

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL COMMON GOOD FUNDS

PAISLEY	SC019478
RENFREW	SC019479
JOHNSTONE	SC019480

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016-17



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Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

Renfrewshire Council acts as sole trustee for the Common Good Funds listed below which have charitable status and are registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):

SC019478	Paisley Common Good Fund
SC019479	Renfrew Common Good Fund
SC019480	Johnstone Common Good Fund

The principal address of the Common Good Funds is:

Renfrewshire Council
Finance and Resources
Renfrewshire House
Cotton Street
Paisley
PA1 1JB

Renfrewshire Council administers the Common Good Funds and separately accounts for them. Renfrewshire Council was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 and came into being on 1 April 1996. The Council provides a wide range of public services such as education, social services, environmental services and housing and economic regeneration.

They do not form part of the Council's single entity balance sheet, although under s222 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the property of the Common Good "vest[s] in" the relevant local authority. However they are included within the group accounts of the Council. A copy of the group accounts can be obtained from the address above.

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 4th Floor, South Suite
 The Athenaeum Building
 8 Nelson Mandela Place
 Glasgow
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Investment Managers: Standard Life Wealth Limited
 1 George Street
 Edinburgh
 EH2 2LL

Investment Advisors: Hymans Robertson LLP
 20 Waterloo Street
 Glasgow
 G2 6DB

Trustees

The Common Good is not a Trust, and is not governed by trust law. Therefore in terms of the "Trustees" of the Common Good, the guidance provided by OSCR is that those who have "general control and management" of the charity are the charity trustees. Decisions regarding the general control and management of the Common Good Funds are made by the Finance and Resources Policy Board (FRPB) of the Council, which has delegated authority from the Council in this regard; but ultimately control rests with the full Council of elected members. We have therefore interpreted the above guidance as meaning all elected members are charity trustees. Following local government elections the Finance and Resources Policy Board has been succeeded by the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board on 18 May 2017.

The following individuals were the Trustees of the Common Good Funds in their capacity as elected members of Renfrewshire Council during the 2016/17 financial year:

Alexander Murrin	Eileen McCartin
Bill Perrie	John Caldwell
Eddie Grady deceased 21/05/16	John Hood
Cathy McEwan	Iain McMillan
Brian Lawson	Audrey Doig
Jim Sharkey	Anne Hall
Terry Kelly	Allan Noon
Kenny MacLaren	Michael Holmes
Tommy Williams	Jim Harte
Eddie Devine	James McQuade
Marie McGurk	Sam Mullin
Lorraine Cameron	Iain Nicolson
Mark Macmillan	Roy Glen
Margaret Devine	Mags McLaren
Maureen Sharkey	Stephen McGee
Jacqueline Henry	Andy Doig
Derek Bibby	Maria Brown
Chris Gilmour	James McLaren
Stuart Clark resigned 08/11/16	Paul Mack
Will Mylet	Bill Brown
Jim Paterson elected 11/08/16	

Day to day management of the Common Good Funds is delegated to the Director of Finance and Resources of Renfrewshire Council. All of the trustees for the accounts are normally elected or re-elected at local government elections. By-elections are held to elect new members in the event of existing members vacating their position. New members automatically become trustees.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Common Good is a fund of money and assets which the Council has a statutory obligation (under Section 15(4) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994) to administer “having regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good formerly related” (i.e. the former burghs of Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone). Although the Common Good is administered separately from mainstream local authority funding, it is owned outright by the Council (s222 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973) and does not have an identity separate from the Council, nor a constitutional form distinct from the Council.

The charity test, set out in Section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 provides that “a body meets the charity test if –

- (a) its purposes consist of only one or more charitable purposes, and
- (b) it providespublic benefit in Scotland or elsewhere.”

The Common Good Funds are not “bodies” separate from the Council, and the Council’s purposes consist of much more than the charitable purposes listed in the Act.

History

The Common Good comprises land granted to a Burgh by the Crown, further grants of land and buildings, mainly in the late 19th and early 20th century by local industrialists and other landowners for the common good of the inhabitants of the Burgh and the rental income and sale proceeds from such land. The bulk of the Paisley Common Good was granted to the Burgh of Paisley by the King Charles II Charter dated 27 and 28 July 1666, and has been administered by the Burgh and its successors since that date. The bulk of the Renfrew Common Good was granted to the Royal Burgh of Renfrew by the Queen Anne Charter dated 7 August 1703 and again has been administered by the Burgh and its successors since that date.

