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Life Multi-Academy Trust

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 August 2016

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(A company limited by guarantee)

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Academy, its Trustees and Advisers For the Year Ended 31 August 2016

Members	Iain Kinnis Atika Kohli Christopher Parkinson Stephen Sargent (resigned 10 September 2015)
Trustees	Hazel Cole, Chair[1] Colin Crane (resigned 30 September 2016)[1] Susie Foulsham (resigned 24 February 2016) Jenny Hobden Iain Kinnis[1] Atika Kohli (resigned 30 September 2016)[1] Christopher Parkinson, Principal and Accounting Officer Stephen Sargent (resigned 10 September 2015)[1] Andrew Smith[1] Rosalind Goldson, Vice Chair (resigned 30 September 2016)[1] Emma Hollis-Brown, LA Jason Scrimshire, Staff Trustee (resigned 30 September 2016) Matthew Dover, Staff Trustee (resigned 30 September 2016) Robert Chamberlain, Staff Trustee (appointed 10 December 2015) Judith Margaret Chambers (appointed 10 March 2016, resigned 30 September 2016) Kathryn Ann Groocock (appointed 10 December 2015, resigned 30 September 2016) Aimee Jo-Ann Kilbourne (appointed 28 January 2016) Penny Smith Maria Everley Martin Holt (resigned 23 June 2016) Geoffrey Hurst (appointed 10 March 2016) [1] Member of Finance Committee
Company registered number	07992438
Company name	Life Multi-Academy Trust
Principal and registered office	Leicester Lane Desford Leicestershire LE9 9JL
Company secretary	Sarah Mayes
Senior management team	Christopher Parkinson, Principal Simon Brown, Vice Principal Nick Palmer, Senior Assistant Principal Dave Bennett, Senior Assistant Principal Dave Claricoates, Senior Assistant Principal Rebecca Harbour, Assistant Principal Louise Holdback, Assistant Principal Ben White, Assistant Principal Kathleen Baxter, Assistant Principal Rick Moore, Assistant Principal Sarah Mayes, School Business Manager
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Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP 134 Edmund Street Birmingham B3 2ES

Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31 August 2016

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

Structure, governance and management

- **Constitution**

The Academy and the group is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity.

The charitable company's Memorandum of Association is the primary governing document of the academy trust.

The Trustees of Life Multi-Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law.

The charitable company is known as Bosworth Academy.

Details of the Trustees who served during the are included in the Reference and administrative details on page 1.

- **Members' liability**

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

- **Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Academy is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and/or co opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The Members may appoint Staff Trustees through such process as they may determine. Leicestershire County Council may appoint the LA Trustee. Parent Trustees shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. The Trustees may appoint up to 3 Co-opted Trustees.

- **Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Induction for new Trustees is tailored according to their experience and background. External Trustees are provided with a Bosworth Academy induction pack by the Clerk to Trustees. New Trustees requiring guidance on their role have the opportunity to attend external training. Their development is supported through participation in school meetings and by discussion with staff and other Trustees.

Other training for Trustees is provided as required through the Trustee training programme that is purchased through Leicestershire County Council.

- **Organisational structure**

Trustees are responsible for:
• Setting the vision, ethos and objectives for the Academy
• Approving strategic plans and monitoring and evaluating the performance of the Academy against these plans and objectives
• Approving the annual budget and ensuring the solvency of the Academy
• Ensuring that appropriate arrangements are in place to enable the Academy to meet statutory responsibilities
• Providing support and challenge to the leadership team of the Academy

To discharge their responsibilities effectively, the Governing Body have established a committee structure comprising a Steering Committee, which is made up of the Chairs of the following other committees - Finance, People and Stakeholders, Learning and Teaching and Infrastructure.

The Senior Leadership Team is responsible to the Trustees for the implementation and monitoring of plans and policies, student safeguarding and education and the day-to-day operation of the Academy. They also provide information to Trustees on a range of educational and business management functions.

The Trustees have approved a scheme of financial delegation that allows financial responsibilities to be delegated within appropriate limits to facilitate the effective running of the Academy.

- **Connected organisations, including related party relationships**

The Academy works closely with its feeder primary and high schools to ensure the students in the area benefit from a smooth transition throughout their education. The Academy also works closely with Challenge Partners, The Jubilee Network, Whole Education, TELA, LeTS and the Hinckley and Bosworth Behaviour Partnership working to improve standards of teaching and therefore learning for all students, monitoring performance and working towards becoming an outstanding school. The Academy is annually reviewed by its peers through Challenge Partners and the Whole Education Network. The Academy also invites pupils from its feeder primary schools and Year 11 students from other secondary schools who have applied to join at Post 16, for taster, language and science days. Our areas of excellence are Maths, English, Science, Learning Technologies and Leadership.

