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The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts – Report to those charged with Governance on the 2018/19 Audit

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Members of the Finance and Resources Committee are asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Approve the Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19 and note that these will be submitted to the External Auditor by 30 September 2019 and to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) by 31 December 2019; and
 - 1.1.2 Note the commentary on the management of the Charitable Trusts included in the Audit Management Report in Appendix 1.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The report updates the committee with the External Auditor's view on matters arising from the Charitable Trusts audit in compliance with International Standard on Auditing 260.
- 2.2 An unqualified audit opinion has been issued on the Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19.

3. Background

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee with the External Auditor's view on matters arising from the annual audit in compliance with International Standard on Auditing 260 (ISA 260).
- 3.2 The Committee's remit includes the review of all matters relating to external audit of the Charitable Trusts.
- 3.3 The External Auditor is required to comply with International Standard on Auditing 260. As part of the standard, the Auditor is required to highlight relationships that bear on independence, unadjusted misstatements and material weaknesses in internal control.
- 3.4 The Finance and Resources Committee, as the trustee, has overall responsibility for ensuring that:
 - i. there are appropriate systems of control;
 - ii. proper accounting records are maintained which disclose the financial position of the charities;
 - iii. suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
 - iv. judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
 - assets of the charities are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
 - vi. reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud are taken; and

vii. reasonable assurances are provided that the charities are operating efficiently and effectively.

4. Main report

Key Points from the Audit Management Report for 2018/19

- 4.1 The independent auditor's report to the trustee of The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trust Funds, included as Appendix 1, is unqualified.
- 4.2 The Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19 are included in Appendix 2 of this report. The key points the External Auditor has drawn to members' attention are:
 - The external revaluation of Lauriston Castle Trust collection commenced in 2016 but has yet to be completed. The financial statements therefore reflect the valuation as at the previous reporting date.

The Council contracted a valuer who has carried out a substantial amount of the valuation work. Due to unforeseen and unavoidable delays, however, the valuation work is yet to be completed. It is intended to advise the contracted valuer of a final deadline of 31 December 2019, after which time an alternative solution to those parts of the review which remain incomplete will be sought. The forbearance with the current valuer is mainly due to the considerable additional funding that would be required were the project to be completed by an alternative means.

ii. During audit testing the External Auditor was unable to verify one item of artwork from the Jean F. Watson collection. This item was identified as unaccounted for in 2015, following a full review of the collection. This item of artwork however remains on the valuation records which are used in the preparation of the financial statements. The value of this item is £2,500.

The item in question was on loan in 2015 to another Council property. Whilst the recent review did not locate the item in question, efforts will continue to trace the artwork elsewhere within the Council's property estate.

iii. During the review of councillor declarations of interests for the City of Edinburgh Council the External Auditor noted that not all councillors have recorded their interests as trustees.

The two specific issues highlighted by the External Auditor regarding declarations of interests will be addressed as soon as practicable, and we will continue to remind councillors regularly of their duties under the Act.

Basis of accounts and future plans

- 4.3 The financial statements for the remaining five trusts, after the closure of Boyd Anderson, are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees are of the opinion those trusts are a going concern from reviewing activities undertaken, based on expected expenditure commitments in the coming year.
- 4.4 The strategy to restructure radically the trusts by a combination of: transfers to suitable external charities; consolidation; and expenditure of capital is almost complete. Future plans include the full disbursement of the remaining funds of the Boyd Anderson Trust which has been approved by Committee, with five Trusts remaining.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Subject to the Committee's approval, the audited Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19 will be submitted to the External Auditor by 30 September 2019 and to OSCR by 31 December 2019.

6. Financial impact

6.1 There is no direct financial impact arising from the content of this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The Annual Report and Accounts were made available for public inspection from 1 July 2019 for a period of 15 working days in accordance with the provisions of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014. The Council received no requests for further information in respect of the Trusts under these Regulations.
- 7.2 There is no direct equalities or rights-related impact arising from the report's contents.
- 7.3 There are no impacts on carbon, adaptation to climate change and sustainable development arising directly from this report.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 'Guidance and good practice for Charity Trustees', OSCR Website
- 8.2 '<u>Charitable Trusts Reserves Policy</u>', Finance and Resources Committee, 17 March 2016

- 8.3 <u>'Winding Up of Boyd Anderson Charitable Trust'</u>, Finance and Resources Committee, 23 January 2018
- 8.4 'Spend to Save funding application Lagganlia Outdoor Centre', Finance and Resources Committee, 16 August 2018
- 8.5 'The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts Report to those charged with Governance on the 2017/18 Audit', Finance and Resources Committee, 27 September 2018

9. Appendices

- 9.1 The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts Audit Management Report for the year ended 31 March 2019.
- 9.2 Audited Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts, 2018/19.





Audit management report for the year ended 31 March 2019

September 2019





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1. Introduction



Introduction

- International Standards on Auditing (UK) 260, "Communication with those charged with governance" and 265 "Communicating deficiencies in internal control to those charged with governance" require Scott-Moncrieff to report to those charged with governance the significant findings from our audit.
- 2. This report aims to provide trustees with constructive observations arising from the audit process. We set out in this report details of:
 - any expected modifications to our audit reports;
 - any unadjusted items in the financial statements (except any unadjusted items which are clearly trivial) including the effect of unadjusted items related to prior periods on the current period;
 - any material weaknesses in systems we have identified during the course of our audit work and our views about the quality of accounting practices and financial reporting procedures; and
 - any other relevant matters.
- 3. Our procedures are carried out solely for the purpose of our audit so that we can form and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK). Our audit does not necessarily disclose every weakness and for this reason the matters referred to may not be the only shortcomings which exist. Communication in this report of matters arising from the audit of the financial statements or of risks or weaknesses does not absolve management from its responsibility to address the issues raised and to maintain an adequate system of control.
- 4. We take this opportunity to remind you that:
 - This report has been prepared for the sole use of the trustees of The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts;
 - A copy of this report will be submitted to Audit Scotland; and
 - No responsibility is assumed by us to any other person who may choose to rely on it for his or her own purposes.
- The report has been discussed and agreed with City of Edinburgh Council management.

6. We would like to thank management and staff for their kind co-operation and assistance during our audit.



2. Financial statements



Financial statements

Audit conclusion

7. In our opinion the financial statements of those charities listed below (collectively referred to as 'The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts') give a true and fair view and comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and all relevant accounting standards.

The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts (as at 31 March 2019)

- Jean F. Watson (SC018971)
- Edinburgh Education Trust (SC042754)
- Nelson Halls Trust (SC018946)
- City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson) (SC025067)
- Lauriston Castle Trust (SC020737)
- The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) Monument Trust Fund (SC018945)
- 8. We are pleased to report that our independent auditor's report to the trustees of The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts is unqualified. We have, however, drawn attention in our independent auditor's report to the fact that the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson) have been prepared using a break-up basis of accounting as the trustees consider that it is not a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.
- 9. Our audit opinion is based on approval of the financial statements and signing of the letter of representation, a draft of which has been included as an appendix to this report. Within the letter of representation, the trustees have confirmed that there are no subsequent events that require amendment to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

10. The financial statements have been prepared using the connected charities provisions under The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Regulation 7 (as amended in 2010) permits a single set of accounts for charities if they have common or related purposes, or shared management (i.e. connected charities). This would be the case where charities have common trustees. The City of Edinburgh Council's Finance and Resources Committee acts as sole Trustee for these charitable trusts.

Our assessment of risks of material misstatement

11. The assessed risks of material misstatement described below are those that had the greatest effect on our audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit and directing the efforts of the audit team. Our audit procedures relating to these matters were designed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and not to express an opinion on individual accounts or disclosures. Our opinion on the financial statements is not modified with respect to any of the risks described in Exhibit 1 below:



Exhibit 1 – Our assessed risks of material misstatement and how the scope of our audit responded to those risks

1. Management override

In any organisation, there exists a risk that management have the ability to process transactions or make adjustments to the financial records outside the normal financial control processes. Such issues could lead to a material misstatement in the financial statements. This is treated as a presumed risk area in accordance with ISA (UK) 240 - *The auditor's responsibilities relating to fraud in an audit of financial statements*.

