

**The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts  
Unaudited Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

## 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 authority 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's Report, however, the individual members are not Trustees of the charitable trusts.

### 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 but are consolidated in the The City of Edinburgh Council Group Accounts.

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## Trustee's Annual Report 2024/25

The Trustee presents the Annual Report and Accounts of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts for the year ending 31 March 2025. 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 (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, including the accounts of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds, which up until 2023/24 were prepared separately.

### 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 the charity Trustee. Risk management is covered as part of the Council's general risk management procedures. The Council is currently in the process of conducting a review of its administration of Trusts.

The **Committee on the Jean F. Watson Bequest** 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."

### Responsibilities of the Trustee

Charity law requires the charity Trustee 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.
2. 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; and
  - 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. Consideration by the charity Trustee of financial results and non-financial performance indicators;
3. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties; and
4. 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 2024/25

### Objectives and Activities

Details of the charitable purposes of the charities as at 31 March 2025 are as follows:

| Official Name ( <i>Name Used in Accounts</i> )                                                  | Scottish Charity Registration Number | Purpose                                                                                   | Market Value at 31/3/25 £'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Miss Jean Fletcher Watson Bequest</b><br>( <i>Jean F. Watson</i> )                           | <b>SC018971</b>                      | The purchase of works of art by artists who have connections with the city                | <b>1,652</b>                  |
| <b>The Edinburgh Education Trust</b><br>( <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i> )                    | <b>SC042754</b>                      | To fund activities to support Looked after Children and school prizes                     | <b>1,343</b>                  |
| <b>City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds</b> ( <i>Boyd Anderson</i> )                      | <b>SC025067</b>                      | Provision of outdoor education and skiing opportunities                                   | <b>88</b>                     |
| <b>Nelson Halls Trust</b><br>( <i>Nelson Halls</i> )                                            | <b>SC018946</b>                      | Maintenance of the four "Nelson Halls" in Edinburgh to provide reading rooms for the poor | <b>9,585</b>                  |
| <b>Lauriston Castle Trust</b><br>( <i>Lauriston Castle</i> )                                    | <b>SC020737</b>                      | To make the artefacts and buildings available to be viewed by the public                  | <b>12,968</b>                 |
| <b>Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) Monument Trust Fund</b><br>( <i>The Royal Scots Trust</i> ) | <b>SC018945</b>                      | Maintenance of the Royal Scots Monument                                                   | <b>35</b>                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                           | <b>25,671</b>                 |

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

Jean F. Watson purchased artwork totalling £38,040 during the financial year (£81,060 2023/24), with funding of £15,925 (£2,530 2023/24) provided to contribute towards these purchases, as set out in Notes 2 and 5.

The Edinburgh Education Trust funded £2,100 of activities for looked after children (£2,000 2023/24) and £800 of school prizes (£1,300 2023/24). Unused funds from the year will be rolled forward into the new year.

The Nelson Halls Trust dates back to 1892 and relates "to the provision of reading rooms for the working class and others". There are four Nelson Halls across the city, located in Dundee Street, McDonald Road, Hamilton Place and St Leonard's Street respectively. These buildings are currently primarily used as public libraries, with the building at St Leonard's Street used as a community centre. The interest received in 2024/25 was used to cover a small element of the running costs.

Lauriston Castle is open to the public with the interest received in 2024/25 used to cover a small element of the running costs. On 20 June 2023, the Finance and Resources Committee approved to apply to the Court of Session to use its exceptional power – the *nobile officium* – to wind up Lauriston Castle Trust and transfer ownership of the asset, including the castle, grounds and collection, to the City of Edinburgh Council, which is in progress.

For The Royal Scots Trust, the monument was erected to commemorate the past services of The Royal Scots. The interest received in 2024/25 was used to cover a small element of the running costs.

The funds comprising the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds represent the residual sums established from the estate of the late George Boyd Anderson. These funds are to be expended for projects concerned with the development of skiing instruction at Hillend, Edinburgh and in the Cairngorm area (in which the Lagganlia Centre for Outdoor Education is located).

At the **14 January 2016 Finance and Resources Committee**, it was agreed that £66,000 of the funds in the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds would be used to build a modular log cabin type classroom and storage space at Lagganlia.

Further to that, a proposal to use the remaining funds for the same purpose was approved by **Committee on 23 January 2018**. The funds will be transferred when the construction project at Lagganlia is completed. OSCR has granted consent to wind up the Trust and this will be progressed after the funds are transferred.

Up until 2023/24, separate accounts were prepared for the Charitable Funds using a break-up basis of accounting, but given the length of time it is taking to complete the construction project at Lagganlia, a decision has been made to include the Charitable Funds accounts in the collective accounts of The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts, which are prepared on the going concern basis, as further explained in Note 1 (b). The prior year accounts have been restated as detailed in Note 13.

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### Achievements and Performance

#### Financial Investments Performance

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

#### Charibond Charities Fixed Interest Fund

The investment held in Charibond is 20% of the total Trusts' investments.

Charibond recorded a total return of 2.34% over the 12 months to March 2025. The 50% ICE Bofaml 1-15 Gilt Index & 50% ICE Bofaml Non-Gilt Index - a composite index of UK Gilt and non-Gilt, returned 2.58% over the same period.

The single year performance for the last five years ending 31 March is outlined in the table below;

|                  | 2025 | 2024 | 2023  | 2022  | 2021 |
|------------------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Charibond</b> | 2.3% | 4.6% | -5.0% | -2.6% | 3.3% |

The fund invests mainly in UK government bonds (gilts) and high quality, sterling-denominated corporate bonds. In terms of its overall positioning, the fund favoured holding a mix of these assets throughout the period, but maintained a bias towards shorter dated gilts within the fund's allocation to government bonds.