- **Trustees' indemnities**

Since the incorporation of the Charitable Company on 15 March 2012, the Trustees (directors) have been indemnified in respect of their legal liability for financial loss arising as a result of a negligent act, accidental error or omission in the course of their official duties. The limit of indemnity cover is £3 million in this respect.

Objectives and Activities

- **Objects and aims**

Vision:
Bosworth Academy is consistently exceptional in its delivery of outcomes for young people in and for our community. Bosworth Academy is an unstoppable force for affecting social mobility.

Values:
'No student will underachieve' means: outstanding outcomes for every child, of every ability, from every background, no matter what the barriers.

'Be better than you thought you could be' means: we understand that our role is not only to ensure students reach their potential, it is to help define that potential.

Ethos:
We do this in an environment which is inclusive, exciting, varied and highly aspirational. The individual is recognised and celebrated. We strive for excellence and challenge in all that we do and seek out feedback and positive criticism. We believe in the capacity for continual improvement and appreciate the role of leadership. We never give up and never accept that our work is done. We enjoy, achieve and embrace our responsibility as a force for good. We can and will make a difference through the empowerment of learning.

At Bosworth our main aim is to ensure all students continue to develop into confident, capable and successful people who can take control of their lives. We encourage and work with students so they can concentrate on their learning in an environment where they can work co-operatively. We value everyone's positive contribution and we have very high expectations of all students. We work hard to provide the best teaching, to give clear guidance and to offer effective support. We believe everyone has the potential to learn and develop. We believe in recognising the individual learning needs of each student and personalising their experience accordingly. In tandem with this, we encourage a strong sense of community and responsibility for others. Most importantly we believe no student at Bosworth will underachieve.

The principal activity of the Academy Trust is set out in the Articles of Association. The Academy Trust's objects ("the Objects") are specifically restricted to the following:

(a) to advance for the public benefit education in Leicestershire ("the area of benefit"), in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by (i) establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum ("the Academy"); (ii) providing childcare facilities and adult training to develop the capacity and skills of parents-to-be and parents with children primarily but not exclusively under five in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet the needs of children;

(b) promoting in the area of benefit the physical, intellectual and social development of primarily but not exclusively children under five especially those who are socially and economically disadvantaged;

(c) developing the capacity and skills of those inhabitants of the area of benefit who are socially and economically disadvantaged in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society;

(d) relieving poverty among the inhabitants of the area of benefit;

(e) relieving unemployment in the area of benefit for the benefit of the public in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment;

(f) advancing the health of the inhabitants of the area of benefit;

(g) providing recreational and leisure time facilities in the interests of social welfare for the inhabitants of the area of benefit especially those who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances; and

(h) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Leicestershire and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Academy has adopted a Funding Agreement approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Funding Agreement specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the Academy and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the National Curriculum ensuring that the broad and balanced curriculum includes English, Mathematics and Science.

- **Objectives, strategies and activities**

The Academy's Improvement Plan is reviewed annually by Trustees. The current plan has targets in the following areas:

- Collaboration to grow capacity and expertise to improve outcomes
- Coaching is robust and supports professional learning
- Journey along the Excellence Continuum
- Stretch and Challenge so all students produce 'beautiful work'
- Incisive formative feedback through DTT with student response
- Increase Attendance
- Accurate and consistent tracking
- Effective use of 'out of class' intervention to raise performance
- XP experience for all students in all subjects
- Increase the participation of students in extracurricular activities
- Bosworth students are spiritually, morally, socially and culturally strong characters. They are aspirational, healthy and have great learning skills. They have a strong sense of values and are aware of their responsibilities as British citizens.

The Academy has also applied for, and has been granted permission, to become an academy sponsor.

- **Public benefit**

The Trustees note and acknowledge their responsibilities for the advancement of education for public benefit as set out in the guidance from the Charity Commission. The Articles of Association and Funding Agreement provide details of the structure for the day to day operation of the Academy in accordance with these guidelines. We have also advanced the education for public benefit by:

- Providing a programme of extra curricular activities for students
- Hosting a wide range of child and adult sporting activities on site including a large Learn to Swim programme
- Providing pre-school education
- Working with the local community to improve the local environment
- Working with Desford Parish Council to save the village library from closure

Achievements and performance

- **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

During 2015/16 the academy successfully recruited 259 students into the Laureates school making this year oversubscribed.

There are many measures by which schools' success is measured; some government imposed, some common sense and some driven by compelling moral imperative. It is the latter that we follow. As a result our students go on to achieve fantastic things.

- **Key financial performance indicators**

In a challenging financial climate both nationally and locally, Bosworth Academy set and maintained a balanced 2015/16 budget carrying forward a planned surplus into 2016/17 for the purpose of securing outcomes for students as well as achieving the best set of outcomes for pupils in recent history.