Noted in the 2018/19 City of Edinburgh Council External Audit Plan



12. We have not identified any indications of management override in the year. We have reviewed the charitable trusts' accounting records and obtained evidence to ensure that transactions outside the normal course of business were valid and accounted for correctly. We have also reviewed management estimates and the journal entries processed in the period and around the year end. We did not identify any areas of bias in key judgements made by management and judgements were consistent with prior years.

2. Revenue recognition

Under ISA (UK) 240 - The auditor's responsibilities relating to fraud in an audit of financial statements there is a presumed risk of fraud in relation to revenue recognition. The presumption is that the Trusts could adopt accounting policies or recognise income and expenditure transactions in such a way as to lead to a material misstatement in the reported financial position.

Noted in the 2018/19 City of Edinburgh Council External Audit Plan



13. On receipt of the unaudited annual report and accounts, we evaluated each type of income stream and concluded that the risk of fraud in revenue recognition was not material. In 2018/19, two sources of income were received across all the charitable trusts; grant income (£26,000) and dividend income (£79,000). The income received across each individual trust was not material. We have therefore rebutted this risk.

3. Lauriston Castle Trust external valuation

An external revaluation of the collection commenced in 2016 but has yet to be completed. The 2017/18 financial statements reflected the valuation as at the previous reporting date (31 March 2017). The charitable trusts' accounting policy on heritable property states that such properties are included in the financial statements at a revalued amount where this is available. The notes to the financial statements detail that the previous valuation of Lauriston Castle was carried out in 1997.

There is a risk that the result of this valuation is incorrectly accounted for in the 2018/19 financial statements.



Noted in the 2018/19 City of Edinburgh Council External Audit Plan

- 14. The external valuation of the collection has yet to be completed. The financial statements therefore reflect the valuation as at the previous reporting date (31 March 2018).
- 15. While we concluded that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) in respect of this matter, we recommend that the external valuation of the collection should be concluded as soon as practicable to ensure



incorporation into the financial statements (this recommendation was also raised in the prior year).

Prior year action plan point 1

4. Winding up of trusts

In January 2018, a paper was presented to the Council's Finance and Resources Committee seeking approval for the formal winding up of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson) and the transfer of the remaining assets to the Lagganlia Outdoor Learning Centre. Consent to wind up this charitable trust was received from the OSCR in December 2017.

In the 2017/18 financial statements, the Trustees prepared the financial statements for the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson) adopting a break-up basis of accounting as they considered that it was not a going concern. Our opinion was not modified in respect of this matter.

There is a risk that this Fund is not accounted for and disclosed correctly in the financial statements.



Noted in the 2018/19 City of Edinburgh Council External Audit Plan

- 16. Construction works have not yet been completed at Lagganlia, therefore these monies have not yet been transferred. OSCR has granted consent to wind up this Trust and this will be progressed once construction works have been completed.
- 17. In respect of this Trust, note 1 in the financial statements explains a break-up basis of accounting has been applied as the trustees consider that it is not a going concern. We have disclosed this matter in our independent auditor's report. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Our application of materiality

- 18. The assessment of what is material is a matter of professional judgement and involves considering both the amount and the nature of the misstatement. This means that different materiality levels will be applied to different elements of the financial statements.
- 19. Our initial assessment of materiality for each charitable trust is set out in the following table. We revised our initial assessment, following receipt of the unaudited annual report and accounts and they remained at these levels throughout our audit.
- Our assessment of materiality is set with reference to gross assets. We consider this to be the principal consideration for the users of the financial statements when assessing the financial performance of each charitable trust.

	Initial materiality £	Final materiality £
Lauriston Castle	140,860	140,900
Jean F. Watson	126,360	128,640
Edinburgh Education Trust	19,040	20,500
Nelson Halls	4,740	4,980
City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson)	2,320	2,180
Royal Scots Monument Trust	660	700

- 21. Performance materiality is the amount set by the auditor at less than overall materiality for the financial statements as a whole to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of the uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceed materiality for the financial statements as a whole.
- 22. We set a performance (testing) materiality for each area of work which was based on a risk assessment for the area. We perform audit procedures on all transactions and balances that exceed our performance materiality. This means that we are



performing a greater level of testing on the areas deemed to be of significant risk of material misstatement. Performance testing thresholds used are set out in the following table:

Area risk assessment	Weighting
High	50%
Medium	60%
Low	75%

23. We noted within our External Audit Plan that we would report to trustees all audit differences in excess of 2% of the overall materiality figure, as well as differences below that threshold which, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds. We also report on disclosure matters that we identify when assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Audit differences

- 24. We did not identify any audit adjustments during our audit other than amendments to the disclosure notes which are reflected in the final set of financial statements.
- 25. We did not identify any unadjusted items which were in excess of 2% of the overall materiality figure.

An overview of the scope of our audit

- 26. The scope of our audit was detailed in our City of Edinburgh Council External Audit Plan, which was presented to the council's Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee in March 2019. The plan explained that we follow a risk-based approach to audit planning that reflects our overall assessment of the relevant risks that apply to the charitable trusts. This ensures that our audit focuses on the areas of highest risk. Planning is a continuous process and our audit plan is subject to review during the course of the audit to take account of developments that arise.
- 27. At the planning stage we identified the significant risks that had the greatest effect on our audit. Audit procedures were then designed to mitigate these risks.
- 28. Our standard audit approach is based on performing a review of the key financial systems in place, substantive tests and detailed analytical procedures. Tailored audit procedures, including those designed to address significant risks, were completed by the audit fieldwork team and the results were reviewed by the audit management team. In performing our work we have applied the

concept of materiality, which is explained earlier in this report.

Accounting systems and internal controls

- 29. During the course of our audit of the financial statements, we examined the principal internal controls which the trustees have established to enable them to ensure, as far as possible, the accuracy and reliability of each of the charitable trusts' accounting records and to safeguard the charitable trusts' assets.
- It should be noted that our audit was planned and performed in order to allow us to provide an opinion on the financial statements and it should not be relied upon to reveal all errors and weaknesses that may exist.
- 31. We are pleased to report we did not identify any new system weaknesses during our 2018/19 audit.
- 32. We have followed up on progress in implementing actions raised in the prior year. Full details of our findings are included in Appendix 3.

Fraud and irregularity

- 33. Responsibility for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities lies with the trustees of the charitable trusts. We are not required to search specifically for such matters and our audit should not be relied upon to disclose them. However, we planned and conducted our audit so as to give a reasonable expectation of detecting any material misstatements in the financial statements resulting from improprieties or breach of regulations.
- 34. We are pleased to report that we did not identify any issues of concern in relation to fraud and irregularity.

Legality

- 35. We planned and performed our audit recognising that non-compliance with statute or regulations may materially affect the financial statements.
- 36. We are pleased to report that we did not identify any instances of concern with regard to the legality of transactions or events.
- 37. Under Section 46 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, auditors have a responsibility to report items of material significance to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).
- 38. We did not identify any areas of material significance during our audit that required reporting to OSCR.



