	-	169,686	(169,686)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	43,636	313,629	(307,712)	-	-	49,553
Sports and PE Grant	-	48,640	(29,811)	-	-	18,829
UIFSM	-	79,553	(79,553)	-	-	-
Other	-	43,541	(43,541)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,201,000)	(82,000)	(234,000)	-	345,000	(1,172,000)
	(1,067,256)	3,639,950	(4,062,373)	65,361	345,000	(1,079,318)

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**20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS**

	Brought forward £	Income (as restated) £	Expenditure (as restated) £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
Transfers on conversion	4,849,492	-	(81,797)	-	-	4,767,695
GAG/Other fixed assets	11,395	-	(35,558)	114,564	-	90,401
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	183,830	33,343	(16,827)	34,449	-	234,795
Capital funds on transfer	34,449	-	-	(34,449)	-	-
Condition Improvement Fund	-	585,602	(6,657)	-	-	578,945
	<u>5,079,166</u>	<u>618,945</u>	<u>(140,839)</u>	<u>114,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,671,836</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>4,011,910</u>	<u>4,258,895</u>	<u>(4,203,212)</u>	<u>179,925</u>	<u>345,000</u>	<u>4,592,518</u>
Total of funds	<u>4,575,672</u>	<u>4,627,120</u>	<u>(4,608,274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>345,000</u>	<u>4,939,518</u>

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Brought forward £	Income (as restated) £	Expenditure (as restated) £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2016 £
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>						
Central office facilities	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>						
General Funds	260,188	561,240	(203,796)	(73,870)	-	543,762
	<u>260,188</u>	<u>561,240</u>	<u>(203,796)</u>	<u>(73,870)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,762</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>280,188</u>	<u>561,240</u>	<u>(203,796)</u>	<u>(73,870)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>563,762</u>

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**20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

General Annual Grant	27,977	2,202,878	(2,199,361)	58,614	-	90,108
High Needs	24,095	156,949	(181,044)	-	-	-
Donations	-	12,235	(12,235)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	30,680	224,429	(211,473)	-	-	43,636
Start up Grant	-	74,124	(74,124)	-	-	-
Sports and PE Grant	-	24,624	(24,624)	-	-	-
UFSM	-	55,535	(55,535)	-	-	-
Other	-	36,236	(36,236)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(329,000)	(257,000)	(73,000)	-	(542,000)	(1,201,000)
	<u>(246,248)</u>	<u>2,530,010</u>	<u>(2,867,632)</u>	<u>58,614</u>	<u>(542,000)</u>	<u>(1,067,256)</u>

**RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS**

	Balance at 1 September 2015 £	Income (as restated) £	Expenditure (as restated) £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2016 (as restated) £
Transfers on conversion	3,369,215	1,575,000	(94,723)	-	-	4,849,492
GAG/Other fixed assets	679	-	(4,540)	15,256	-	11,395
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	38,599	164,360	(19,129)	-	-	183,830
Capital funds on transfer	-	34,449	-	-	-	34,449
St Catherines Building removed via PYA	-	2,338,463	(15,590)	-	-	2,322,873
	<u>3,408,493</u>	<u>4,112,272</u>	<u>(133,982)</u>	<u>15,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,402,039</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,162,245</u>	<u>6,642,282</u>	<u>(3,001,614)</u>	<u>73,870</u>	<u>(542,000)</u>	<u>6,334,783</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,442,433</u>	<u>7,203,522</u>	<u>(3,205,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(542,000)</u>	<u>6,898,545</u>

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

General Annual Grant - Income from the ESFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the Academy, including education and support costs.

High Needs - Funding received by the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Pupil Premium - Pupil Premium represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the Academy to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their wealthier peers.

Sports & PE Grant - This represents funding received from the ESFA and must be used to fund improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, so that they develop healthy lifestyles.

UFSM - This represents funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Pension reserve – This represents the Academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local

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Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy.

**Restricted Fixed Asset Funds**

Fixed assets transferred on conversion - This represents the buildings and equipment donated to the school from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy.

GAG/Other, DfE/ESFA Grants, Condition Improvement Fund - This represents funding from the DfE/ESFA to cover the maintenance and purchase of the Academy's assets. The balance equals the net book value of the assets plus any unspent amounts.

Central office facilities - The trustees have reviewed the future plans of the Academy Trust and have set aside funds for the possible contribution towards Academy Trust central office facilities.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

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

**ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY FUND BALANCE**

Fund balances at 31 August 2017 were allocated as follows:

	<b>Total 2017 £</b>	<b>Total 2016 £</b>
St Stephens Community Academy	<b>153,511</b>	261,125
Windmill Hill Academy	<b>111,393</b>	159,259
Werrington Primary School	<b>46,639</b>	69,146
North Petherwin Primary School	<b>36,379</b>	99,040
St Catherine's C of E School	<b>24,051</b>	108,381
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	<b>66,413</b>	-
Central	<b>1,296</b>	555
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	<b>439,682</b>	697,506
Restricted fixed asset fund	<b>5,671,836</b>	7,402,039
Pension reserve	<b>(1,172,000)</b>	(1,201,000)
Total	<b>4,939,518</b>	6,898,545

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**ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY COST**

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciat- ion £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
St Stephens Community Academy	812,062	114,326	86,550	208,797	1,221,735	1,141,686
Windmill Hill Academy	579,280	98,309	89,646	117,080	884,315	905,757
Werrington Primary School	221,787	34,036	23,784	57,104	336,711	260,121
North Petherwin Primary School	257,184	38,074	37,074	67,899	400,231	293,582
St Catherine's C of E School	695,887	81,121	74,267	133,649	984,924	397,370
Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School	123,858	18,351	9,925	16,016	168,150	-
Central	81,021	50,328	-	106,020	237,369	-
	<u>2,771,079</u>	<u>434,545</u>	<u>321,246</u>	<u>706,565</u>	<u>4,233,435</u>	<u>2,998,516</u>