- **Review of activities**

The Academy has 'traded' effectively during its period of operation from the 1st September 2015 to 31st August 2016. The Academy had built a significant carry forward in previous years, which it plans to draw upon as the impact of age range change affects Academy revenue.

Ultimately, we are a school, and as such our effectiveness has to be judged in terms of the success of our students. The key measure of 5A* - C including English and Maths at GCSE was 76%, the percentage of students achieving 5 A* - G at GCSE's was 99% and our GCSE capped 8 average point score increased to 337. 77% of our students gained a place at a Higher Education establishment, pupil premium outcomes and Ebacc subject uptakes are above county and national averages. The Academy has also recently undergone a Challenge Partners review and our areas of excellence are Maths, English, Science, Learning Technologies and Leadership. Pupil attendance across all years is high and we are a "Go-to" school for teacher and support staff recruitment.

Financial Review

In September 2014 the Academy changed from a 14-19 school to an all through 11-19 school. At the same time our feeder high schools changed to 11-16 schools. It was expected that the following years would be financially challenging with a significant drop in pupil numbers due to this age range change and the time lag of funding relating to this. At the time, the Academy identified and developed a plan to build up a significant surplus to ensure that it didn't go into deficit during the transition process.

The financial performance of the Academy this year as with previous years, has been in line with Trustees expectations and plans. Trustees believe the school will continue to achieve the financial plan set, allowing for the fluctuations in pupil numbers whilst the school continues to restructure into its new age range format. Principal funding for the Academy comes from the numbers of pupils admitted and expenditure has been carefully allocated to obtain the most effective outcomes for our pupils .

- **Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Academy, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. A Risk Register has been written and is monitored through the Trustee committees that are relevant to the risk. The Risk Register is reviewed on an on-going basis.

- **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The principal risk facing the Academy is insufficient demand for the Academy's services leaving it unsustainable. This would lead to a decrease in the grant funding received and the necessity to reorganise the Academy to ensure it could remain with a balanced budget or a plan to recover from a deficit. Pupil numbers are monitored and a 5 year plan drawn up to ensure the situation is considered fully by the Senior Leadership Team and Trustees. A comprehensive risk register has been produced and is being monitored by the Trustees to ensure that risks are treated or tolerated as appropriate.

- **Reserves policy**

.The academy has a reserves policy that is reviewed by the Trustees Finance committee. Over a period of time, the academy has built up substantial reserves as part of a planned strategy to ensure that the academy remained solvent during the early years of age range change. Age range change has had a significant impact on the academy's income due to students choosing to stay at their high school at Year 10, rather than the traditional Leicestershire transfer. We have worked hard to recruit students and the last 3 years has been an oversubscribed intake for year 7. This September we finally became a truly 11-19 school with all years being catered for at the academy. Because of the financial challenges caused by the change in age range, Trustees set a temporary reserves policy higher than ordinarily would be considered to limit the possibility of a deficit position.

- **Investments policy**

The aim of the Academy's investment policy is to ensure that funds which the Academy does not immediately need to cover anticipated expenditure are invested in such a way as to maximise income and minimise risk. Our aim is to spend the public monies with which we are entrusted for the direct educational benefit of students as soon as is prudent. The Academy does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity, rather it is the result of good practice as and when circumstances allow.

Plans for future periods

- **Future developments**

Bosworth Academy will continue managing its funds to achieve the best possible outcomes for its pupils whilst avoiding putting the school in a deficit position.

Following approval of Bosworth Academy as a sponsor school, the Life Multi Academy Trust (LiFE MAT) began operating on 1st October 2016 with Bosworth Academy as its founding school. LiFE MAT directors are currently in discussions with Winstanley Community College and Kingsway Primary School who have shown an interest in joining the multi academy trust. The LiFE MAT also intends to apply to sponsor two new primary schools being built within the catchment area for Bosworth Academy and is open to discussions with other local schools who share the same ethos and values and wish to benefit from joining the LiFE MAT.

- **Pay policy for key management personnel**

The Governor Pay Performance Panel performance managed the Pay Performance of the Principal of Bosworth Academy and have delegated authority for the Principal to set pay and remuneration of Key Management Personnel and bring to Trustees for ratification.