Going concern and subsequent events

- 39. We are required under International Standard on Auditing (UK) 570, "Going Concern" to consider the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern assumption in the preparation of the financial statements, and to consider whether there are material uncertainties about each charitable trust's ability to continue as a going concern which needs to be disclosed in the financial statements.
- 40. The term "subsequent events" is used to refer to events occurring between the year-end date of the financial statements and the date of the auditor's report. International Standard on Auditing (UK) 560, "Subsequent events" requires us to assess all such matters before signing our audit report.
- 41. In order to gain assurance on these matters our work has included (where applicable):
 - reviewing bank facilities;
 - enquiring of Council senior management and the charitable trusts' solicitors concerning litigation, claims and assessments; and
 - performing sample testing of post balance sheet transactions.
- 42. We confirm that there are no issues affecting five of the six charitable trusts' ability to continue as a going concern.
- 43. In respect of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson), we draw attention to note 1 in the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation. The trustees have prepared the financial statements for this trust using a break-up basis of accounting as they consider that it is not a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.
- 44. No subsequent events were identified requiring amendment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

Other matters identified during our audit

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014

45. As part of our audit, we reviewed the charitable trusts' compliance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, in particular with respect

Qualitative aspects of accounting practices and financial reporting

46. During the course of our audit, we consider the qualitative aspects of the financial reporting process, including items that have a significant impact on the relevance, reliability, comparability, understandability and materiality of the information provided by the financial statements. The following observations have been made:

to regulation 9^2 as it relates to the financial statements. Overall, we concluded that appropriate arrangements were in place to comply with these Regulations (as they apply to charities).

¹ The five charitable trusts referred to are: Jean F. Watson, Edinburgh Education Trust, Nelson Halls Trust, Lauriston Castle Trust and The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) Monument Trust Fund

² Regulation 9 relates to the notice of public right to inspect and object to the accounts.



Qualitative aspect considered	Audit conclusion
The appropriateness of the accounting policies used.	We have reviewed the significant accounting policies, which are disclosed in the financial statements, and consider these to be appropriate to the charitable trusts.
The timing of the transactions and the period in which they are recorded.	We did not identify any concerns over the timing of transactions or the period in which they were recognised.
The appropriateness of the accounting estimates and judgements used.	We are satisfied with the appropriateness of accounting estimates and judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements. We did however note (paragraphs 14-15) that the external revaluation of the Lauriston Castle Trust collection has yet to be completed and the financial statements therefore reflect the valuation as at the previous reporting date.
The appropriateness of the going concern assumption	Our understanding of the legislative framework and activities undertaken provides us with sufficient assurance that five of the six charitable trusts will continue to operate for at least 12 months from the signing date. In respect of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson) we draw attention to note 1 in the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation. The trustees have prepared the financial statements for this trust using a break-up basis of accounting as they consider that it is not a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.
The potential effect on the financial statements of any uncertainties, including significant risks and related disclosures that are required.	We have not identified any uncertainties, including any significant risk or required disclosures, which should be included in the financial statements.
The extent to which the financial statements have been affected by unusual transactions during the period and the extent that these transactions are separately disclosed.	From the testing performed, we have not identified any significant unusual transactions in the period.
Apparent misstatements in the annual report or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.	Our review of the Annual Report did not identify and material misstatements or inconsistencies with the financial statements.
Any significant financial statement disclosures to bring to your attention.	There are no significant financial statement disclosures that we consider should be brought to your attention.
Disagreement over any accounting treatment or financial statements disclosure.	There was no material disagreement during the course of the audit over any accounting treatment or disclosure.
Difficulties encountered in the audit.	There were no significant difficulties encountered during the audit.



3. Appendices



Appendix 1: Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the auditor

Responsibilities of the trustees

Under legislation relating to charities in Scotland, the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its surplus or deficit for that year, and which have been properly prepared from and are in agreement with the accounting records of the Trust and comply with relevant disclosure requirements.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable trusts will continue their activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the charitable trusts' financial position and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The trustees also have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the charitable trusts' assets and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Responsibilities of the auditor

The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 outline the accounting and auditing requirements for charitable bodies. The Regulations require an auditor to prepare a report to the charity trustees where an audit is required by any other enactment. The charitable trusts covered by this report fall within the scope of section 106 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and consequently require a full audit.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Revised Ethical Standard 2016.

The audit includes the consideration of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements but we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. We are also required to communicate any significant matters arising from the audit of the financial statements that are relevant to those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process.

The matters being reported are limited to those deficiencies in control that we have identified during the audit and that we have concluded are of sufficient importance to merit being reported to those charged with governance.

International Standards on Auditing (UK) do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying supplementary matters to communicate with those charged with governance.

Confirmation of independence

International Standard on Auditing (UK) 260, "Communication with those charged with governance" requires us to communicate on a timely basis all facts and matters that may have a bearing on our independence.

We can confirm that we have complied with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards. In our professional judgement the audit process is independent and our objectivity is not compromised.



Appendix 2: List of entities' key financials

The list of entities on which we have reported, and which are covered by this report are included in the table below. All financial statements were prepared on an accruals basis.

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	Commentary
Jean F. Watson (S	C018971)	
Income	61	39	Only investment income in the prior year. In the current year grant funding was received to assist in the purchase of artwork (£29,000).
Expenditure	(6)	(5)	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	58	3	
Net income/ (expenditure)	113	37	
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	1,072	1,017	
Endowment funds	975	917	
Revaluation reserve	4,377	4,377	
Total funds	6,424	6,311	
Edinburgh Educati	on Trust	(SC042	754)
Income	32	38	
Expenditure	(16)	(14)	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	57	5	
Net income/ (expenditure)	73	29	
Unrestricted funds	84	68	
Endowment funds	937	880	
Total funds	1,021	948	



	2019	2018	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	
Nelson Halls Trust	(SC0189	46)	
Income	8	9	
Expenditure	(8)	(9)	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	1	
Net income/ (expenditure)	13	1	
Unrestricted funds	3	3	
Endowment funds	238	225	
Total funds	241	228	
City of Edinburgh (Council C	Charitab	le Funds (Boyd Anderson) (SC025067)
Income	1	-	
Expenditure	(5)	(4)	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	
Net income/ (expenditure)	(4)	(4)	
Unrestricted funds	105	109	
Total funds	105	109	At the January 2016 Finance and Resources Committee, it was agreed that £64,000 would be used to build a modular log cabin type classroom and storage space at Lagganlia. Construction works have not yet been completed at Lagganlia, therefore these monies have not yet been transferred. A proposal to use the remaining funds for the same purpose was approved by Committee on 23 January 2018. OSCR have granted consent to wind up the Trust and this will be progressed once the log cabin and storage space have been completed.



	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	Commentary
Lauriston Castle T	rust (SC	020737)	
Income	2	2	
Expenditure	(2)	(2)	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	2	-	
Net income/ (expenditure)	2	-	
Unrestricted funds	(1)	(1)	
Endowment funds	43	41	
Revaluation reserve	7,001	7,001	
Total funds	7,043	7,041	
The Royal Scots (T	he Roya	l Regime	ent) Monument Trust Fund (SC018945)
Income	1	1	
Expenditure	(1)	(1)	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	2	-	
Net income/ (expenditure)	2	-	
Unrestricted funds		1	
Endowment funds	33	31	
Total funds	34	32	



Appendix 3: Follow up of prior year recommendations

Of the four recommendations raised within our 2017/18 audit management report, we note that one has been completed, two remain outstanding and one is in progress. Details are given below.

Action plan grading structure

To assist in assessing the significance of the issues raised and prioritising the action required to address them, the recommendations have been rated.

The rating structure is summarised as follows:

Finding rating	Assessment rationale				
Critical	 A finding that could have a: Critical impact on operational performance; or Critical monetary or financial statement impact; or Critical breach in laws and regulations that could result in material fines or consequences; or Critical impact on the reputation or brand of the organisation which could threaten its future viability. 				
High	A finding that could have a: Significant impact on operational performance; or Significant monetary or financial statement impact; or Significant breach in laws and regulations resulting in significant fines and consequences; or Significant impact on the reputation or brand of the organisation.				
Medium	A finding that could have a: • Moderate impact on operational performance; or • Moderate monetary or financial statement impact; or • Moderate breach in laws and regulations resulting in fines and consequences; or • Moderate impact on the reputation or brand of the organisation.				
Low	A finding that could have a: Minor impact on the organisation's operational performance; or Minor monetary or financial statement impact; or Minor breach in laws and regulations with limited consequences; or Minor impact on the reputation of the organisation.				
Advisory	A finding that does not have a risk impact but has been raised to highlight areas of inefficiencies or good practice.				