As at 31 March 2025, the distribution yield of the fund was 4.82%. For comparison, on 31 March 2024, the fund's distribution yield was 3.62%.

#### COIF Charities Investment Fund

Investment held in COIF Charities Investment Fund is 80% of the total Trusts' investments.

The single year total return performance (net of expenses) for the COIF Charities Investment Fund for the 12 months to end March is outlined in the table below;

|                   | 2025  | 2024  | 2023  | 2022  | 2021  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Fund</b>       | -2.0% | 12.2% | -0.9% | 11.6% | 24.3% |
| <b>Comparator</b> | 4.1%  | 16.7% | -3.9% | 11.8% | 23.0% |

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

|                          | 1 year | 3 years<br>p.a. | 5 years<br>p.a. |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Fund</b>              | -2.0%  | 2.9%            | 8.6%            |
| <b>Peer Group</b>        | 3.3%   | 2.7%            | 7.7%            |
| <b>Market Comparator</b> | 4.1%   | 5.3%            | 9.9%            |

The Peer Group measure represents the total returns reported for the ARC Charities Steady Growth Index.

The market comparator, which is not a target or a constraining benchmark, is intended to help investors understand the effects of the Fund's active management in different market circumstances, and to see how the Fund's returns vary in the shorter term from those that might be experienced by a more passive investor. The current market comparator, in summary, is 45% overseas equities, 30% UK equities, 15% UK bonds (gilts), 5% property & 5% 7-day London Interbank Bid Rate.

As at 31 March 2025 the actual holdings in the COIF Charities Investment Fund were; 57% overseas equities, 7% Infrastructure & Operating Assets, 10% Fixed interest (gilts), 8% UK Equities, 5% property, 5% in Private Equity & Other, 2% in Contractual & Other income and 7% in Cash. The overseas equities are split as follows: - North America 39%, Europe 15%, Pacific Ex. Japan 2%, Japan 1%, Other 1%.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide real long-term growth in capital and income from a portfolio managed within a clear and consistent risk framework.

The forecast annual income for 2025/26 from the COIF Charities Investment Fund is £67,123, which represents an income yield of around 2.94% based on the current market value of investments.

## Trustee's Annual Report 2024/25

### Financial Review

The financial statements present the financial position of the Trusts for the year ended 31 March 2025. This section describes briefly the key points of each statement. Financial statements and notes have been rounded to the nearest thousand, and as such, are subject to rounding differences. All of the unrestricted funds of the charities are general and not designated.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the total income to be £585,000 in 2024/25 (2023/24 £452,000 restated). This increase in income is primarily due to an increased need for support funding from the City of Edinburgh Council compared to the prior year, in addition to the increase in the distribution yield of the investment funds. An analysis of income is available in Note 2.

The expenditure in the year is higher than last year at £498,000 compared to £378,000 (restated) in the prior year. 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 operating and ground maintenance costs.

The Balance Sheet Statement shows the fixed asset investments have decreased to £2.635m from £2.755m. This decrease is as a result of a net loss in the market valuation of the investments at the end of the first quarter of 2025. Movements on the valuation of the investments are further analysed in Notes 7, 16 and 17.

Lauriston Castle buildings and grounds were fully revalued in 2023/24, and a full valuation of the Nelson Halls properties was carried out in 2022/23. For 2024/25, the buildings element of these assets was valued using the depreciated replacement cost method at a rate of 3.00%. This increased the asset value of Lauriston Castle buildings and grounds by £0.364m and increased the asset value of Nelson Halls properties by £0.212m. Further details are available in Notes 1g, 5, 6, and 16.

The collections held in Jean F. Watson and Lauriston Castle Trusts have been recognised at zero in the balance sheet, as there are no current valuations to reliably place a value on these items, except for the acquisitions to the Jean F. Watson collection since 2015, where actual cost information is available and they are recognised at historic cost. The Trustee's opinion is that the cost of obtaining a valuation for these collections is not commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts. The costs to maintain existing collections are charged to the statement of financial activity when they are incurred. Further details are provided in Notes 1g, 5, and 6.

The net movement in cash, which is further analysed in the Cash Flow Statement, is £50,000 increase (£3,000 decrease in 2023/24 as restated). The detail of the breakdown per Trust of the £31,000 owed by the Trusts as at 31 March 2025 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 **17 March 2016 Finance and Resources Committee**.

The annual income for the Edinburgh Education Trust averages around £39,000. 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 and to pay for any expenses of administering the Trust. Any unused income in the year remains within the Trust's bank account. Based on concerns raised by auditors regarding the small amount disbursed from the funds each year and the interests from council members to increase the use of the funds, there is on-going work intended to raise awareness and encourage applications for available funds. The Trust has total funds of £1,343,000 and a breakdown of the funds is included within Note 17 of the Accounts.

The annual income for Jean F. Watson averages around £64,000 in the last two years. 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 Trust's bank account. The Trust has total funds of £1,652,000 and a breakdown of the funds is included within Note 17 of the Accounts.

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### Financial Review - continued

The annual income for Nelson Halls averages around £82,000, including the funding from the City of Edinburgh Council to support operating cost. This income is mainly used to fund the operating and maintenance costs of the Halls. The Trust has total funds of £9,585,000 and a breakdown of the funds is included within Note 17 of the Accounts.

The annual income for Lauriston Castle averages around £304,000, including the funding from the City of Edinburgh Council to support operating costs. This income is mainly used to fund the operating and maintenance costs of the Castle. The Trust has total funds of £12,968,000 and a breakdown of the funds is included within Note 17 of the Accounts. Cash will be available to fund liabilities as they fall due.