Governance and Management

The Council is required to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. The Director of Finance and Resources has been designated as that officer in Renfrewshire Council. He manages the affairs of the Council to secure the economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets and those of any charitable trust it controls. Given the Common Good is owned by the Council, these specific provisions are supplemented by the general provisions relating to the administration of local authority monies, i.e. the duty to obtain best value.

The Director of Finance and Resources has responsibility for ensuring an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated. This system of internal financial control can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are recorded and properly authorised, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period. The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures and a system of delegation and accountability. The Director of Finance and Resources is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are up to date and which ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Decisions regarding the operation, assets, processes or policies of the Common Good Funds are delegated by the Council to the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board. Income to the Common Good Funds is solely from investment returns (both financial investments and property rental income) and bank interest – no donations to the Funds are solicited. The only other source of income which arises periodically is from the sale of fixed assets.

The investment performance of the Common Good Funds is monitored regularly by Council officers, and is reported bi-annually to the Investment Review Board, which is comprised of 5 cross party elected members. The minutes of the Investment Review Board are submitted to the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, whose meetings are held in public. In turn, the minutes of this Board are submitted to the full Council for ratification. Therefore each elected member is informed of both the performance of the funds, and any decision regarding the operation of the Funds which would be made by the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board.

Regular training is offered to the members of the Investment Review Board through information sessions at each meeting.

Risk

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the Common Good Funds' systems of internal control that are designed by senior management to ensure effective and efficient operations, including financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations. The Trustees acknowledge that such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The main risk for the Common Good relates to the investment income available for disbursement through grants. As mentioned above, investment performance is monitored quarterly by officers of the Council and they receive specialist advice in this regard from Hymans Robertson LLP, appointed investment advisors. A Statement of Investment Principles has been agreed by the Investment Review Board and this is regularly reviewed to ensure the benchmark against which performance is monitored remains relevant and appropriate.

Objectives and Activities

As mentioned above, there is no governing document for the Common Good. The assets were gifted for the common good of the inhabitants of the burgh. The most concise statement of the administration of the Common Good is contained in a judgement by Lord Kyllachy:

“The Common Good is corporate property and falls as such to be administered by the Council – and applied by them for the benefit of the community in such a manner as, and using such reasonable judgement as, they think proper”.

Therefore in terms of the aims of the Common Good, they can not be narrowed down from that detailed above, i.e. that the funds are used for the benefit the inhabitants of the burgh to which they are related.

Grantmaking

There are two elements to the grants awarded from Common Good Funds: recurring grants (i.e. those awarded for a period of some years) or large grant awards that are agreed by the FRPB. In addition the FRPB also agrees the budget available to Local Area Committees (LACs) for subsequent award to community groups. LACs were set up in an effort to involve communities more directly in the decision-making of the Council, and they are comprised of the elected members of the relevant wards, along with representatives from local community groups e.g. Community Councils, Elderly Forums, Youth Groups etc. Each LAC now is allocated an annual budget, and they consider at each LAC meeting (held in public) the grant requests they have received. Only eligible grants may be considered – further information on the eligibility criteria may be obtained from the Council.

Achievements and Performance

In 2016-17 grants totalling £57,360 were awarded by Local Area Committees to a wide variety of community organisations. Other grant expenditure totalling £258,800 was made throughout the year. This included grants to: the Cherrie Centre (out of school care provider); contributions to finance CCTV : grants to help fund Christmas light displays in Renfrew and Paisley town centres and a grant to help finance Renfrew Gala Week.

Investment performance

The Common Good Funds have adopted a total return policy for investment income, and have agreed income targets which the Investment Manager exceeded in year. During the year the average yield on investments was 3.8% (3.9% in 2015-16). The average return on cash balances held within Renfrewshire Council's Loans Fund was 0.54% (0.61% in 2015-16).

Overall, the Common Good Funds reported a combined net movement in funds of £3.290 million that is added to the previous fund balance brought forward. The surplus achieved is mainly related to unrealised gains on investments and on the revaluation of fixed assets.

Financial Review

The Common Good Funds have no explicit reserves policy, but as a general principle the "capital" of the funds is held effectively as a permanent endowment, with only the annual income available for disbursement in the year.

No individual Common Good Fund is in deficit.