1. Valuation of Lauriston Castle collection

Initial rating	Issue & recommendation	Management comments
Medium	The external valuation of Lauriston Castle collection commenced in 2016 but has yet to be completed. The financial statements therefore reflect the valuation as at the previous reporting date. The previous valuation of the collection was carried out in 1997. Recommendation The external valuation of the collection should be concluded as soon as practicable to ensure incorporation in the 2018/19 financial statements.	The Council will ensure that the valuation is completed for inclusion within the 2018/19 accounts. Responsible officer: Service Manager, Cultural Venues (Museums & Galleries), Place Completion date: March 2019
Current status	Audit update	Management response
Outstanding	The external valuation of the Lauriston Castle collection has yet to be completed.	The Council contracted a valuer who has carried out a substantial amount of the valuation work. Due to unforeseen and unavoidable delays, the valuation work is yet to be completed. Our intention is to give the contracted valuer a final deadline of 31 December 2019 after which time we will seek an alternative solution to those parts of the review which remain incomplete. Our forbearance with the current valuer is mainly due to the considerable additional funding that would be required were we to complete the project by an alternative means. Responsible officer: Service Manager, Cultural Venues (Museums & Galleries), Place Completion date: March 2020



2. Missing artwork

Initial rating	Issue & recommendation	Management comments
Medium	During our audit testing we were unable to verify one item of artwork from the Jean F Watson collection. We understand that this item was identified as unaccounted for in 2015, following a full review of the collection. This item of artwork however remains on the valuation records which are used in the preparation of the financial statements. The value of this item is £2,500. Recommendation A full review of the Jean F Watson artwork should be carried out to ensure records are up to date and complete.	The Council will conduct a formal review of the Jean F. Watson collection ensuring that records are up to date and complete. Responsible officer: Service Manager, Cultural Venues (Museums & Galleries), Place Completion date: March 2019
Current status	Audit update	Management response
In progress	The review of the Jean F Watson collection is now complete. The item we were unable to locate in the prior year however still remains unaccounted for.	The item in question was on loan in 2015 to another Council property. Whilst the review did not locate the item in question, efforts will continue to try and trace the artwork elsewhere within the Council's property estate. Responsible officer: Service Manager, Cultural Venues (Museums & Galleries), Place Completion date: March 2020



Artwork - asset tagging 3.

Initial rating	Issue & recommendation	Management comments
Medium	Issue We identified, through our sample testing, two items of artwork (from the Jean F Watson collection) that did not have labels (either title or ID number). Recommendation A review of all artworks should be carried out to ensure they are appropriately tagged.	As part of the formal review of the Jean F. Watson collection undertaken for Action Point 2, the Council will ensure that all artwork has appropriate labels (either title or ID number). Responsible officer: Service Manager, Cultural Venues (Museums & Galleries), Place Completion date: March 2019
Current status	Audit update	Management response
Complete	The overall review of the Jean F Watson collection, including an exercise to ensure all assets are appropriately tagged. We have concluded that the original recommendation has been completed. This exercise, however, is on-going as the collection continues to grow.	As part of the review we have endeavoured to rectify examples where labels or numbers are missing. Labelling forms part of the accessioning procedure, and so as new items are added to the collection, numbers are assigned and applied to the works by different means. This process of accessioning can take many months from the time the work is first considered for purchase by the Watson Committee, to the final payment to the artist and paperwork completed. The Jean F Watson collection continues to grow as new artworks are added, so applying labels or accession numbers is an ongoing task. For this reason, although substantial progress has been made, we cannot say definitively that this is now complete. Responsible officer: Service Manager, Cultural Venues (Museums & Galleries), Place Completion date: On-going



4. Declaration of interests

Initial rating	Issue & recommendation	Management comments	
Medium	Issue As part of our review of councillor declarations of interests for the City of Edinburgh Council we noted that not all	As part of the equivalent action for the Council referenced in the 2017/18 annual report on the audit, we will continue to remind regularly councillors of their duties under the Act.	
	councillors have recorded their interests as trustees.	Responsible officer: Governance and Democratic Services Manager	
	Recommendation	Councillors	
	We recommend all councillors acting as Trustees to the City of Edinburgh Council charitable trusts review and update their registers of interest, if required, to reflect their role as Trustee on these Trusts.	Completion date: Ongoing	
Current status	Audit update	Management response	
Outstanding	We noted the following during our audit:	The two specific issues highlighted will be addressed as soon as practicable.	
	The Council's website details those councillors who are members of the Finance and Resources Committee and the Jean F. Watson Committee. The website does not explicitly note that where councillors are members of the Finance and Resources Committee they are trustees of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts.	The Council is currently implementing a new committee management software system that will simplify the process for elected members updating their register. Training is provided to all elected members on the requirements of the Code of Conduct and it remains the responsibility of individual elected members to update their register accurately and timeously.	
	Individual councillor registers of	Responsible officer: Governance and Democratic Services Manager	
	interests do not make reference to the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts.	Completion date: On-going	



Appendix 4: Management representation letter

DRAFT LETTER OF REPRESENTATION: THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Dear Sirs

The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the City of Edinburgh Charitable Trusts for the year ended 31 March 2019 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

By a resolution of the trustees of the charities, I am directed to confirm to you, in respect of the financial statements of the charitable trusts for the year ended 31 March 2019, the following:-

Financial statements and accounting records

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities
 Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view in accordance
 with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in
 the UK and Republic of Ireland" and for making accurate representations to you.
- 2. We have provided you with:
 - access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit
 evidence.
- 3. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 4. Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the results for the year were not materially affected by:
 - any change in accounting policies;
 - transactions of a type not usually undertaken by the Trust;
 - · circumstances of an exceptional or non-recurrent nature; or
 - charges or credits relating to prior periods.
- 5. All grants, donations and other incoming resources, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms and conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such incoming resources.
- 6. All income has been recorded, all restricted funds have been properly applied and all constructive obligations have been recognised.
- 7. We have reviewed going concern considerations and are satisfied that it is appropriate for the financial statements of five of the six charitable trusts to have been drawn up on the going concern basis. In reaching this opinion we have taken into account all relevant matters of which we are aware and have considered a future period of at least one year from the date on which the financial statements are to be approved.
- 8. The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson) have been prepared using a break-up basis of accounting as we consider that it is not a going concern.
- 9. We have considered the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements relating to going concern and are satisfied that sufficient disclosure has been made in the financial statements in order to give a true and fair view.



10. We confirm the financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Fraud

- 11. We acknowledge as trustees our responsibilities for the design and implementation of internal control in order to prevent and detect fraud and to prevent and detect error.
- 12. In our opinion, the risks that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud are low for the following reasons:
 - The Trust Accountant runs a general ledger transactions query report on an at-least monthly basis, promptly
 reviewing any unexpected items and instigating corrective action as appropriate. Given the relatively low
 level of transactions, these can be investigated on an individual basis.
- 13. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud of which we are aware and that affects the entity and involves:
 - management
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 14. We are not aware of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud with a potential effect on the financial statements which have been communicated to us by employees, former employees, regulators or other third parties.

Compliance with laws and regulation, and contractual agreements

- 15. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 16. The charitable trusts have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

Accounting estimates

17. In our opinion the significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates are reasonable.

Related parties

- 18. We have disclosed to you the identity of the charity's related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 19. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- 20. In particular, no trustee, shadow trustee, their connected persons or other officers had any indebtedness, agreement concerning indebtedness or disclosable interest in a transaction with the charitable trusts at any time during the year.

Assets and liabilities

- 21. The following have been properly recorded and, when appropriate, adequately disclosed in the financial statements:
 - losses arising from sale and purchase commitments;
 - agreements and options to buy back assets previously sold;
 - assets pledged as collateral.