The annual income for The Royal Scots Trust averages around £26,000, including the funding from the City of Edinburgh Council to support maintenance costs. This income is mainly used to fund the cost of maintaining the Monument. The Trust has total funds of £35,000 and a breakdown of the funds is included within Note 17 of the Accounts.

The total support funding from the City of Edinburgh Council across the Trusts in the year is £420,684 (2023/24 £309,657).

The Heritage Assets, excluding Jean F. Watson collections, 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.

### Plans for Future Period

The strategy to radically restructure the Charitable Trusts by a combination of: transfers to suitable external charities; consolidation; and expenditure of capital is almost complete.

The full disbursement of the remaining funds of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds, which has been approved by Committee, will be done after the completion of the construction project at Lagganlia.

On 20 June 2023, the Finance and Resources Committee approved to apply to the Court of Session to use its exceptional power – the *nobile officium* – to wind up Lauriston Castle Trust and transfer ownership of the asset, including the castle, grounds and collection, to the City of Edinburgh Council. The Council has lodged this petition with the court. It is expected that the process and, subsequently, the transfer of asset will be completed by March 2026. The underlying basis of this application is that the Council will continue to operate the Castle and its grounds in accordance with the Trust deeds and, as such, rather than adopting a break-up basis of accounting, a going concern basis has been used within these financial statements. There is no material difference to the figures presented as a result of adoption of this treatment.

A forecast will be prepared in 2025/26 to ensure relevant Council officers and the Trustee are aware of the likely money available in 2025/26 to enable longer-term planning.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustee of the charities:**

**Councillor Mandy Watt**

**Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee**

**Date:**

**The other members of the Finance and Resources Committee as at 31 March 2025 are outlined below:**

Councillor Adam Nols-McVey  
Councillor Alex Staniforth  
Councillor Claire Miller  
Councillor Conor Savage  
Councillor Lewis Younie  
Councillor Max Mitchell  
Councillor Neil Ross  
Councillor Phil Daggart  
Councillor Stuart Dobbin  
Councillor Vicky Nicolson

**Members of the Committee on Jean F. Watson Bequest as at 31 March 2025:**

the late Councillor Val Walker (*Convener*)  
Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan  
Councillor Catherine Fullerton  
Councillor Dan Heap  
Councillor Edward Thornley  
Councillor Hal Osler  
Councillor Jane Meagher  
Councillor Tim Jones

The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 March 2025

|                                             |      | 2024/25               |                    |                | Restated<br>2023/24   |                    |                |
|---------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                                             | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds | Total<br>funds | Unrestricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds | Total<br>funds |
|                                             |      | £'000                 | £'000              | £'000          | £'000                 | £'000              | £'000          |
| <b>Income and Endowments</b>                |      |                       |                    |                |                       |                    |                |
| <b>from:</b>                                |      |                       |                    |                |                       |                    |                |
| <i>Charitable activities</i>                | 2    | 16                    | -                  | 16             | 22                    | -                  | 22             |
| <i>Investments</i>                          | 2    | 99                    | -                  | 99             | 87                    | -                  | 87             |
| <i>Donations and Legacies</i>               | 2    | 431                   | -                  | 431            | 310                   | -                  | 310            |
| <i>Other trading activities</i>             | 2    | 39                    | -                  | 39             | 33                    | -                  | 33             |
| <b>Total</b>                                |      | <b>585</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>585</b>     | <b>452</b>            | <b>-</b>           | <b>452</b>     |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                      |      |                       |                    |                |                       |                    |                |
| <i>Charitable activities</i>                | 3    | (474)                 | -                  | (474)          | (355)                 | -                  | (355)          |
| <i>Governance costs</i>                     | 3, 4 | (24)                  | -                  | (24)           | (23)                  | -                  | (23)           |
| <b>Total</b>                                |      | <b>(498)</b>          | <b>-</b>           | <b>(498)</b>   | <b>(378)</b>          | <b>-</b>           | <b>(378)</b>   |
| <i>Net gains / (losses) on investments</i>  | 7    | -                     | (120)              | (120)          | -                     | 201                | 201            |
| <b>Total</b>                                |      | <b>-</b>              | <b>(120)</b>       | <b>(120)</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>201</b>         | <b>201</b>     |
| <b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>           |      | <b>87</b>             | <b>(120)</b>       | <b>(34)</b>    | <b>74</b>             | <b>201</b>         | <b>275</b>     |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>              |      | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>       |
| <b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>     |      |                       |                    |                |                       |                    |                |
| <i>Gains on revaluation of fixed assets</i> | 16   | -                     | 576                | 576            | -                     | 10,375             | 10,375         |
| <b>Total</b>                                |      | <b>-</b>              | <b>576</b>         | <b>576</b>     | <b>-</b>              | <b>10,375</b>      | <b>10,375</b>  |
| <b>Net movement in funds:</b>               |      |                       |                    |                |                       |                    |                |
| Increase/ (Decrease)                        |      | 87                    | 456                | 543            | 74                    | 10,576             | 10,650         |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>              |      |                       |                    |                |                       |                    |                |
| <i>Total funds brought forward</i>          |      | 711                   | 24,417             | 25,128         | 637                   | 13,841             | 14,478         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>          | 17   | <b>798</b>            | <b>24,873</b>      | <b>25,671</b>  | <b>711</b>            | <b>24,417</b>      | <b>25,128</b>  |