The main funding sources for the Common Good Funds this year are dividend and investment income (67%) and property rental income (33%).

The Investment Review Board has agreed a Statement of Investment Principles (SoIP) which regulates the relationship between the Council and the Investment Manager. The SoIP details benchmark asset class holdings and also the restrictions which the Council has agreed i.e. no direct holdings in tobacco stocks or

companies involved in the manufacture or supply of military equipment; and a minimum holding of 15% of the total funds to be held in fixed interest stocks.

Future Plans

The Common Good Funds will continue to make grants available to local organisations through the Local Area Committee grant making process, and will also continue to fund recurring commitments such as Christmas Lights displays.

The Council will also continue to review the funding provided by the Common Good Funds to ensure it remains appropriate and in line with the objectives of the Funds and to the benefit of the inhabitants of the relevant Burghs.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places new obligations on Councils with regards recording and the use of Common Good assets. The Council is required to prepare and publish a register of all Common Good properties and make it publicly available. The Act also requires local authorities to publish any proposals and consult with community bodies before disposing of or changing the use of Common Good assets.

The Trustees wish to thank the Renfrewshire Council officers involved in producing the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Signed:

Alan Russell
Director of Finance and Resources
Renfrewshire Council

Date:

On behalf of the Trustees:

Councillor John Shaw
Convener – Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board
Renfrewshire Council

Date:

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and Accounts

a) Statement of responsibilities in respect of the annual report and accounts

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements for each financial year, in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and 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 published on 16 July 2014. The financial statements give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity during the year and of the charity's state of affairs at the end of the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

b) Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this annual report and accounts confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of this information.

Signed:

Cllr John Shaw
Convener – Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board
Renfrewshire Council

Date:

Independent Auditors Report to the Trustees of Renfrewshire Council Common Good Funds and the Accounts Commission

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

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Renfrewshire Council Common Good Funds for the year ended 31 March 2017 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charities as at 31 March 2017 and of their incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK and Ireland (ISAs (UK&I)). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the charities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable legal requirements and ISAs (UK&I) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission. Those standards require me to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors. 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 circumstances of the charities 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.

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

Other information in the statement of accounts

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

In connection with my audit of the financial statements in accordance with ISAs (UK&I), my responsibility is to read all the financial and non-financial information in the statement of accounts 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 me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Report on other requirements

Opinion on other prescribed matter

I am required by the Accounts Commission to express an opinion on the following matter. In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in my opinion:

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

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Mark Ferris FCCA
Audit Scotland
4th Floor, 8 Nelson Mandela Place,
Glasgow.
G2 1BT

28 September 2017

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2017

This Account summarises the resources that have been generated and consumed in providing services and managing the Common Good Funds during the year. It includes all day to day expenses and related income on an accruals basis, as well as transactions measuring the value of fixed assets actually consumed. This Account also includes the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses which brings together all of the gains and losses of the Funds for the year and shows the aggregate increase in their net worth. All Common Good Funds have unrestricted funds only; there were no restricted or endowment funds during 2016-17 or in 2015-16.

	Notes	Year to 31 st March 2017				Year to 31 st March 2016			
		Paisley SC019478 £m	Johnstone SC019480 £m	Renfrew SC019479 £m	Total £m	Paisley SC019478 £m	Johnstone SC019480 £m	Renfrew SC019479 £m	Total £m
Income and Endowments from:									
Investments	2(a)	0.147	0.000	0.495	0.642	0.138	0.000	0.465	0.603
Rental and Other Income	2(b)	0.049	0.000	0.266	0.315	0.049	0.000	0.292	0.341
Total from Income and Endowments		0.196	0.000	0.761	0.957	0.187	0.000	0.757	0.944
Expenditure on:									
<u>Raising Funds</u>									
Fundraising Trading		0.000	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.002
Investment Management Costs		0.015	0.000	0.052	0.067	0.014	0.000	0.046	0.060
Total Raising Funds		0.015	0.000	0.055	0.070	0.014	0.000	0.048	0.062
<u>Charitable Activities</u>									
Charitable Activities	3(a)	0.122	0.000	0.194	0.316	0.127	0.000	0.204	0.331
Governance Costs	3(b)	0.015	0.000	0.048	0.063	0.016	0.000	0.047	0.063
Depreciation and Impairment		0.071	0.000	(0.124)	(0.053)	0.046	0.000	0.296	0.342
Total Charitable Activities		0.208	0.000	0.118	0.326	0.189	0.000	0.547	0.736
Total Expenditure		0.223	0.000	0.173	0.396	0.203	0.000	0.595	0.798
Net Income / (Expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments		(0.027)	0.000	0.588	0.561	(0.016)	0.000	0.162	0.146
Gains/(Losses) on Investment Assets	5	0.559	0.000	1.909	2.468	(0.221)	0.000	(0.745)	(0.966)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		0.532	0.000	2.497	3.029	(0.237)	0.000	(0.583)	(0.820)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2017