- 22. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation or claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and that they have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- 23. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- 24. The charitable trusts have satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable trusts' assets, other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
- 25. We have recorded or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities, both actual and contingent, and all guarantees that we have given to third parties.

Subsequent events

26. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. Should any material events occur which may necessitate revision of the figures included in the financial statements or inclusion in the notes thereto, we will advise you accordingly.

We confirm that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the above representations to you.

Yours faithfully		
Signed on behalf of the trustees of the o	 charitable trusts	
On	(date)	

The above individual is signing this letter on behalf of all trustees of the charitable trusts confirming that:

- so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable trusts' auditor are unaware; and
- each trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee, including making appropriate enquiries of fellow members and of the charitable trusts for that purpose, in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable trusts' auditor in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable trusts' auditor is aware of that information.



The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustee

The City of Edinburgh Council acts as sole trustee for the charities in this report. The delegated responsibility for charitable trusts was transferred from the Pensions and Trusts Committee to the Finance and Budget Committee as part of the review of governance arrangements under the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions approved by Council on 20 September 2012 (Section 6.6). The Finance and Budget Committee has since been renamed the **Finance and Resources**Committee and now has delegated responsibility from Council to act in the role of trustee of its charities. The individual members of the Committee are listed on page 6 of the Trustee Report.

Reference and Administrative Details

At the year end the Council acted as sole trustee for a total of six trusts which have charitable status and are registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). A list of all the charities can be found on page 3 of this report and in the accounts.

The Council administers these charities but their assets are not available to the Council and have not been included in the Council's balance sheet, or its wider Group balance sheet.

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Auditor

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Investment Managers

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M&G Charities PO Box 9038 Chelmsford CM99 2XF

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland 36 St Andrew Square Edinburgh EH2 2AD

Legal Advisors

The City of Edinburgh Council City Chambers High Street Edinburgh EH1 1YJ

Trustee's Annual Report 2018/19

The trustee presents the Annual Report and Accounts of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts for the year ending 31 March 2019. The Annual Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective 01/01/2015 (FRS 102), commonly referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102). One set of accounts for connected charities has been prepared under the provisions of these regulations.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charities that the Council administers are constituted in a variety of different ways. Details of how each charity was originally established are available from the Council.

The Trustee section on the previous page describes the Committee of the Council which is involved with administration. All committee members are elected Councillors. Members of the Finance and Resources Committee have been provided with copies of the OSCR guidance which explains the role and responsibilities of charity trustees. Risk management is covered as part of the Council's general risk management procedures.

All major decisions relating to the strategic operation of the Trusts are undertaken by the Finance and Resources Committee. There is also a dedicated Jean F. Watson Committee which meets to discuss the finances and make decisions on art acquisitions.

The <u>Committee on the Jean F. Watson Bequest</u> has the following delegated authority: "With monies from the Jean F. Watson Bequest, to purchase and commission for the City's collection, works of artists and craftspeople born, practising in, or otherwise associated with Scotland, and in particular Edinburgh; all decisions to be guided by the Collection and Disposal Policy for the City Museums and Galleries."

The Children's Panel meets to approve funding for the Edinburgh Education Trust. The Children's Panel consists of four senior Council officers.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

Charity law requires charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period.

The Council, as the trustee, has overall responsibility for the following:

- 1. Ensuring that there are appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise.
- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charities and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- 3. Selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently.
- 4. Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 5. Safeguarding the assets of the charities.
- 6. Taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
- 7. Providing reasonable assurance that:
- i) the charities are operating efficiently and effectively;
- ii) the charitable assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- iii) proper records are maintained and financial information used by the charities is reliable;
- iv) the charities comply with relevant laws and regulations.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- 1. A strategic plan approved by the charity trustee;
- 2. Regular consideration by the charity trustee of financial results and non-financial performance
- 3. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties; and
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Exemptions From Disclosure and Funds held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others None.

Trustee's Annual Report 2018/19 Objectives and Activities

Details of the charitable purposes of the charities as at 31 March 2019 are as follows:

Official Name (Name Used in Accounts)	Scottish	Purpose	Market
,	Charity		Value at
	Registration		31/3/19
	Number		£'000
Jean Fletcher Watson (Jean F. Watson)	SC018971	The purchase of works of art by artists who have connections with the city	6,424
Edinburgh Education Trust (Edinburgh Education Trust)	SC042754	To fund activities to support Looked after Children and school prizes	1,021
Nelson Halls Trust (Nelson Halls)	SC018946	Maintenance of the four "Nelson Halls" in Edinburgh to provide reading rooms for the poor	241
City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds (Boyd Anderson)	SC025067	Provision of outdoor education and skiing opportunities	105
Lauriston Castle Trust (Lauriston Castle)	SC020737	To make the artefacts and buildings available to be viewed by the public	7,043
The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) Monument Trust Fund (The Royal Scots Trust)	SC018945	Maintenance of the Royal Scots Monument	34
	Total		14,868

The main activities undertaken in relation to the Trusts' purposes are outlined below;

Jean F. Watson purchased artwork totalling £42,220, with funding of £26,360 provided to contribute towards these purchases, as set out in Note 5. This compares to the purchase of 'Princes Street Station, Edinburgh' by William Wilson for £550 during the previous financial year.

Additional purchases were approved at the **Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest** meeting on 30 November 2018 and will be progressed and finalised throughout the next financial year.

The Edinburgh Education Trust funded £9,663 of activities for looked after children (£8,427 2017/18) and £2,178 of school prizes (£2,154 2017/18). An improved process has been introduced to ensure that this funding is allocated to the recipients in a more timely and direct manner than had been the case previously. Unused funds from the current year will be rolled forward into the new year.

At the <u>14 January 2016 Finance and Resources Committee</u>, it was agreed that £64,000 of the Boyd Anderson funds would be used to build a modular log cabin type classroom and storage space at Lagganlia. Construction works have not yet been completed at Lagganlia, therefore these monies have not yet been transferred.

A proposal to use the remaining funds for the same purpose was approved by <u>Committee on 23 January 2018</u>. OSCR have granted consent to wind up the Trust and this will be progressed once the log cabin and storage space has been completed.

The Nelson Halls are open to the public as part of the libraries and community centres they are attached to.

The Lauriston Castle is open to the public with the interest received in 2018/19 used to cover some of the running costs.

For The Royal Scots Trust, the interest received in 2018/19 was used to cover some of the running costs.

Trustee's Annual Report 2018/19 Achievements and Performance

Financial Investments Performance

The Trusts' investments are held in the Charibond Charities Fixed Interest Common Investment Fund managed by M&G Charities and the COIF Charities Investment Fund managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

Charibond Charities Fixed Interest Common Investment Fund

Charibond recorded a flat total return of 0.0% over the 12 months to 1 November 2018. This outcome largely reflects the generally challenging period for the performance of bonds, with the fund's positioning bias towards short-dated government securities being a factor that held back its returns. The FTSE British Government All Stocks Index - a broad index of UK government bonds - returned 1.3% over the same period.

The single year performance for the last five years ending October is outlined in the table below;

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Charibond	0.0%	1.2%	9.6%	3.0%	4.5%

A letter dated March 2018 was received stating that the fund's distribution would be reducing with effect from its next quarterly payment in May 2018. As at 1 November 2018, the distribution yield of the fund was 2.3%, which reflects this reduction becoming effective. For comparison, on 1 November 2017, the fund's distribution yield was 3.7%.

COIF Charities Investment Fund

The longer term total return performance (gross) for the COIF Charities Investment Fund for the 12 months to end March is outlined in the table below;

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	12.2%	6.0%	20.0%	0.4%	14.70%	7.20%	18.50%
Comparator	8.5%	2.2%	20.4%	-1.5%	11.10%	8.10%	13.70%

The return was supported by stock selection in the equity portfolio. There were strong performances in health, industrials, I.T. and specialist financials. The low weighting to energy and mainstream banks was also helpful. Asset allocation was a negative factor due to the weighting in equities, which was below that of the comparator. The cash allocation, increased in the previous quarter, made a minor but negative contribution.