**The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

|                                      |      | 2024/25                        |                             |                         | Restated<br>2023/24            |                             |                         |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                      | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£'000 | Endowment<br>funds<br>£'000 | Total<br>funds<br>£'000 | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£'000 | Endowment<br>funds<br>£'000 | Total<br>funds<br>£'000 |
| <b>Fixed Assets:</b>                 |      |                                |                             |                         |                                |                             |                         |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Cost</i>       | 5    | 323                            | 1                           | 324                     | 285                            | 1                           | 286                     |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Valuation</i>  | 5    | -                              | 22,237                      | 22,237                  | -                              | 21,661                      | 21,661                  |
| <i>Investments</i>                   | 7    | -                              | 2,635                       | 2,635                   | -                              | 2,755                       | 2,755                   |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i>            |      | 323                            | 24,873                      | 25,196                  | 285                            | 24,417                      | 24,702                  |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>               |      |                                |                             |                         |                                |                             |                         |
| <i>Cash at Bank</i>                  | 8    | 489                            | -                           | 489                     | 439                            | -                           | 439                     |
| <i>Debtors</i>                       | 9    | 16                             | -                           | 16                      | 16                             | -                           | 16                      |
| <i>Total current assets</i>          |      | 505                            | -                           | 505                     | 455                            | -                           | 455                     |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                  |      |                                |                             |                         |                                |                             |                         |
| <i>Creditors due within one year</i> | 10   | (31)                           | -                           | (31)                    | (30)                           | -                           | (30)                    |
| <i>Total Liabilities</i>             |      | (31)                           | -                           | (31)                    | (30)                           | -                           | (30)                    |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>            |      | 475                            | -                           | 475                     | 425                            | -                           | 425                     |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>              |      | 798                            | 24,873                      | 25,671                  | 711                            | 24,417                      | 25,128                  |
| <b>The funds of the charity:</b>     |      |                                |                             |                         |                                |                             |                         |
| <i>Unrestricted Funds</i>            | 17   | 798                            | -                           | 798                     | 711                            | -                           | 711                     |
| <i>Endowment Funds</i>               | 17   | -                              | 4,409                       | 4,409                   | -                              | 4,409                       | 4,409                   |
| <i>Revaluation Reserve</i>           | 17   | -                              | 19,815                      | 19,815                  | -                              | 19,239                      | 19,239                  |
| <i>Investments Value Adjustment</i>  | 17   | -                              | 649                         | 649                     | -                              | 769                         | 769                     |
| <b>Total Charity Funds</b>           |      | 798                            | 24,873                      | 25,671                  | 711                            | 24,417                      | 25,128                  |

The Unaudited accounts were issued on 30 June 2025.

**Signed on behalf of the charity Trustee:**

**Councillor Mandy Watt**  
**Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee**

**Date:**

**The City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts**  
**Cash Flow Statement**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

| As at 31 March 2025                                     |               | Restated      |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
|                                                         | 31 March 2025 | 31 March 2024 |          |
|                                                         | £'000         | £'000         | £'000    |
| Operating Activities                                    |               |               |          |
| Dividend Income and Interest received (Note 2)          | (79)          |               | (68)     |
| Receipt of Prior Year Accrued Interest (Note 2)         | (16)          |               | (16)     |
| Donations & Grant Income for Purchase of Art (Note 2)   | (26)          |               | (22)     |
| Cash inflows generated from operating activities        |               | (121)         | (106)    |
| Cash paid to Schools and Pupils (Note 3)                | 3             |               | 2        |
| Cash paid for Purchase of Art (Note 5)                  | 38            |               | 81       |
| Cash paid to the Council                                | 30            |               | 26       |
| Cash outflows generated from operating activities       |               | 71            | 109      |
| Net cash (inflows) / outflows from operating activities |               | (50)          | 3        |
| Net cash flows from investing activities                |               | -             | -        |
| Net cash flows from financing activities                |               | -             | -        |
| Net (increase) / decrease in cash and cash equivalents  |               | (50)          | 3        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April (Note 8)           | 439           |               | 442      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March (Note 8)          | 489           |               | 439      |
| Net (increase) / decrease in cash and cash equivalents  |               | (50)          | 3        |
| Analysis of changes in Net Debt                         |               |               |          |
|                                                         | Restated      | Net Cash      | Non-Cash |
|                                                         | 1 April       | Flows         | Changes  |
|                                                         | 2024          |               |          |
|                                                         | £'000         | £'000         | £'000    |
|                                                         | £             | £             | £        |
| Cash at Bank                                            | 439           | 50            | -        |
| Total Funds                                             | 439           | 50            | -        |
|                                                         |               |               | 489      |

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The 2024/25 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 2019) - 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).

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

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the total income from and expenditure of running and maintaining Lauriston Castle, Nelson Halls and The Royal Scots Monument. This includes the support funding from the City of Edinburgh Council towards the operating and maintenance costs of these assets.

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 (m).

**b) Going Concern Policy**

The financial statements for the six Trusts are prepared on the going concern basis. The Trustee is of the opinion these trusts are a going concern from reviewing activities undertaken, based on expected expenditure commitments in the 12 months following the signing of these financial statements. Going concern basis is still considered appropriate for Lauriston Castle Trust since its resources are to be transferred to the Council and the activities of the Trust will continue.

**c) 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.

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, subject to Finance and Resources Committee approval.

**d) 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.

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**e) Grant and other 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 reliably. Such income is deferred when the charitable trust has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it. Sums generated by the direct activities of the Trusts are included as other trading activities income, subject to the conditions above. In-kind support from the Council, equal to the net operating cost of the Trusts during the year after consideration of this income and income from investments, is included within income from donations and legacies.

**f) Expenditure**

Expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis and includes sums incurred by the Council in the furtherance of the Trusts' activities.

**g) Heritage assets and depreciation**

Heritage assets are defined as tangible assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical, or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. Heritage assets are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value; hence it is not considered appropriate to charge depreciation. Information on the valuation of Heritage Assets is noted below.