**21. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Intangible fixed assets	22,333	-	-	22,333
Tangible fixed assets	(25,823)	-	5,201,158	5,175,335
Current assets	350,490	582,919	470,678	1,404,087
Creditors due within one year	-	(490,237)	-	(490,237)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,172,000)	-	(1,172,000)
	<u>347,000</u>	<u>(1,079,318)</u>	<u>5,671,836</u>	<u>4,939,518</u>

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**21. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)**

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,032,800	5,032,800
Current assets	563,762	518,744	46,366	1,128,872
Creditors due within one year	-	(385,000)	-	(385,000)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,201,000)	-	(1,201,000)
	<u>563,762</u>	<u>(1,067,256)</u>	<u>5,079,166</u>	<u>4,575,672</u>

**22. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2017 £	2016 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>18,846</b>	1,675,239
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>140,839</b>	118,393
Interest received	<b>(455)</b>	(533)
Increase in debtors	<b>(128,094)</b>	(383,609)
Increase in creditors	<b>105,237</b>	112,911
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	<b>(245,851)</b>	(164,360)
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation inherited	<b>82,000</b>	257,000
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	<b>207,000</b>	56,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	<b>27,000</b>	17,000
Net (loss) on assets and liabilities from local authority on conversion	<b>(32,754)</b>	(1,617,346)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u><b>173,768</b></u>	<u>70,695</u>

**23. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>755,168</b>	608,047
	<u><b>755,168</b></u>	<u>608,047</u>

**24. CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY TRUST**

On 1 April 2017 Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School converted to Academy Trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to An Daras Multi Academy Trust from Cornwall Council for £NIL consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities

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**24. CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY TRUST (continued)**

transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the Statement of financial activities as Donations - transfer from local authority on conversion

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of financial activities.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Budget surplus/(deficit) on LA funds	29,320	-	-	29,320
Budget surplus/(deficit) on other school funds	3,434	-	-	3,434
LGPS pension surplus/(deficit)	-	(82,000)	-	(82,000)
Net assets/(liabilities)	<u>32,754</u>	<u>(82,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,246)</u>

The above net assets include £32,754 that were transferred as cash.

The land and buildings have been transferred to the Trust under a supplemental agreement with the Church.

**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS**

The Academy Trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teacher's Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Cornwall County Council and Devon County Council. Both are Multi-employer defined benefit pension schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

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

**Teachers' Pension Scheme**

**Introduction**

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

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

**Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014



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**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £242,416 (2016: £174,867).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website ([www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx](http://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx)).

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

**Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £273,000 (2016: £182,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £216,000 (2016: £144,000) and employees' contributions totalled £57,000 (2016: £38,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.3% for employers and 5.5 - 7.5% for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	2017	2016
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.50 %	2.00 %
Rate of increase in salaries	2.50 %	4.10 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.40 %	2.10 %

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**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

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

	2017	2016
Retiring today		
Males	22.1	22.2
Females	24.5	24.4
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	24.0	24.4
Females	26.4	26.8

Devon County Council

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2017	2016
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.60 %	- %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.20 %	- %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.70 %	- %

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

	2017	2016
Retiring today		
Males	23.4	
Females	25.5	
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	25.7	
Females	27.9	

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £	Fair value at 31 August 2016 £
Equities	774,140	614,000
Gilts	675,660	550,000
Property	115,340	90,000
Cash and other liquid assets	48,860	26,000
Other	17,000	-
Total market value of assets	<u>1,631,000</u>	<u>1,280,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £85,000 (2016: £117,000).

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**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account are as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Current service cost	(423,000)	(200,000)
Past service cost	-	(1,758)
Interest income	29,000	31,000
Interest cost	(56,000)	(48,000)
	<u>(450,000)</u>	<u>(218,758)</u>
Total	<u>(450,000)</u>	<u>(218,758)</u>
Actual return on scheme assets	<u>85,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	2,481,000	943,000
Upon conversion	133,000	-
Current service cost	423,000	200,000
Interest cost	56,000	48,000
Employee contributions	57,000	38,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(289,000)	628,000
Benefits paid	(4,000)	-
Liabilities assumed in business combination	-	624,000
	<u>2,857,000</u>	<u>2,481,000</u>
Closing defined benefit obligation	<u>2,857,000</u>	<u>2,481,000</u>

Movements in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,280,000	614,000
Upon conversion	51,000	-
Interest income	29,000	31,000
Actuarial losses	56,000	86,000
Employer contributions	216,000	144,000
Employee contributions	57,000	38,000
Benefits paid	(4,000)	-
Assets acquired in business combination	-	367,000
	<u>1,685,000</u>	<u>1,280,000</u>
Closing fair value of scheme assets	<u>1,685,000</u>	<u>1,280,000</u>

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**26. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 August 2017 the total of the Academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>AMOUNTS PAYABLE:</b>		
Within 1 year	21,429	9,144
Between 1 and 5 years	41,007	11,477
Total	<u>62,436</u>	<u>20,621</u>

**27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

Launceston Community College, a school of which Mr J Jackson (a Trustee - since resigned) is the Head teacher, charged the Academy Trust £24,946 (2016: £30,626) for grounds maintenance and other services. At the period end £46 (2016: £920) was included within creditors. This transaction falls outside of the "at cost" principle as Mr J Jackson does not hold sufficient control at Launceston Community College.

**28. CONTROLLING PARTY**

The Trust is under the control of its members. There is no ultimate controlling party.

**29. GENERAL INFORMATION**

An Daras Multi Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is An Daras Central Office, Roydon Road, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8HL.

**30. 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/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.