The COIF Charities Investment Fund is split; 54.7% in overseas equities, 17.8% in UK equities, 20.9% in Property/Other Assets, 3.4% in Fixed Interest and 3.2% in Cash as at 31 March 2019. The overseas equities are split as follows: - North America 33.85%, Europe 13.14%, Pacific Ex. Japan 5.2%, Japan 2.16%, Other Americas 0.34%.

The forecast annual income from the COIF Charities Investment Fund is £60,374, which represents an income yield of around 3.35% based on the current market value of investments.

Termination of the Chariguard UK Equity Fund

Further to the shareholder notice dated 1 April 2016, the termination of the Chariguard UK Equity Fund has now been completed. Following completion of the termination, a balance remained to the account of the Fund. This amount (net of a provision for any further expenses) was paid as a final distribution to the Trusts in proportion to their holding in the Fund at the commencement of termination.

Financial Review

The financial statements present the financial position of the trusts for the year ended 31 March 2019. This section describes briefly the key points of each statement. Financial statements and notes have been rounded to the nearest thousand. All of the unrestricted funds of the charities are general and not designated.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the total income to be £105,000 in 2018/19. (2017/18 £89,000). This increase in income compared to the previous year is primarily due to the grants received by the Jean F. Watson Trust to support the purchase of artwork. An analysis of income is available in Note 2.

Trustee's Annual Report 2018/19

Financial Review - continued

The expenditure in the year is lower than last year at £38,000 compared to £100,000. This movement is primarily a result of £65,000 of funds from the Usher Hall Trust being transferred to the City of Edinburgh Council to assist in the purchase of a Grand Piano at the Usher Hall in the prior year. A like-for-like comparison would show a £3,000 increase in 2018/19 as a result of the increase in support costs. An analysis of expenditure is detailed in Notes 3 and 4 with the values against Nelson Halls, Lauriston Castle and The Royal Scots Trusts being allocated to the maintenance of the assets.

The Balance Sheet Statement shows the fixed asset investments have increased to £2.207m from £2.075m. Movements on the valuation of the investments are further analysed in note 7, 16 and 17.

Fixed asset properties and collections have been included in the accounts at their most recent valuations. The £18,000 increase in cash is further analysed in the Cash Flow Statement (£20,000 decrease in 2017/18). The detail of the breakdown of the £27,000 owed by the Trusts as at 31 March 2019 is included within Note 17 of the Accounts with the year on year comparative included in Note 10.

Reserves Policy

The Charitable Trusts should follow the prevailing general principle that the "Capital" of the funds is held effectively as a permanent endowment, with only the annual income available for disbursement in the year. If the Trustee requires to use "Capital" balances, Finance and Resources Committee approval would be required on a case by case basis. This policy was approved at the <u>17 March 2016 Finance</u> and Resources Committee.

The annual income for Jean F. Watson averages around £40,000. This income can be used to purchase additional artwork, preserve existing artwork or to pay for any expenses of administering the Trust. Any unused income in the year remains within the Trusts bank account. The Trust has total funds of £6,424,000, consisting of £975,000 in Investments, £5,317,000 in Fixed Assets, £129,000 in Cash, £11,000 of debtors less Creditors of £8,000.

The annual income for the Edinburgh Education Trust averages around £35,000. This income is used for the advancement of education, academic and physical, formal and informal, to include the giving of bursaries and prizes as well as assistance for residents who find themselves in a state of financial hardship within the City of Edinburgh District or to pay for any expenses of administering the Trust. Any unused income in the year remains within the Trusts bank account. The Trust has total funds of £1,021,000, consisting of £937,000 in Investments, £81,000 in Cash, £7,000 of debtors less Creditors of £4,000.

The annual income for Nelson Halls averages around £8,000. This income should be used in full towards costs incurred by the City of Edinburgh Council for the maintenance of the Halls. The Trust has total funds of £241,000, consisting of £219,000 in Investments, £19,000 in Heritage Assets, £9,000 in Cash, £2,000 of debtors less Creditors of £8,000.

The annual income for the Lauriston Castle averages around £1,500. This income is used in full to cover costs incurred by the City of Edinburgh Council for the maintenance of the Castle. The Trust has total funds of £7,043,000, consisting of £7,001,000 in Heritage Assets, £43,000 in Investments, £1,000 in Cash less Creditors of £2,000. Cash will be available to fund liabilities as they fall due.

The annual income for The Royal Scots Trust averages around £1,200. This income is used in full to cover costs incurred by the City of Edinburgh Council for the maintenance of the Monument. The Trust has total funds of £34,000, consisting of £33,000 in Investments and £2,000 in Cash less Creditors of £1,000.

No reserves policy has been created for Boyd Anderson as the existing funds have been agreed to be disbursed as per the report to Finance and Resources Committee on 14 January 2016.

The Heritage Assets and the Investments stated above are endowment funds and are therefore not available for general purposes. An analysis of Heritage Assets is included within Notes 5 and 6 to the Accounts.

Trustee's Annual Report 2018/19 Financial Review - continued Going Concern Policy

The financial statements for the remaining five trusts, after the closure of Boyd Anderson, are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees are of the opinion those trusts are a going concern from reviewing activities undertaken, based on expected expenditure commitments in the coming year.

Plans for Future Period

The strategy to radically restructure the trusts by a combination of: transfers to suitable external charities; consolidation; and expenditure of capital is almost complete. Future plans include the full disbursement of the remaining funds of the Boyd Anderson Trust which has been approved by Committee, leaving five Trusts remaining.

Since the end of the 2015/16 financial year the Trusts have improved processes regarding the transfer of funds and this should be continued in 2019/20 to ensure individuals are aware of the money available to them and that this is transferred promptly. Forecasting will be carried out by finance staff in 2019/20 to ensure that they are also aware of the likely money available in 2020/21 to enable longer-term planning.

Signed on behalf of the trustee of the charities:

Councillor Alasdair Rankin
Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
Date:

The other members of the Finance and Resources Committee as at 26 September 2019 are outlined below:

Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron (from 02.05.19)

Councillor Rob Munn (from 02.05.19)
Councillor Gavin Corbett

Councillor George Gordon

Councillor Graham Hutchison

Councillor Andrew Johnston

Councillor Chas Booth (from 27.06.19)

Councillor Neil Ross

Councillor Mandy Watt (to 02.05.19 and from 22.08.19)

Councillor Graeme Bruce (from 27.06.19)

The following were also members during the reporting period:

Councillor Marion Donaldson (to 29.01.19)

Councillor Kate Campbell (to 02.05.19)

Councillor Maureen Child (from 07.02.19 to 22.08.19)

Councillor Claire Miller (to 27.06.19)

Councillor lain Whyte (to 27.06.19)

The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	Unrestricted funds	2018/19 Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2017/18 Endowment funds	Total funds
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income and Endowments from:							
Charitable activities	2	26	-	26	-	-	-
Investments	2	79	-	79	89	-	89
Total		105	-	105	89	-	89
Expenditure on: Charitable activities Total	3, 4	(38)	<u>-</u>	(38)	(100) (100)	<u>-</u>	(100) (100)
Net gains / (losses) on investments	16	-	132	132	-	9	9
Total		-	132	132	-	9	9
Net income / (expenditure)		67	132	199	(11)	9	(2)
Net movement in funds		67	132	199	(11)	9	(2)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		5,574	9,095	14,669	5,585	9,086	14,671
Total funds carried forward	17	5,641	9,227	14,868	5,574	9,095	14,669