The Trusts' collections include paintings, ceramics, textiles, silverware, clocks, books and furniture. These collections are managed by the Council's curatorial team on the Trusts' behalf and are preserved within the Council's or the Trusts' facilities if not on display. The Trustee's opinion is that the cost of obtaining a valuation for these collections is not commensurate with the benefit to the users of the accounts. The Trusts, therefore, have recognised these collections at zero in the balance sheet, with the exception of acquisitions since 2015 to the Jean F. Watson collection where reliable cost information is available. Jean F. Watson collection items acquired since 2015 have been recognised at historic cost in the balance sheet. The costs to maintain existing collections are charged to the statement of financial activity when they are incurred.

Heritage Assets recognised on the Trusts balance sheet are in two groups: Heritage Asset at cost and Heritage Assets at valuation.

Heritage Assets at cost comprises the Jean F. Watson collection, for acquisitions since 2015, and The Royal Scots Monument. The collection and the monument are maintained and reviewed for impairment each year by Council officers. These assets are carried at historic cost subject to any impairment as detailed in Notes 5 and 6.

Heritage Assets at Valuation are separated in two sub-groups; Heritage Land & Buildings and Operational Heritage Assets.

Heritage Land & Buildings comprise Lauriston Castle buildings and grounds, while Operational Heritage Assets are the Nelson Halls buildings. These assets are managed by Council officers on the Trusts' behalf and are revalued on a 5-year rolling programme or at the date of a material change if sooner as part of the annual impairment review carried out by the Council's estates team. These assets are stated in the accounts at a revalued amount as detailed in Notes 5 and 6.

**h) 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.

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**1 Accounting policies - continued**

**i) 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.

**j) 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.

**k) Cash and cash equivalents**

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

**l) 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.

**m) 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 material accounting judgements required in preparing these accounts. The Trustees are satisfied that accounting policies are appropriate and applied consistently.

The reported operating cost for Lauriston Castle incorporates time-based estimates of curatorial and management costs where relevant Council officers also have responsibility for other Council-operated venues. An estimate of gardening costs, comprising employee and associated materials expenditure, is also included.

The reported expenditure for The Royal Scots Monument is based on the estimated cost, as originally provided by Parks and Greenspace services and adjusted for inflation, for maintaining the specific grounds where the monument is sited.

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|                                                          | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>Restated<br/>2023/24</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                          | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>£'000</b>                |
| <b>2 Analysis of Income</b>                              |                |                             |
| <i>Dividend income - received</i>                        | 83             | 71                          |
| <i>Dividend income - accrued</i>                         | 16             | 16                          |
| <i>Jean F. Watson grant received for purchase of art</i> | 16             | 22                          |
| <i>Donations and Legacies</i>                            | 431            | 310                         |
| <i>Other trading activities</i>                          | 39             | 33                          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                      | <b>585</b>     | <b>452</b>                  |

|                                                           | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>Restated<br/>2023/24</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                           | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>£'000</b>                |
| <b>3 Analysis of Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b> |                |                             |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust - Grants to Individuals</i>  | (1)            | (1)                         |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust - Grants to Schools</i>      | (2)            | (2)                         |
| <i>Lauriston Castle - Operating cost</i>                  | (352)          | (255)                       |
| <i>Nelson Halls - Operating cost</i>                      | (93)           | (72)                        |
| <i>The Royal Scots Trusts - Operating cost</i>            | (26)           | (25)                        |
|                                                           | <b>(474)</b>   | <b>(355)</b>                |
| <i>Allocation of Governance and support costs</i>         | (24)           | (23)                        |
| <b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>         | <b>(498)</b>   | <b>(378)</b>                |

There was no expenditure incurred on raising funds in 2024/25. (£nil 2023/24)

|                                                   | <b>Support</b> | <b>Governance</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                                   | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>£'000</b>      | <b>£'000</b> |
| <b>4 Analysis of Governance and Support Costs</b> |                |                   |              |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i>                  | (6)            | (4)               | (10)         |
| <i>Charitable Funds</i>                           | (3)            | (2)               | (5)          |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>                             | (5)            | (3)               | (8)          |
| <i>Others</i>                                     | -              | (1)               | (1)          |
| <b>Total Support Costs</b>                        | <b>(14)</b>    | <b>(10)</b>       | <b>(24)</b>  |

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

The Trustee received no remuneration or expenses during the year ending 31 March 2025 (£nil 2023/24). There are no employees of the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Trusts.

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**5 Heritage Assets**

**5 (i) Heritage Assets at Cost**

|                                            | <b>Jean F. Watson<br/>Collection<br/>2024/25<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Jean F. Watson<br/>Collection<br/>2023/24<br/>£'000</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Balance brought forward at 1 April</i>  | 285                                                        | 204                                                        |
| <i>Additions</i>                           | 38                                                         | 81                                                         |
| <i>Disposals</i>                           | -                                                          | -                                                          |
| <i>Impairment</i>                          | -                                                          | -                                                          |
| <i>Balance carried forward at 31 March</i> | <u>323</u>                                                 | <u>285</u>                                                 |

  

|                                            | <b>Royal Scots<br/>Monument<br/>2024/25<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Royal Scots<br/>Monument<br/>2023/24<br/>£'000</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Balance brought forward at 1 April</i>  | 1                                                     | 1                                                     |
| <i>Additions</i>                           | -                                                     | -                                                     |
| <i>Disposals</i>                           | -                                                     | -                                                     |
| <i>Impairment</i>                          | -                                                     | -                                                     |
| <i>Balance carried forward at 31 March</i> | <u>1</u>                                              | <u>1</u>                                              |
| <i>Total</i>                               | <u>324</u>                                            | <u>286</u>                                            |

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 and craftspeople born, practising in, or otherwise associated with Scotland, and in particular Edinburgh. The collection includes paintings, ceramics, textiles and silverware. 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 2024/25 per the list below and no disposals.