	Notes	Year to 31 st March 2017				Year to 31 st March 2016			
		Paisley SC019478 £m	Johnstone SC019480 £m	Renfrew SC019479 £m	Total £m	Paisley SC019478 £m	Johnstone SC019480 £m	Renfrew SC019479 £m	Total £m
Transfer between Funds		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total after funds Transfer		0.532	0.000	2.497	3.029	(0.237)	0.000	(0.583)	(0.820)
Other Gains or Losses									
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation of Fixed Assets	4	(0.062)	0.000	0.323	0.261	0.471	0.000	0.252	0.723
Total Other Recognised Gains or Losses		(0.062)	0.000	0.323	0.261	0.471	0.000	0.252	0.723
Net Movement in Funds		0.470	0.000	2.820	3.290	0.234	0.000	(0.331)	(0.097)
Funds Reconciliation:									
Total Funds Brought Forward		5.122	0.052	26.866	32.040	4.888	0.052	27.197	32.137
Total Funds Carried Forward		5.592	0.052	29.686	35.330	5.122	0.052	26.866	32.040

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017

The Balance Sheet summarises in its top half all of the assets that the Common Good Funds own and the liabilities that they owe to others. The bottom half sets out how the net assets of the Funds are allocated between usable resources and statutory reserves needed to comply with accounting rules.

	Note	At 31 st March 2017				At 31 st March 2016			
		Paisley SC019478 £m	Johnstone SC019480 £m	Renfrew SC019479 £m	Total £m	Paisley SC019478 £m	Johnstone SC019480 £m	Renfrew SC019479 £m	Total £m
Fixed Assets									
Tangible Fixed Assets	4	0.915	0.000	12.712	13.627	1.048	0.000	12.265	13.313
Heritage Assets	4	0.063	0.047	0.109	0.219	0.063	0.047	0.109	0.219
Investments	5	3.972	0.000	13.420	17.392	3.408	0.000	11.494	14.902
		4.950	0.047	26.241	31.238	4.519	0.047	23.868	28.434
Current Assets									
Debtors	13	0.000	0.000	0.017	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.018
Short term deposits	15	0.678	0.005	3.548	4.231	0.617	0.005	3.032	3.654
		0.678	0.005	3.565	4.248	0.617	0.005	3.050	3.672
Less: Current Liabilities									
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	(0.036)	0.000	(0.120)	(0.156)	(0.014)	0.000	(0.052)	(0.066)
		(0.036)	0.000	(0.120)	(0.156)	(0.014)	0.000	(0.052)	(0.066)
Net Current Assets		0.642	0.005	3.445	4.092	0.603	0.005	2.998	3.606
Net Assets		5.592	0.052	29.686	35.330	5.122	0.052	26.866	32.040
Funds of the Charities									
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>									
Income Funds		3.650	0.036	19.615	23.301	3.535	0.036	18.550	22.121
Revaluation reserve :		0.908	0.000	2.992	3.900	0.497	0.000	1.575	2.072
Investments Revaluation reserve :		1.034	0.016	7.079	8.129	1.090	0.016	6.741	7.847
Other Fixed Assets									
		5.592	0.052	29.686	35.330	5.122	0.052	26.866	32.040

Signed

Signed

Date
Alan Russell
Director of Finance and Resources

Date
Councillor John Shaw
Convener – Finance, Resources and Customer Services
Policy Board
Renfrewshire Council

Renfrewshire Council

Cash Flow Statement for Year Ended 31st March 2017

This statement summarises the inflows and outflows of cash arising from the transactions with third parties on both day to day revenue transactions and expenditure on capital activities. For the purposes of this statement, cash is defined as cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand.