The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2019

			2018/19 2017/18		2017/18	8	
	Note	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds
		01000	01000	01000	01000	01000	01000
Fixed Appeter		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed Assets:	_	F 047		E 047	F 07F		F 07F
Jean F. Watson Collection	5	5,317	7.000	5,317	5,275	7.000	5,275
Other Heritage Assets	6	-	7,020	7,020	-	7,020	7,020
Investments	7		2,207	2,207		2,075	2,075
Total fixed assets		5,317	9,227	14,544	5,275	9,095	14,370
Current Assets:							
Cash at Bank	8	331	-	331	313	_	313
Debtors	9	20	-	20	16	-	16
Total current assets		351	-	351	329	-	329
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Liabilities:	40	(07)		(07)	(20)		(20)
Creditors due within one year	10	(27)	-	(27)	(30)	-	(30)
Total Liabilities		(27)	-	(27)	(30)	-	(30)
Net Current Assets		324	-	324	299	-	299
Total Net Assets		5,641	9,227	14,868	5,574	9,095	14,669
The funds of the charity:				_			_
Unrestricted Funds	17	1,264	_	1,264	1,197	_	1,197
Endowment Funds	17	1,204	2,226	2,226	1,197	2,094	2,094
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Revaluation Reserve	17	4,377	7,001	11,378	4,377	7,001	11,378
Total Charity Funds		5,641	9,227	14,868	5,574	9,095	14,669

The unaudited accounts were issued on 14 June 2019. The audited accounts were approved and authorised for issue on 26 September 2019.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustee:

Councillor Alasdair Rankin Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

Date:

The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts Cash Flow Statement As at 31 March 2019

AS at 31 March 2019	31 March 2	2019	31 March 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Operating Activities			
Dividend Income and Interest received (Note 2)	(62)		(73)
Receipt of Prior Year Accrued Interest (Note 2)	(16)		-
Grant Income for Purchase of Art (Note 2 and 9)	(25)		-
Cash inflows generated from operating activities		(103)	(73)
Cash paid to Schools and Pupils (Note 3)	12		11
Cash paid for Usher Hall Grand Piano (Note 3)	-		65
Cash paid for Purchase of Art (Note 5)	42		-
Cash paid to the Council	31		17
Cash outflows generated from operating activities		85	93
Net cash (inflows) / outflows from operating activities	_	(18)	20
Investing Activities			
Additional Investment into COIF Charities Investment Fund	-		-
Net cash flows from investing activities		-	-
Net cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net (increase) / decrease in cash and cash equivalents	_	(18)	20
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 8)	April 2018		April 2017
Casif and casif equivalents (Note 6)	313		333
	March 2019		March 2018
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 8)	331		313
Net (increase) / decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(18)	20
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1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The 2018/19 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Trusts for which the City of Edinburgh Council acts as sole Trustee are connected charities. As such, the accounts for the individual charities have been prepared on a collective basis. These financial statements contain all the relevant information that the individual charity accounts would have contained if they had been prepared on an individual basis. These Trusts meet the definition of a public benefit entity under Charities SORP (FRS 102). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

At the January 2016 Finance and Resources Committee, it was agreed that £64,000 of the Boyd Anderson funds would be used to build a modular log cabin type classroom and storage space at Lagganlia. Construction works have not yet been completed at Lagganlia, therefore these monies have not yet been transferred. A proposal to use the remaining funds for the same purpose was approved by Committee on 23 January 2018. OSCR have granted consent to wind up the Trust and this will be progressed once the log cabin and storage space has been completed.

The financial statements for Boyd Anderson have been prepared using a break-up basis of accounting as it is considered that it is not a going concern.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (GBP) as that is the currency in which the charitable trust funds' transactions are denominated.

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires trustees to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual outcomes in the future could differ from such estimates. The critical judgements and estimates for the Trusts are included in note (j).

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in the furtherance of any of the objectives of the charities.

Almost all of the charities have an endowment fund consisting of invested capital and any Heritage Assets. Endowment funds are held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the charity as a capital fund. The income arising from the investments is available for the purposes of each charity and is added to the relevant unrestricted fund. In most cases the trustee has discretion to expend endowment funds should the need arise.

c) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receive it and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

d) Grant income

Revenue grants, including those from government, are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) in the period in which the charitable trust is entitled to receipt, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with reliably. Such income is deferred when the charitable trust has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it.

1 Accounting policies - continued

e) Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis.

f) Heritage assets and depreciation

Heritage assets are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value; hence it is not considered appropriate to charge depreciation. The type of assets includes collections of: paintings, ceramics, textiles, silverware, clocks and books. The valuations used for these assets are based on values for insurance purposes.

Heritage Assets are stated in the accounts at a revalued amount where this is available. Where this is not available historic cost has been used, this is the case for the Nelson Halls.

g) Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date in accordance with the principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Any gain or loss on revaluation is shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.

Reserves policy

The endowment fund is maintained for the charity as a capital fund. The amount of income generated by investments is available for expenditure on charitable purposes. The Finance and Resources Committee agreed the current Reserves Policy on 17 March 2016.

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired. They are recognised at the undiscounted amount owed to the supplier, which is normally the invoice price.

h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and balances with banks and are measured at fair value.

i) Financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial instruments are recognised in the statements of financial activities when the charitable trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are initially measured at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction which includes transaction costs for financial instruments not subsequently measured at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are accounted for as set out below. A financing transaction is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at the market rate of interest for similar debt instrument.

Financial instruments are classified as either 'basic' or 'other' in accordance with Chapter 11 of Charities SORP (FRS 102). At the end of each reporting period, basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective rate method. All financial instruments not classified as basic are measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period with the resulting changes recognised in income or expenditure. Where the fair value cannot be reliably measured, they are recognised at cost less impairment.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from asset expire, or when the charitable company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised only once the liability has been extinguished through discharge, cancellation or expiry.

j) Critical judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the charitable trust funds' accounting policies.

The trustees do not consider there to be any accounting judgements required in preparing these accounts. The trustees are satisfied that accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently.

2	Analysis of Income	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
	Dividend income - received	62	73
	Dividend income - accrued	17	16
	Jean F. Watson grant received for purchase of art	26	-
	Total Income	105	89
3	Analysis of Expenditure on Charitable Activities	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
	Edinburgh Education Trust - Grants to Individuals Edinburgh Education Trust - Grants to Schools Lauriston Castle - Maintenance of Assets Nelson Halls - Maintenance of Assets The Royal Scots Trusts - Maintenance of Assets Usher Hall - Purchase of Grand Piano	(10) (2) (2) (7) (1) 	(9) (2) (2) (8) (1) (65) (87)
	Allocation of support costs	(16)	(13)
	Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities	(38)	(100)

There was no expenditure incurred on raising funds in 2018/19. (£nil 2017/18)

4 Analysis of Support Costs	Support £'000	Governance £'000	Total £'000
Edinburgh Education Trust	(2)	(2)	(4)
Boyd Anderson	(2)	(3)	(5)
Jean F. Watson	(3)	(4)	(7)
Total Support Costs	(7)	(9)	(16)

The basis of allocation for the support and governance support costs was the cash held at bank at the time of allocation.

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during year ending 31 March 2019. There are no employees of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts.

5 Jean F. Watson Collection	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Balance brought forward at 1 April	5,275	5,275
Purchases during the year	42	-
Balance carried forward at 31 March	5,317	5,275

In 1961 an agreement was signed by Miss Jean F. Watson and the Corporation of the City of Edinburgh which set up a fund to purchase works of art in memory of Miss Watson's parents. The Trust acquires works of art for public viewing in Edinburgh by artists who have connections with the city. The agreement allows for existing items in the collection to be sold and the proceeds used to purchase other works of art.

There have been various purchases in the last five financial years per the list below and no disposals. In 2015/16, *The Crags at Dawn* by Catharine Davison, in 2016/17, *Moon* by Alison Watt, in 2017/18 *Princes Street Station*, *Edinburgh* by William Wilson.