Funds held as custodian

There are no assets and arrangements for safe custody and segregation where the Academy or its Trustees are acting as custodian trustee.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable group's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Dains LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and will be proposed for reappointment at the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by order of the Board of Trustees as the company directors, on 8 December 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Hazel Cole
Chair of Trustees

Governance Statement

Scope of Responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Life Multi-Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Life Multi-Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 5 times during the Year. Attendance during the Year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Iain Kinnis	4	5
Christopher Parkinson, Principal and Accounting Officer	5	5
Colin Crane	5	5
Susie Foulsham	0	5
Jenny Hobden	5	5
Hazel Cole (Chair)	5	5
Atika Kohli	4	5
Stephen Sargent	1	2
Andrew Smith	5	5
Rosalind Goldson, Vice Chair	5	5
Emma Hollis-Brown, LA	4	5
Jason Scrimshire, Staff Trustee	4	5
Matthew Dover, Staff Trustee	4	5
Robert Chamberlain, Staff Trustee	3	4
Judith Margaret Chambers	1	2
Kathryn Ann Groocock	5	5
Aimee Jo-Ann Kilbourne	3	3
Penny Smith	5	5
Maria Everley	3	5
Martin Holt	3	5
Geoffrey Hurst	2	2

The Finance Committee is a sub committee of the Steering Committee. Its purpose is to (in consultation with the Principal and Business Manager), draft the first formal budget plan of the financial year, to establish and maintain an up to date 5 year financial plan, to monitor relevant income and expenditure for all areas – to have a whole school perspective on the budget – reporting significant anomalies, check the budget for accuracy and completeness, to ensure the school operates within its Financial Regulations and the direction of the Education Funding Agency, to annually review charges, remissions and expenses policies, to approve and make decisions in respect of service agreements, to approve and make decisions on expenditure following recommendations from other committees, to consider / approve the Principal's expenses, to review and update policies relating to financial matters.

Attendance at meetings in the Year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Atika Kholi	2	4
Iain Kinnis	4	4
Colin Crane	2	2
Rosalind Goldson	4	4
Andrew Smith	4	4
Hazel Cole	4	4

This year a new governance review has been instigated whereby at the end of each governor meeting a summary is created to identify the effectiveness of governors during the meeting and within related activities, i.e. governor visits. These summaries describe the governor's findings, any actions taken and the impact they have had. At the end of the academic year, these summaries are consolidated and published on the Academy website. This process will continue each year. In addition, with the advent of the new Life MAT structure all committees have reviewed their remits and contributed towards a new MAT scheme of delegation which will be implemented by MAT directors.

Review of Value for money

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

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

- Developing an exciting yet cost effective timetable
- Implementation of energy saving strategies
- Tighter control of departmental spending, ensuring that budget holders are held to account for budgets

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Life Multi-Academy Trust for the Year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks, that has been in place for the Year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Leicestershire County Council Auditors as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. On an annual basis, the internal auditor reports to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.
They will also act as the Academy's Responsible Officer ('RO'). The RO's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. On an annual basis, the RO reports to the Governing Body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities.

Checks undertaken by the responsible officer include:

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchase systems
- Testing of control account/bank reconciliations

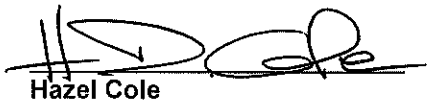
Review of Effectiveness

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

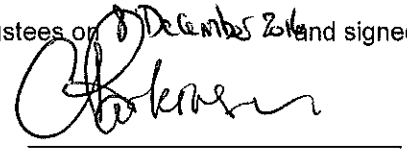
- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 8 December 2016 and signed on their behalf, by:



Hazel Cole
Chair of Trustees



Christopher Parkinson
Accounting Officer

Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer of Life Multi-Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2015.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2015.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of trustees and EFA.

Christopher Parkinson
Accounting Officer
8 December 2016

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the Year Ended 31 August 2016

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies' Accounts Direction 2015 to 2016;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 8 December 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Hazel Cole
Chair of Trustees

Independent Auditors' Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Life Multi-Academy Trust

We have audited the financial statements of Life Multi-Academy Trust for the Year ended 31 August 2016 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and academy balance sheets, the consolidated cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Academies Accounts Direction 2015 to 2016 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

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

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

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Independent Auditors' Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Life Multi-Academy Trust

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' report, incorporating the Group strategic report, for the financial Year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Lisa Richards FCCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Dains LLP

Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants

Charlotte House, Derby
Date: 8 December 2016

Independent Reporting Accountants' Assurance Report on Regularity to Life Multi-Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 3 October 2016 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2015 to 2016, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Life Multi-Academy Trust during the Year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Life Multi-Academy Trust and the EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Life Multi-Academy Trust and the EFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Life Multi-Academy Trust and the EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Life Multi-Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountants

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Life Multi-Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 April 2012, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2015, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2015 to 2016. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the Year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2015 to 2016 issued by the EFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the Academy's income and expenditure.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the Year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Dains LLP

Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants

Charlotte House, Derby

Date: 8 December 2016

Life Multi-Academy Trust
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income and Exenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses)
For the Year Ended 31 August 2016