Towards St James and Calton Hill by Robbie Bushe, King Kenneth II (c.1633) by George Jamesone, An early 18th century apple form silver tea pot by Colin Campbell, A set of three octagonal George II silver casters by Edward Penman were purchased.

Lauriston Castle, sited near Cramond in the North-West of Edinburgh, was left to the Nation by its last owners, Mr and Mrs Reid. The building dates from the 16th century, with extensive alterations in the 19th century. Lauriston Castle extensive collections, assembled by the Reids, include rare Southern Italian and Dutch furniture, collection of Blue John ornaments, Crossley Wool mosaics, tapestries, ceramics, Sheffield Plate, silverware and a large library of books.

As set out in accounting policy 1 (g), the assets of the Lauriston Castle collection and the Jean F. Watson collection are recognised at zero in the balance sheet except for acquisitions made from 2015 for the Jean F. Watson collection, which have reliable costs information available.

The Jean F. Watson collection and The Royal Scots Monument are stated at cost subject to any impairment. There is no impairment to be reported for these assets in 2024/25 (£nil 2023/24).

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**5 Heritage Assets**

**5 (ii) Heritage Assets at Valuation**

|                                            | <b>Nelson Halls<br/>Buildings<br/>2024/25<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Nelson Halls<br/>Buildings<br/>2023/24<br/>£'000</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Balance brought forward at 1 April</i>  | 9,109                                                   | 8,883                                                   |
| <i>Additions</i>                           | -                                                       | -                                                       |
| <i>Disposals</i>                           | -                                                       | -                                                       |
| <i>Impairment</i>                          | -                                                       | -                                                       |
| <i>Revaluation</i>                         | 212                                                     | 226                                                     |
| <i>Balance carried forward at 31 March</i> | 9,321                                                   | 9,109                                                   |

  

|                                            | <b>Lauriston Castle<br/>Buildings &amp;<br/>Grounds<br/>2024/25<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Lauriston Castle<br/>Buildings &amp;<br/>Grounds<br/>2023/24<br/>£'000</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Balance brought forward at 1 April</i>  | 12,552                                                                        | 2,403                                                                         |
| <i>Additions</i>                           | -                                                                             | -                                                                             |
| <i>Disposals</i>                           | -                                                                             | -                                                                             |
| <i>Impairment</i>                          | -                                                                             | -                                                                             |
| <i>Revaluation</i>                         | 364                                                                           | 10,149                                                                        |
| <i>Balance carried forward at 31 March</i> | 12,916                                                                        | 12,552                                                                        |
| <i>Total</i>                               | 22,237                                                                        | 21,661                                                                        |

Nelson Halls properties and the Lauriston Castle buildings and grounds have been recently valued for the purposes of these accounts as stated in the Trustee's annual report with further details provided in Note 1 (g). However, since these assets did not have a full revaluation in 2024/25, using the BCIS build cost indices, an increase of 3.00% has been applied to the building value of the assets using a depreciated replacement cost approach.

Additional information on heritage assets can be found in the Trustee's Annual Report under Financial Review and in Note 1 (g), Accounting Policies, but there have been no acquisitions or disposals, except for those mentioned for Jean F. Watson in Note 5 (i) above.



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**6 Five-year Summary Analysis of Heritage Assets Transactions**

|                                     | 2024/25 | 2023/24 | 2022/23 | 2021/22 | 2020/21 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                     | £'000   | £'000   | £'000   | £'000   | £'000   |
| <b>Purchases</b>                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Cost</i>      | 38      | 81      | 14      | 37      | 18      |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Valuation</i> | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>Donations</b>                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Cost</i>      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Valuation</i> | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>Total additions</b>              | 38      | 81      | 14      | 37      | 18      |
| <b>Charge for impairment</b>        |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Cost</i>      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Valuation</i> | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>Total charge for impairment</b>  | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>Revaluation</b>                  |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Cost</i>      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| <i>Heritage Assets at Valuation</i> | -       | 10,375  | 3,422   | -       | -       |
| <b>Total Revaluation</b>            | -       | 10,375  | 3,422   | -       | -       |

**7 Analysis of Investments**

|                                  | At 31/3/24 | Realised Investments | Purchases at cost | Net Gain/ (Loss) on revaluation | At 31/3/25 |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
|                                  | £'000      | £'000                | £'000             | £'000                           | £'000      |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i> | 1,179      | -                    | -                 | (52)                            | 1,127      |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>            | 1,216      | -                    | -                 | (53)                            | 1,163      |
| <i>Lauriston Castle</i>          | 54         | -                    | -                 | (2)                             | 52         |
| <i>Nelson Halls</i>              | 273        | -                    | -                 | (12)                            | 261        |
| <i>The Royal Scots Trust</i>     | 33         | -                    | -                 | (1)                             | 32         |
| <b>Total Investments</b>         | 2,755      | -                    | -                 | (120)                           | 2,635      |

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| <b>8 Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>Restated<br/>2023/24</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>£'000</b>                |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i>               | 220            | 193                         |
| <i>Charitable Funds</i>                        | 88             | 89                          |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>                          | 168            | 144                         |
| <i>Lauriston Castle</i>                        | 1              | 1                           |
| <i>Nelson Halls</i>                            | 9              | 9                           |
| <i>The Royal Scots Trust</i>                   | 3              | 3                           |
| <b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>         | <b>489</b>     | <b>439</b>                  |

| <b>9 Analysis of Debtors</b>     | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>2023/24</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                  | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>£'000</b>   |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i> | 7              | 7              |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>            | 7              | 7              |
| <i>Nelson Halls</i>              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>Total Debtors</b>             | <b>16</b>      | <b>16</b>      |

The figures above predominately relate to the accrued interest for the CCLA and M&G investments.