In 2018/19, 14 Original Prints from D'Arcy Thompson, *Kiyembe Lane* by Bronwen Sleigh, *7 February 2017* by Charles Poulsen, a griffin silver sculpture by Bryony Knox, *Understanding versus Sympathy* by Roderick Buchanan, *Three Bridge Evening* by Kate Downie, a suite of photographs by Robin Gillanders, three photograph artworks by Flannery O'Kafka and a silver coffee urn were purchased.

These are classified as heritage assets.

6 Analysis of Other Heritage Assets	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Nelson Halls	19	19
Lauriston Castle	7,001	7,001
Total Other Heritage Assets	7,020	7,020

The Lauriston Castle valuation includes £5m based on full inventory evaluation of the collection. An external revaluation of the collection commenced in 2015/16 but the final figures were still unavailable for inclusion in the 2018/19 Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts. The previous valuation of the Lauriston Castle was carried out in 1997 by Sotheby's, with the last full inventory evaluation of contents dating back to 1978.

The Nelson Halls properties have not been valued for the purposes of these accounts and are stated at cost. These buildings are now often incorporated into the fabric of existing buildings and are therefore difficult to revalue

Additional information on heritage assets can be found in the Trustee's Annual Report but there have been no acquisitions or disposals in the past five financial years, except for those mentioned for Jean F. Watson in Note 5 above.

7	Analysis of Investments	At 31/3/18	Realised Investments	Purchases at cost	Net Gain on revaluation	At 31/3/19
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Edinburgh Education Trust	880	-	-	57	937
	Jean F. Watson	917	-	-	58	975
	Lauriston Castle	41	-	-	2	43
	Nelson Halls	206	-	-	13	219
	The Royal Scots Trust	31	-	-	2	33
	Total Investments	2,075	-	-	132	2,207

8	Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents	2018/19 £'000	2017/18 £'000
	Edinburgh Education Trust	81	65
	Boyd Anderson	109	116
	Jean F. Watson	129	119
	Lauriston Castle	1	1
	Nelson Halls	9	10
	The Royal Scots Trust	2	2
	Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	331	313
9	Analysis of Debtors	2018/19	2017/18
		£'000	£'000
	Edinburgh Education Trust	7	7
	Jean F. Watson	11	7
	Nelson Halls	2	2
	Total Debtors	20	16

The figures above predominately relate to the accrued interest for the CCLA and M&G investments. A further £3,400 for Jean F. Watson relates to grant funding for purchases of art which has been awarded but not yet received.

10 Analysis of Creditors Due Within One Year	Unrestricted funds £'000	Endowment funds £'000	2018/19 Total £'000	2017/18 Total £'000
Amounts due	(27)	-	(27)	(30)
Total Liabilities	(27)	-	(27)	(30)

Detail of the amounts due per Trust is available in Note 17.

11 Analysis of Financial Assets and Liabilities	2018/19	2017/18
	£'000	£'000
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	351	329
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(27)	(30)
Financial assets measured at market value	2,207	2,075
Total Financial Assets and Liabilities	2,531	2,374

12 Related Party Transactions

During the year the City of Edinburgh Council made payments on behalf of the Charitable Trusts. At the end of the year £16,378 was owed to the Council by the Trusts (2017-18 £16,072). Detail of the total amounts due per Trust is available in Note 17.

13 Prior Year Adjustment

There have been no prior year adjustments that require disclosure within these accounts.

14 Post Balance Sheet Event

There have been no events since 31 March 2019, and up to the date when these accounts were authorised, that require any adjustments to these accounts.

15 Audit Fee

The fee payable to Scott-Moncrieff in respect of the audit services for the Council's Charitable Trusts is £7,800 for 2018/19. The figure for 2017/18 was £9,000 but only £7,500 was accounted for in that financial year, therefore the total in 2018/19 accounts is £9,300. This fee is included in the overall governance costs and allocated proportionately to each individual Trust.

16 (i) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2019

Charity Name	SC Number	Funds brought forward £'000	Income in year £'000	Expenditure in year £'000	Gains on investments £'000	Funds carried forward £'000
Edinburgh Education Trust	SC042754	948	32	(16)	57	1,021
Boyd Anderson	SC025067	109	1	(5)	-	105
Jean F. Watson	SC018971	6,311	61	(6)	58	6,424
Lauriston Castle	SC020737	7,041	2	(2)	2	7,043
Nelson Halls	SC018946	228	8	(8)	13	241
The Royal Scots Trust	SC018945	32	1	(1)	2	34
Total Funds		14,669	105	(38)	132	14,868

16 (ii) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2018

Charity Name	SC Number	Funds brought forward £'000	Income in year £'000	Expenditure in year £'000	Gains on investments £'000	Funds carried forward £'000
Edinburgh Education Trust	SC042754	919	38	(14)	5	948
Boyd Anderson	SC025067	113	-	(4)	-	109
Jean F. Watson	SC018971	6,274	39	(5)	3	6,311
Lauriston Castle	SC020737	7,041	2	(2)	-	7,041
Nelson Halls	SC018946	227	9	(9)	1	228
The Royal Scots Trust	SC018945	32	1	(1)	-	32
Usher Hall	SC030180	65	-	(65)	-	0
Total Funds		14,671	89	(100)	9	14,669

17 (i) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2019

					Revalua	tion Reserve				_	
		Unrestricted Funds			Endowment Funds						
Charity Name	SC Number	Cash at Bank	Debtors	Amounts owed	Jean F. Watson Collection	Jean F. Watson Collection	Other Heritage Assets	Heritage Assets incl. Lauriston Castle	Investments	Investments Market Value Adjustment	2018/19 Market Value
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Edinburgh Education Trust	SC042754	81	7	(4)	-	-	-	-	844	93	1,021
Boyd Anderson	SC025067	109	-	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
Jean F. Watson	SC018971	129	11	(8)	940	4,377	-	-	881	94	6,424
Lauriston Castle	SC020737	1	-	(2)	-	-	7,001	-	39	4	7,043
Nelson Halls	SC018946	9	2	(8)	-	-	-	19	198	21	241
The Royal Scots Trust	SC018945	2	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	30	3	34
Total Funds		331	20	(27)	940	4,377	7,001	19	1,992	215	14,868

17 (ii) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2018

						Revalua	tion Reserve				
		Unrestricted Funds					Endowment Funds				
Charity Name	SC Number	Cash at Bank	Debtors	Amounts owed	Jean F. Watson Collection	Jean F. Watson Collection	Other Heritage Assets	Heritable Property incl. Lauriston Castle	Investments	Investments Market Value Adjustment	2017/18 Market Value
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Edinburgh Education Trust	SC042754	65	7	(4)	-	-	-	-	844	36	948
Boyd Anderson	SC025067	116	-	(7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	109
Jean F. Watson	SC018971	119	7	(7)	898	4,377	-	-	881	36	6,311
Lauriston Castle	SC020737	1	-	(2)	-	-	7,001	-	39	2	7,041
Nelson Halls	SC018946	10	2	(9)	-	-	-	19	198	8	228
The Royal Scots Trust	SC018945	2	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	30	1	32
Usher Hall	SC030180	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total Funds		313	16	(30)	898	4,377	7,001	19	1,992	83	14,669

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts and the Accounts Commission

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

We certify that we have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts for the year ended 31 March 2019 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charities as at 31 March 2019 and of their incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

In respect of the Miss Jean Fletcher Watson Bequest, The Edinburgh Education Trust, Nelson Halls Trust, Lauriston Castle Trust and the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) Monument Trust Fund, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may
 cast significant doubt about ability of the charities to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
 accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are
 authorised for issue.

Emphasis of matter – Basis of preparation

In respect of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds, we draw attention to note 1 in the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation. The trustees have prepared the financial statements for this trust using a break-up basis of accounting as they consider that it is not a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Responsibilities of the trustee, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charities' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other information in the statement of accounts

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission or required by applicable law to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read all the other information in the statement of accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report on other requirements

Opinion on matter prescribed by the Accounts Commission

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, we do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Nick Bennett (for and on behalf of Scott-Moncrieff Audit Services)

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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