Notes	Year ended 31st March 2017				Year ended 31st March 2016				
	Paisley	Johnstone	Renfrew	Total	Paisley	Johnstone	Renfrew	Total	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	7	0.066	0.000	0.533	0.599	0.046	0.000	0.509	0.555
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment									
Cash paid for fixed asset investment		(0.872)	0.000	(2.846)	(3.718)	(0.845)	0.000	(2.759)	(3.604)
Receipts from sales of fixed asset: investments		0.962	0.000	3.144	4.106	0.788	0.000	2.556	3.344
Receipts from sales of fixed asset: property		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net cash flow from capital expenditure and financial investments		0.090	0.000	0.298	0.388	(0.057)	0.000	(0.203)	(0.260)
(Increase)/decrease in cash held for investments		(0.095)	0.000	(0.315)	(0.410)	0.054	0.000	0.193	0.247
Increase/(decrease) in cash held in the year		0.061	0.000	0.516	0.577	0.043	0.000	0.499	0.542
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds									
(Decrease)/increase in cash in year		0.061	0.000	0.516	0.577	0.043	0.000	0.499	0.542
net funds at 1 April		0.617	0.005	3.032	3.654	0.574	0.005	2.533	3.112
Net funds at 31 March		0.678	0.005	3.548	4.231	0.617	0.005	3.032	3.654

Notes to the Financial Statements

1: Accounting Policies

Introduction

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 have been compiled in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006(as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014. They are designed to give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Common Good Funds and comparative figures for the previous financial year are provided. There are no significant departures from accounting standards other than that outlined specifically below.

The accounting concepts of “materiality” and “going concern” have been considered in the application of accounting policies. In this regard the materiality concept means that information is included where the information is of such significance as to justify its inclusion. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The going concern concept assumes that the Charities will not significantly curtail the scale of their operations.

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, other than changes resulting from the revaluation of certain categories of assets. The following accounting policies used in its preparation have been reviewed following the introduction of Financial Reporting Standard 18 “Accounting Policies” (FRS18).

Income and Endowments

Recognition of income and endowments

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are not reflected in the SORP, but are referred to when necessary in the Trustees Annual Report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable Activities

Decisions regarding the way the Common Good Funds' income is spent are taken by the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, whose membership comprises of 15 of the trustees of the Common Good Funds. Voluntary groups are encouraged to apply for funding from the available funds allocated to Renfrewshire Council Local Area Committees.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include the:

- costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts;
- cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters;
- cost of administering grants; and
- property maintenance.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are recognised in the accounts when the grant has been paid.

Assets

Valuation

Land and buildings have been valued on the basis of market value in relation to existing use, assessed either on a comparative basis or on a depreciated replacement cost basis. The valuations have been compiled by the Council Valuer who is Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS) qualified. Assets under construction are shown at historic cost. Land and buildings are revalued every five years, with increases in valuation matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve.

A de-minimis of £9,000 is applied for capitalisation of expenditure.

The civic regalia and equipment (heritage assets) have been valued on a present value insurance basis.

Investments are valued at market value.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on a straight -line basis on all assets other than land, heritage assets and assets under construction. The Council Valuer determines the useful life of property assets. Depreciation is based on expected life of costs capitalised.

Impairment

The value of each category of asset is reviewed at the end of each financial year for evidence of reductions in value. Where impairment is identified as part of this review or as a result of a revaluation exercise, the loss is charged to the SOFA.

Departures from the Charities SORP

Operational land and buildings have been valued on a depreciated replacement costs basis, not a historic basis as per the Charities SORP. The main reason for this is the obligation under the Local Government Code of Practice on local authority accounting to apply a depreciated replacement cost valuation basis, and it is under the Local Government Code that the Common Good Accounts have been audited in previous years.

Events after the Balance Sheet date

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statements are authorised for issue. There are two types of events:

- Adjusting events – those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period, and the Statement are adjusted to reflect such events; and
- Non-adjusting events – those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period, and the Statements are not adjusted. Where a category of events would have a material effect, disclosure is made in the notes of the nature of the event and its estimated financial effect.

Events taking place after the date of authorisation for issue are not reflected in the Statements. Note 16 provides further information.