| <b>10 Analysis of Creditors Due Within One Year</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Endowment<br/>funds<br/>£'000</b> | <b>2024/25<br/>Total<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Restated<br/>2023/24<br/>Total<br/>£'000</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Amounts due</i>                                  | (31)                                    | -                                    | (31)                               | (30)                                            |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                            | <b>(31)</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>(31)</b>                        | <b>(30)</b>                                     |

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

| <b>11 Analysis of Financial Assets and Liabilities</b>  | <b>2024/25</b> | <b>Restated<br/>2023/24</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                         | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>£'000</b>                |
| <i>Financial assets measured at amortised cost</i>      | 505            | 455                         |
| <i>Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost</i> | (31)           | (30)                        |
| <i>Financial assets measured at market value</i>        | 2,635          | 2,755                       |
| <b>Total Financial Assets and Liabilities</b>           | <b>3,109</b>   | <b>3,180</b>                |

**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 £21,074 was owed to the Council by the Trusts (2023/24 £21,057).

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**13 Prior Year Adjustments**

Prior year accounts of the Charitable Trusts have been restated to include figures from the City of Edinburgh Council Charitable Funds as stated in the Trustee's Annual Report under Objectives and Activities, increasing the income and expenditure on the Statement of Financial Activities and the current assets and liabilities on the Balance Sheet as detailed below.

|                                                                    | <b>2023/24</b> | <b>Charitable</b> | <b>2023/24</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                                                    | <b>£'000</b>   | <b>Funds</b>      | <b>Totals</b>  |
|                                                                    |                | <b>£'000</b>      | <b>£'000</b>   |
| <b>Statement of Financial Activities</b>                           |                |                   |                |
| <i>Income and Endowments from: Investments (Interest Received)</i> | 84             | 3                 | <b>87</b>      |
| <i>Expenditure on: Governance costs</i>                            | (18)           | (5)               | <b>(23)</b>    |
| <i>Net income / (expenditure)</i>                                  | 277            | (2)               | <b>275</b>     |
| <i>Total funds carried forward</i>                                 | 25,040         | 88                | <b>25,128</b>  |
| <br><b>Balance Sheet</b>                                           |                |                   |                |
| <i>Current Assets: Cash at Bank</i>                                | 350            | 89                | <b>439</b>     |
| <i>Liabilities: Creditors due within one year</i>                  | (29)           | (1)               | <b>(30)</b>    |
| <i>Net Current Assets</i>                                          | 337            | 88                | <b>425</b>     |
| <i>Total Charity Funds</i>                                         | 25,040         | 88                | <b>25,128</b>  |
| <br><b>Cash Flow Statement</b>                                     |                |                   |                |
| <i>Cash inflows generated from operating activities:</i>           |                |                   |                |
| <i>Cash paid to the Council</i>                                    | 23             | 3                 | <b>26</b>      |
| <i>Cash outflows generated from operating activities</i>           | 106            | 3                 | <b>109</b>     |
| <i>Net cash (inflows) / outflows from operating activities</i>     | -              | 3                 | <b>3</b>       |
| <i>Net (increase) / decrease in cash and cash equivalents</i>      | -              | 3                 | <b>3</b>       |
| <i>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April</i>                        | 350            | 92                | <b>442</b>     |
| <i>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March</i>                       | 350            | 89                | <b>439</b>     |
| <i>Net (increase) / decrease in cash and cash equivalents</i>      | -              | 3                 | <b>3</b>       |

**14 Post Balance Sheet Event**

Investments valued at £5,566 for the Royal Scots Monument Trust were sold on 11 April 2025 to fund conservation works for the maintenance of the monument.

M&G Securities notified that the Charibond Charities Fixed Interest Fund was being closed on 19 June 2025. The Trusts investments within this fund of £346,328 were sold on 06 June 2025, with the proceeds currently reinvested in the Council's Treasury cash fund.

**15 Audit Fee**

The fee payable to Audit Scotland in respect of the audit services for the Council's Charitable Trusts is £9,720 for 2024/25 (2023/24 £9,540). This fee is included in the overall governance costs and allocated proportionately to each individual Trust based on cash held at bank.

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16 (i) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2025

| Charity Name                     | SC Number       | Funds brought forward<br>£'000 | Income in year<br>£'000 | Expenditure in year<br>£'000 | Loss on investments<br>£'000 | Heritage Assets Revaluation<br>£'000 | Funds carried forward<br>£'000 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i> | <b>SC042754</b> | 1,367                          | 41                      | (13)                         | (52)                         | -                                    | <b>1,343</b>                   |
| <i>Charitable Funds</i>          | <b>SC025067</b> | 88                             | 4                       | (4)                          | -                            | -                                    | <b>88</b>                      |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>            | <b>SC018971</b> | 1,646                          | 68                      | (9)                          | (53)                         | -                                    | <b>1,652</b>                   |
| <i>Lauriston Castle</i>          | <b>SC020737</b> | 12,606                         | 352                     | (352)                        | (2)                          | 364                                  | <b>12,968</b>                  |
| <i>Nelson Halls</i>              | <b>SC018946</b> | 9,385                          | 93                      | (93)                         | (12)                         | 212                                  | <b>9,585</b>                   |
| <i>The Royal Scots Trust</i>     | <b>SC018945</b> | 36                             | 27                      | (27)                         | (1)                          | -                                    | <b>35</b>                      |
| <b>Total Funds</b>               |                 | <b>25,128</b>                  | <b>585</b>              | <b>(498)</b>                 | <b>(120)</b>                 | <b>576</b>                           | <b>25,671</b>                  |