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	2	**2,290**	**-**	**-**	**2,290**	1,417
Charitable activities	3	**116,989**	**5,219,026**	**424,747**	**5,760,762**	6,941,712
Other trading activities	4,5	**919,361**	**-**	**-**	**919,361**	691,231
Investments	6	**3,622**	**-**	**-**	**3,622**	-
Other income	7	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	212,433
Total income		**1,042,262**	**5,219,026**	**424,747**	**6,686,035**	7,846,793
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	**215,331**	**-**	**-**	**215,331**	216,905
Charitable activities		**669,017**	**6,383,900**	**319,235**	**7,372,152**	7,026,706
Total expenditure	8	**884,348**	**6,383,900**	**319,235**	**7,587,483**	7,243,611
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		**157,914**	**(1,164,874)**	**105,512**	**(901,448)**	603,182
Transfers between Funds	19	**(71,461)**	**-**	**71,461**	**-**	-
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		**86,453**	**(1,164,874)**	**176,973**	**(901,448)**	603,182
Actuarial (losses) / gains on defined benefit pension schemes	14	**-**	**(292,000)**	**-**	**(292,000)**	27,000
Net movement in funds		**86,453**	**(1,456,874)**	**176,973**	**(1,193,448)**	630,182
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		**681,870**	**(1,301,291)**	**10,682,139**	**10,062,718**	9,432,536
Total funds carried forward		**768,323**	**(2,758,165)**	**10,859,112**	**8,869,270**	10,062,718

Life Multi-Academy Trust
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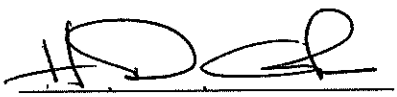
Registered number: 07992438

Consolidated Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2016

	Note	£	2016 £	£	2015 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		**10,859,112**		10,682,139
Current assets					
Debtors	17	**168,068**		101,653	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,258,527**		1,985,286	
		1,426,595		2,086,939	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	**(645,437)**		(590,360)	
Net current assets			**781,158**		1,496,579
Total assets less current liabilities			**11,640,270**		12,178,718
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		**(2,771,000)**		(2,116,000)
Net assets including pension scheme liabilities			**8,869,270**		10,062,718
Funds of the academy					
Restricted income funds:					
Restricted income funds	19	**12,835**		814,709	
Pension reserve	19	**(2,771,000)**		(2,116,000)	
Restricted fixed asset funds	19	**10,859,112**		10,682,139	
Total restricted funds			**8,100,947**		9,380,848
Unrestricted income funds	19		**768,323**		681,870
Total funds			**8,869,270**		10,062,718

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 8 December 2016 and are signed on their behalf, by:



Hazel Cole
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 23 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

Life Multi-Academy Trust
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Academy Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2016

	Note	£	2016 £	£	2015 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		**10,859,112**		10,682,139
Investments	15		**1**		1
			10,859,113		10,682,140
Current assets					
Debtors	17	**319,915**		193,821	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,101,000**		1,829,147	
		1,420,915		2,022,968	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	**(639,758)**		(526,392)	
Net current assets			**781,157**		1,496,576
Total assets less current liabilities			**11,640,270**		12,178,716
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		**(2,771,000)**		(2,116,000)
Net assets including pension scheme liabilities			**8,869,270**		10,062,716
Funds of the academy					
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Total funds			**8,869,270**		10,062,716

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 August 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	21	**(654,858)**	692,933
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Sale of heritage asset		**-**	462,433
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(496,647)**	(551,995)
Capital grants from DfE/EFA		**424,746**	501,260
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(71,901)**	411,698
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the Year		**(726,759)**	1,104,631
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**1,985,286**	880,655
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	22	**1,258,527**	1,985,286

1. Accounting Policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2015 to 2016 issued by EFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Life Multi-Academy Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Academy and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

No separate SOFA has been presented for the Academy alone as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Life Multi-Academy Trust and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries').

The Academy has taken advantage of the exemption contained within 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

1.3 Going concern

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

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the Academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable, where there is certainty of receipt and it is measurable.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be reliably measured.

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Academy in respect of goods and services supplied during the Year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities and carried forward in the balance sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings	-	2% Straight Line
Plant and machinery	-	20% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% Straight Line
Computer equipment	-	25% Straight Line

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

1.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Academy anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliabily in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1.9 Operating leases

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

1.10 Taxation

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.11 Pensions

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 24, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

1.12 Fund accounting

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

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

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

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.13 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 24, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2013 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2016. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement:

The Trustees have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

2. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Donations	**2,290**	**-**	**2,290**	1,417

In 2015, of the total income from donations and capital grants, *£1,417* was to unrestricted funds and £ *NIL* was to restricted funds