2: Income and Endowments

a) Investments

	2016-17				2015-16			
	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Grant income	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dividend income	0.143	0.000	0.478	0.621	0.134	0.000	0.448	0.582
Interest income	0.004	0.000	0.017	0.021	0.004	0.000	0.017	0.021
Total grant & investment income	0.147	0.000	0.495	0.642	0.138	0.000	0.465	0.603

b) Rental and Other Income

	2016-17				2015-16			
	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Rental income from properties	0.049	0.000	0.266	0.315	0.049	0.000	0.292	0.341
Other Income	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total rental and other income	0.049	0.000	0.266	0.315	0.049	0.000	0.292	0.341

3: Expenditure

a) Charitable Activities

	2016-17				2015-16			
	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Voluntary organisation grants	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.057	0.035	0.000	0.067	0.102
Civic related grants	0.122	0.000	0.137	0.259	0.092	0.000	0.137	0.229
Total charitable activities grants	0.122	0.000	0.194	0.316	0.127	0.000	0.204	0.331

b) Governance Costs

	2016-17				2015-16			
	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Accountancy and Administrative Services	0.009	0.000	0.027	0.036	0.008	0.000	0.020	0.028
Property Services	0.006	0.000	0.021	0.027	0.008	0.000	0.027	0.035
Total Governance Costs	0.015	0.000	0.048	0.063	0.016	0.000	0.047	0.063

4: Tangible Fixed Assets

a) Paisley Common Good Fund

	Operational Land and Buildings	Non- Operational Assets – Surplus Assets	Total Tangible Fixed Assets	Heritage Assets
Gross Book Value	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 1 st April 2016	0.711	0.337	1.048	0.063
Additions	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Disposals	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revaluations	0.000	(0.062)	(0.062)	0.000
At 31st March 2017	0.711	0.275	0.986	0.063
Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2016	(0.002)	0.000	(0.002)	0.000
Depreciation for Year	0.071	0.000	0.071	0.000
Depreciation write back on revaluations	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.000
Impairment losses written out on revaluation	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
At 31st March 2017	0.071	0.000	0.071	0.000
Net Book Value at 31st March 2017	0.640	0.275	0.915	0.063
Net Book Value at 31st March 2016	0.711	0.337	1.048	0.063

b) Renfrew Common Good Fund

	Operational Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Non- operational assets – Investment Properties	Non- Operational Assets – Surplus Assets	Total Tangible Fixed Assets	Heritage Assets
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gross Book Value						
At 1 st April 2016	10.030	1.923	0.713	0.024	12.690	0.109
Additions	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Disposals	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Transfers	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revaluations	0.355	0.000	(0.032)	0.000	0.323	0.000
At 31st March 2017	10.385	1.923	0.681	0.024	13.013	0.109
Depreciation						
At 1 st April 2016	0.343	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.425	0.000
Depreciation for year	0.212	0.041	0.007	0.000	0.260	0.000
Impairment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Depreciation write back on revaluations	(0.319)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.319)	0.000
Impairment losses written out on revaluation	(0.065)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(0.065)	0.000
At 31st March 2017	0.171	0.123	0.007	0.000	0.301	0.000
Net Book Value at 31st March 2017	10.214	1.800	0.674	0.024	12.712	0.109
Net Book Value at 31st March 2016	9.687	1.841	0.713	0.024	12.265	0.109

c) Johnstone Common Good Fund

	Heritage Assets £m
Gross Book Value	
At 1 st April 2016	0.047
Additions	0.000
Disposals	0.000
Revaluations	0.000
At 31st March 2017	0.047
Depreciation	
At 1 st April 2016	0.000
Depreciation for year	0.000
At 31st March 2017	0.000
Net Book Value at 31st March 2017	0.047
Net Book Value at 31st March 2016	0.047

d) Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets include items of civic regalia and equipment formerly used by the Provost of the Council on civic occasions. The assets are now held in Renfrewshire museums.

5: Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are held specifically to provide the funds from which donations and civic activities can be funded from.

a) Analysis of market values

	2016-17			2015-16		
	Paisley £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Market Value						
At 1 st April 2016	3.408	11.494	14.902	3.626	12.230	15.856
Additions	0.872	2.846	3.718	0.845	2.759	3.604
Disposals	(0.962)	(3.144)	(4.106)	(0.788)	(2.556)	(3.344)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	0.559	1.909	2.468	(0.221)	(0.746)	(0.967)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in bank awaiting investment	0.095	0.315	0.410	(0.054)	(0.193)	(0.247)
At 31st March 2017	3.972	13.420	17.392	3.408	11.494	14.902