16 (ii) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2024

| Charity Name                     | SC Number       | Funds brought forward<br><i>Restated</i><br>£'000 | Income in year<br><i>Restated</i><br>£'000 | Expenditure in year<br><i>Restated</i><br>£'000 | Gains on investments<br>£'000 | Heritage Assets Revaluation<br>£'000 | Funds carried forward<br><i>Restated</i><br>£'000 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i> | <b>SC042754</b> | 1,257                                             | 36                                         | (13)                                            | 87                            | -                                    | <b>1,367</b>                                      |
| <i>Charitable Funds</i>          | <b>SC025067</b> | 89                                                | 3                                          | (4)                                             | -                             | -                                    | <b>88</b>                                         |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>            | <b>SC018971</b> | 1,505                                             | 60                                         | (7)                                             | 88                            | -                                    | <b>1,646</b>                                      |
| <i>Lauriston Castle</i>          | <b>SC020737</b> | 2,453                                             | 255                                        | (255)                                           | 4                             | 10,149                               | <b>12,606</b>                                     |
| <i>Nelson Halls</i>              | <b>SC018946</b> | 9,139                                             | 72                                         | (72)                                            | 20                            | 226                                  | <b>9,385</b>                                      |
| <i>The Royal Scots Trust</i>     | <b>SC018945</b> | 34                                                | 26                                         | (26)                                            | 2                             | -                                    | <b>36</b>                                         |
| <b>Total Funds</b>               |                 | <b>14,477</b>                                     | <b>452</b>                                 | <b>(377)</b>                                    | <b>201</b>                    | <b>10,375</b>                        | <b>25,128</b>                                     |

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17 (i) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2025

| Unrestricted Funds        |                 |         |                 |                                 |       | Endowment Funds    |             |       |                                   |                               | 2024/25<br>Market<br>Value |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Charity Name              | Cash at<br>Bank | Debtors | Amounts<br>owed | Jean F.<br>Watson<br>Collection | Total |                    |             |       | Investments                       |                               |                            |
|                           |                 |         |                 |                                 |       | Heritage<br>Assets | Investments | Total | Heritage<br>Assets<br>Revaluation | Market<br>Value<br>Adjustment |                            |
|                           |                 |         |                 |                                 |       |                    |             |       |                                   |                               |                            |
|                           | £'000           | £'000   | £'000           | £'000                           | £'000 | £'000              | £'000       | £'000 | £'000                             | £'000                         |                            |
| Edinburgh Education Trust | 220             | 7       | (11)            | -                               | 216   | -                  | 844         | 844   | -                                 | 283                           | 1,343                      |
| Charitable Funds          | 88              | -       | -               | -                               | 88    | -                  | -           | -     | -                                 | -                             | 88                         |
| Jean F. Watson            | 168             | 7       | (9)             | 323                             | 489   | -                  | 881         | 881   | -                                 | 282                           | 1,652                      |
| Lauriston Castle          | 1               | -       | (2)             | -                               | (1)   | 2,403              | 39          | 2,442 | 10,513                            | 13                            | 12,968                     |
| Nelson Halls              | 9               | 2       | (8)             | -                               | 3     | 19                 | 198         | 217   | 9,302                             | 63                            | 9,585                      |
| The Royal Scots Trust     | 3               | -       | (1)             | -                               | 2     | 1                  | 24          | 25    | -                                 | 8                             | 35                         |
| Total Funds               | 489             | 16      | (31)            | 323                             | 798   | 2,423              | 1,986       | 4,409 | 19,815                            | 649                           | 25,671                     |

17 (ii) Trusts at Market Value - Year Ended 31 March 2024

| Charity Name                     | Unrestricted Funds |                          |                 |                                 |       | Endowment Funds    |             |       |                                                  |                               | 2023/24<br>Market<br>Value |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | Cash at<br>Bank    | Debtors                  | Amounts<br>owed | Jean F.<br>Watson<br>Collection | Total | Heritage<br>Assets | Investments | Total | Investments<br>Heritage<br>Assets<br>Revaluation | Market<br>Value<br>Adjustment |                            |
|                                  |                    |                          |                 |                                 |       |                    |             |       |                                                  |                               |                            |
|                                  |                    |                          |                 |                                 |       |                    |             |       |                                                  |                               |                            |
|                                  |                    |                          |                 |                                 |       |                    |             |       |                                                  |                               |                            |
| <i>Restated</i><br>£'000         | £'000              | <i>Restated</i><br>£'000 | £'000           | <i>Restated</i><br>£'000        | £'000 | £'000              | £'000       | £'000 | £'000                                            | <i>Restated</i><br>£'000      |                            |
| <i>Edinburgh Education Trust</i> | 193                | 7                        | (11)            | -                               | 189   | -                  | 844         | 844   | -                                                | 334                           | <b>1,367</b>               |
| <i>Charitable Funds</i>          | 89                 | -                        | (1)             | -                               | 88    | -                  | -           | -     | -                                                | -                             | <b>88</b>                  |
| <i>Jean F. Watson</i>            | 144                | 7                        | (7)             | 285                             | 429   | -                  | 881         | 881   | -                                                | 336                           | <b>1,646</b>               |
| <i>Lauriston Castle</i>          | 1                  | -                        | (2)             | -                               | (1)   | 2,403              | 39          | 2,442 | 10,149                                           | 15                            | <b>12,606</b>              |
| <i>Nelson Halls</i>              | 9                  | 2                        | (8)             | -                               | 3     | 19                 | 198         | 217   | 9,090                                            | 75                            | <b>9,385</b>               |
| <i>The Royal Scots Trust</i>     | 3                  | -                        | (1)             | -                               | 2     | 1                  | 24          | 25    | -                                                | 9                             | <b>36</b>                  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>               | 439                | 16                       | (30)            | 285                             | 711   | 2,423              | 1,986       | 4,409 | 19,239                                           | 769                           | <b>25,128</b>              |