3. Funding for Academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
DfE/EFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	**4,852,906**	**4,852,906**	6,074,226
Academy Bursery Funding	-	**37,831**	**37,831**	37,063
Pupil Premium	-	**128,759**	**128,759**	149,350
Devolved Formula Capital grants	-	**32,065**	**32,065**	27,166
Capital Improvement Fund	-	**392,682**	**392,682**	474,094
Rates relief	-	**98,650**	**98,650**	5,639
Other DfE/ EFA grants	-	**19,500**	**19,500**	41,239
	-	**5,562,393**	**5,562,393**	6,808,777
Other government grants				
Income from Leicestershire County Council	-	**51,945**	**51,945**	65,605
	-	**51,945**	**51,945**	65,605
Other funding				
School fund income	**116,989**	-	**116,989**	53,838
Other income	-	**29,435**	**29,435**	13,492
	116,989	**29,435**	**146,424**	67,330
	116,989	**5,643,773**	**5,760,762**	6,941,712

In 2015, of the total income from charitable activities, *£53,838* was to unrestricted funds and *£6,887,874* was to restricted funds.

4. Trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Charity trading income				
United Kingdom	**309,414**	**-**	**309,414**	313,206
Fundraising trading expenses				
Expenses	**35,870**	**-**	**35,870**	35,455
Wages and salaries	**160,698**	**-**	**160,698**	162,587
National Insurance	**4,435**	**-**	**4,435**	3,886
Pensions	**14,328**	**-**	**14,328**	14,977
	215,331	**-**	**215,331**	216,905
Net income from trading activities	**94,083**	**-**	**94,083**	96,301

In 2015, of the total income from trading activities, £313,206 was to unrestricted funds and £NIL was to restricted funds.

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Childrens centre income	**13,234**	**-**	**13,234**	13,122
Catering income	**278,383**	**-**	**278,383**	248,795
Student travel income	**154,741**	**-**	**154,741**	25,392
Rent income	**7,500**	**-**	**7,500**	7,500
Other income	**156,089**	**-**	**156,089**	83,216
	609,947	**-**	**609,947**	378,025

In 2015, of the total income from trading activities, £378,025 was to unrestricted funds and £NIL was to restricted funds.

6. Charity trading income

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Short term deposits	**3,622**	**-**	**3,622**	-

In 2015, of the total investment income, £ *NIL* was to unrestricted funds and £ *NIL* was to restricted funds.

7. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Income on disposal of heritage asset	-	-	-	212,433

In 2015, of the total other incoming resources, £- was to unrestricted funds and £ 212,433 was to restricted funds.

8. Expenditure

	Staff costs 2016 £	Premises 2016 £	Other costs 2016 £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading	**179,461**	**-**	**35,870**	**215,331**	216,905
Activities:					
Direct costs	**4,464,211**	**319,235**	**967,711**	**5,751,157**	5,439,458
Support costs	**766,356**	**339,360**	**515,279**	**1,620,995**	1,587,247
	5,410,028	**658,595**	**1,518,860**	**7,587,483**	7,243,610

In 2016, of the total expenditure, £884,348 (2015 - *£1,007,142*) was to unrestricted funds and £6,703,135 (2015 - *£6,236,469*) was was to restricted funds.

9. Charitable activities

	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Direct costs - educational operations		
Wages and salaries	**3,288,561**	3,494,109
National insurance	**287,816**	272,506
Pension cost	**887,834**	628,723
Depreciation	**319,235**	280,978
Educational supplies	**330,006**	318,699
Examination fees	**136,233**	224,216
Staff development	**60,623**	38,330
Other direct costs	**2,132**	26,439
Transport	**438,717**	155,458
	5,751,157	5,439,458
Support costs - educational operations		
Wages and salaries	**618,862**	636,868
National insurance	**38,799**	36,929
Pension cost	**108,695**	108,009
Educational supplies	**186,091**	131,193
Technology cost	**23,447**	17,673
Catering costs	**169,675**	168,366
Maintenance of premises	**121,673**	126,174
Cleaning	**8,229**	8,668
Rates	**25,988**	21,909
Water rates	**23,122**	19,586
Energy	**140,183**	144,681
Insurance	**35,159**	66,014
Other support cost	**60,545**	26,497
Other occupancy cost	**7,769**	6,775
Governance costs	**52,758**	67,905
	1,620,995	1,587,247
	7,372,152	7,026,705

10. Net incoming resources/(resources expended)

This is stated after charging:

	2016 £	2015 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charitable group	**319,235**	280,978
Auditors' remuneration - audit	**6,875**	6,875

11. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Wages and salaries	**3,994,976**	4,268,335
Social security costs	**331,050**	313,321
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**1,010,857**	751,710
	5,336,883	5,333,366
Supply teacher costs	**73,145**	25,230
	5,410,028	5,358,596

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

	2016 No.	2015 No.
Administration	**17**	17
Catering	**7**	7
Cleaners	**11**	11
Education support	**29**	28
Swimming pool	**9**	9
Premises	**4**	5
Nursery	**10**	9
Teachers	**74**	79
Tutors	**9**	8
	170	173

Average headcount expressed as a full time equivalent:

	2016 No.	2015 No.
Teachers	**63**	68
Adminstration and support	**64**	65
Management	**11**	4
	138	137

11. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2016 No.	2015 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	**1**	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**0**	1
In the band £100,001 - £200,000	**1**	0

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 2. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £858,973 (2015 - £763,975).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and other staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as Trustees, The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2016 £	2015 £
Christopher Parkinson (Principal and Trustee)	Remuneration	**100,000-105,000**	90,000-95,000
	Pension contributions paid	**15,000-20,000**	10,000-15,000
Jason Scrimshire, (Staff Trustee)	Remuneration	**40,000-45,000**	40,000-45,000
	Pension contributions paid	**5,000-10,000**	5,000-10,000
Matthew Dover, (Staff Trustee)	Remuneration	**40,000-45,000**	40,000-45,000
	Pension contributions paid	**5,000-10,000**	5,000-10,000
Nicole Foxall, (Staff Trustee)	Remuneration	**-**	10,000-15,000
	Pension contributions paid	**-**	-
Robert Chamberlain, Staff Trustee	Remuneration	**5,000-10,000**	-
	Pension contributions paid	**0-5,000**	-

During the Year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2015 - £NIL).
During the Year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2015 - £NIL).

13. Trustees' and Officers' Insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

14. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Academy	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 September 2015	**10,571,583**	**10,000**	**14,300**	**529,569**	**414,988**	**11,540,440**
Additions	**392,682**	**-**	**-**	**42,504**	**61,461**	**496,647**
At 31 August 2016	**10,964,265**	**10,000**	**14,300**	**572,073**	**476,449**	**12,037,087**
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2015	**463,812**	**7,042**	**4,453**	**183,224**	**199,770**	**858,301**
Charge for the Year	**150,745**	**2,000**	**2,860**	**56,782**	**107,287**	**319,674**
At 31 August 2016	**614,557**	**9,042**	**7,313**	**240,006**	**307,057**	**1,177,975**
Net book value						
At 31 August 2016	**10,349,708**	**958**	**6,987**	**332,067**	**169,392**	**10,859,112**
At 31 August 2015	10,107,771	2,958	9,847	346,345	215,218	10,682,139

Included in land and buildings is freehold land at cost of £3,263,400 (2015 - £3,263,400) which is not depreciated.

15. Fixed asset investments

Academy	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	**1**

16. Principal subsidiaries

Company name	Country	Percentage Shareholding	Description
BA Services (Bosworth Academy) Limited	England and Wales	100	provision of nusery services and the letting of sports and leisure facilties

17. Debtors

	Group		Academy	
	2016	2015	**2016**	2015
	£	£	**£**	£
Trade debtors	**23,716**	44,394	**7,636**	16,276
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	-	**171,513**	121,036
Other debtors	**78,322**	371	**74,736**	371
Prepayments and accrued income	**66,030**	56,888	**66,030**	56,138
	168,068	101,653	**319,915**	193,821

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Academy	
	2016	2015	**2016**	2015
	£	£	**£**	£
Trade creditors	**168,739**	11,109	**166,505**	7,595
Other taxation and social security	**99,416**	122,126	**99,416**	118,581
Other creditors	**87,503**	133,156	**85,733**	77,614
Accruals and deferred income	**289,779**	323,969	**288,104**	322,602
	645,437	590,360	**639,758**	526,392

	Group		Academy	
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Deferred income				
Deferred income at 1 September 2015	**315,728**	**24,716**	**315,728**	**24,716**
Resources deferred during the year	**257,943**	**315,728**	**257,943**	**315,728**
Amounts released from previous years	**(315,728)**	**(24,716)**	**(315,728)**	**(24,716)**
Deferred income at 31 August 2016	**257,943**	**315,728**	**257,943**	**315,728**

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for trips occuring in the autumn term 2016 along with capital grants for work not yet completed.

19. Statement of funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (losses) £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds	681,870	1,042,262	(884,348)	(71,461)	-	768,323
Restricted General funds						
General Annual Grant	814,709	4,852,906	(5,654,780)	-	-	12,835
Academy Bursary Funding	-	37,831	(37,831)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	128,759	(128,759)	-	-	-
Other DfE/EFA Grants	-	118,150	(118,150)	-	-	-
Higher Level Needs Funding	-	51,945	(51,945)	-	-	-
Other Restricted Income	-	29,435	(29,435)	-	-	-
Pension Reserve	(2,116,000)	-	(363,000)	-	(292,000)	(2,771,000)
	(1,301,291)	5,219,026	(6,383,900)	-	(292,000)	(2,758,165)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Gift from Local Authority	10,041,146	-	(209,596)	(322,669)	-	9,508,881
DfE/EFA Grant	640,993	424,747	(109,639)	394,130	-	1,350,231
	10,682,139	424,747	(319,235)	71,461	-	10,859,112
Total restricted funds	9,380,848	5,643,773	(6,703,135)	71,461	(292,000)	8,100,947
Total of funds	10,062,718	6,686,035	(7,587,483)	-	(292,000)	8,869,270

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

Restricted general funds

This fund represents grants and other income received for the Academy's operational activities and development.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve included within restricted general funds represents the Academy's share of the pension liability arising on the LGPS pension fund.

19. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted fixed asset funds

This fund represents grants received from the DfE and EFA to carry out works of a capital nature.

Transfers

A transfer of £71,461 has been made from the unrestricted general fund to the restricted fixed asset fund to purchase additions in the year.

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	**10,859,112**	**10,859,112**	10,682,139
Current assets	**790,371**	**402,840**	**233,384**	**1,426,595**	2,086,939
Creditors due within one year	**(22,048)**	**(390,005)**	**(233,384)**	**(645,437)**	(590,360)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	**(2,771,000)**	-	**(2,771,000)**	(2,116,000)
	768,323	**(2,758,165)**	**10,859,112**	**8,869,270**	10,062,718

21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2016 £	2015 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per Statement of financial activities)	**(901,448)**	603,182
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	**319,673**	280,962
Gains on disposal of heritage asset	-	(212,433)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(66,415)**	48,729
Increase in creditors	**55,079**	353,753
Capital grants	**(424,747)**	(501,260)
FRS 102 adjustment	**363,000**	120,000
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	**(654,858)**	692,933

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2016 £	2015 £
Cash in hand	**1,258,527**	1,985,286
Total	**1,258,527**	1,985,286

23. Capital commitments

At 31 August 2016 the group and Academy had capital commitments as follows:

	Group		Academy	
	2016 £	2015 £	**2016 £**	2015 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	**238,076**	284,684	**238,076**	284,684

24. Pension commitments

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2013.

Contributions amounting to £83,275 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2016 (2015 - 76,313) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £456,341 (2015 - £*399,568*).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website

24. Pension commitments (continued)

(www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx).

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the Year ended 31 August 2016 was £248,877 (2015 - £*246,174*), of which employer's contributions totalled £191,516 (2015 - £*188,653*) and employees' contributions totalled £57,361 (2015 - £*57,521*). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 21.8% for employers and 5.5%-7.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.
Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2016	2015
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	**2.10 %**	3.80 %
Rate of increase in salaries	**3.10 %**	4.60 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	**2.10 %**	2.70 %

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

	2016	2015
Retiring today		
Males	**22.2**	22.2
Females	**24.3**	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	**24.2**	24.2
Females	**26.6**	26.6

24. Pension commitments (continued)

The group's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	Fair value at 31 August 2016 £	Fair value at 31 August 2015 £
Equities	**1,722,240**	1,146,000
Bond	**430,560**	365,000
Property	**215,280**	23,920
Cash	**23,920**	35,000
Total market value of assets	**2,392,000**	1,569,920

The actual return on scheme assets was £2,392,000 (2015 - £*1,737,000*).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Current service cost	**282,000**	261,000
Interest cost	**152,000**	134,000
Total	**434,000**	395,000

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

	2016 £	2015 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	**3,853,000**	3,475,000
Interest cost	**282,000**	261,000
Interest costs	**152,000**	134,000
Contributions by members	**57,000**	57,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	**843,000**	(51,000)
Estimated benefits paid	**(24,000)**	(23,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	**5,163,000**	3,853,000

24. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2016 £	2015 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	**1,737,000**	1,452,000
Expected return on Assets	**328,000**	86,000
Contributions by Members	**57,000**	57,000
Contributions by employer	**223,000**	189,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	**23,000**	(24,000)
Estimated benefits paid	**24,000**	(23,000)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	**2,392,000**	1,737,000

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2016 the total of the group's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

Group	2016 £	2015 £
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	**1,303**	14,720
Between 1 and 5 years	**-**	1,303
Total	**1,303**	16,023

26. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

No related party transactions took place in the year of account.

The Academy is exempt from the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" to disclose transactions with its subsidiary company

27. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the Academy is the Board of Members.

28. Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

29. First time adoption of FRS 102

It is the first year that the Academy Trust has presented its financial statements under SORP 2015 and FRS 102. The following disclosures are required in the year of transition. The last financial statements prepared under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 August 2015 and the date of transition to FRS 102 and SORP 2015 was therefore 1 September 2014. As a consequence of adopting FRS 102 and SORP 2015, a number of accounting policies have changed to comply with those standards.

The policies applied under the Academy's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds or net income/expenditure.