b) Asset Allocation Analysis

	2016-17			2015-16		
	Paisley £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Bonds:						
UK Government Bonds	0.200	0.702	0.902	0.157	0.553	0.710
Other UK Bonds	0.302	1.005	1.307	0.284	0.941	1.225
Overseas Bonds	0.117	0.391	0.508	0.114	0.379	0.493
Equities:						
UK Equities	1.733	5.851	7.584	1.493	5.024	6.517
Overseas Equities	1.343	4.556	5.899	1.153	3.911	5.064
Non-Region Specific	0.030	0.101	0.131	0.024	0.081	0.105
Property Investments	0.109	0.366	0.475	0.140	0.471	0.611
Cash	0.134	0.435	0.569	0.039	0.120	0.159
Accrued Interest	0.004	0.013	0.017	0.004	0.014	0.018
Total Investment Assets	3.972	13.420	17.392	3.408	11.494	14.902

All investments during 2016-17 and in 2015-15 were held in unrestricted funds.

6: Reserves Cover

	2016-17				2015-16			
	Paisley	Johnstone	Renfrew	Total	Paisley	Johnstone	Renfrew	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Free Reserves								
Unrestricted Funds	3.677	0.036	19.027	22.740	3.551	0.036	18.388	21.975
Allocation Adjustment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Unrestricted Funds from SOFA	(0.027)	0.000	0.588	0.561	(0.016)	0.000	0.162	0.146
Total Unrestricted Funds	3.650	0.036	19.615	23.301	3.535	0.036	18.550	22.121
Less Funds tied up in fixed assets	(3.972)	0.000	(13.420)	(17.392)	(3.408)	0.000	(11.494)	(14.902)
Total Free Reserves	(0.322)	0.036	6.195	5.909	0.127	0.036	7.056	7.219
Annual Running Costs exclude impairment	0.223	0.000	0.173	0.396	0.203	0.000	0.595	0.793
Number of months held in reserve	0	0	430	n/a	0	0	142	n/a

Funds tied up in fixed assets are represented by investments held by the Common Good Funds.

7: Cash Flow Statement

a Reconciliation of net income/expenditure to net cash inflow/ (outflow) from operating activities

	Year to 31 st March 2017			Year to 31 st March 2016		
	Paisley	Johnstone	Renfrew	Paisley	Johnstone	Renfrew
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Net income/expenditure before other gains or losses	(0.027)	0.000	0.588	(0.016)	0.000	0.162
Transfer of revaluation reserve realised on investment movement	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Depreciation and impairment	0.071	0.000	(0.124)	0.046	0.000	0.296
Gain on sale of fixed asset - property	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.005	0.000	0.014
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	0.022	0.000	0.068	0.011	0.000	0.037
Net cash (inflow)/outflow from operating activities	0.066	0.000	0.533	0.046	0.000	0.509

b Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2016	Cash- flow	At 31 March 2017	At 1 April 2015	Cash- flow	At 31 March 2016
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Short term deposits						
Paisley	0.617	0.061	0.678	0.574	0.043	0.617
Johnstone	0.005	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.000	0.005
Renfrew	3.032	0.516	3.548	2.533	0.499	3.032
	3.654	0.577	4.231	3.112	0.542	3.654

8: Trustees' remuneration and expenses

Neither the Trustees of the Common Good Funds nor any associated person connected with them have received any remuneration for their services. Further, no directly incurred expenses were reimbursed to the Trustees during 2016-17.

9: Related Parties

During the year, the Common Good Fund balances were invested by Renfrewshire Council, who manage the administration of the Funds on behalf of the Trustees. The costs of this are disclosed in note 3(b), Governance Costs. The Council also acts as the banker for the Common Good Funds and all transactions, incoming and outgoing, are made via the Council's accounts. This creates a debtor as detailed in the respective Funds' balance sheets. There are no outstanding balances due to or from Renfrewshire Council other than those that appear in the balance sheet.

10: Commitments

As at March 2017, no Common Good Fund had outstanding commitments on capital contracts. There were no outstanding commitments for operating lease rentals.

11: Staff Costs and Emoluments

No members of staff were employed directly via the Common Good Funds during 2016-17 (2015-16 nil). All costs were incurred by Renfrewshire Council and recharged as detailed in note 3(b) Governance Costs. There are therefore no employees with emoluments above £60,000 (2015-16 nil).

12: Audit Costs

Costs of £4,550 were incurred in relation to the audit of the 2016-17 financial statements.

13: Debtors

	Year to 31 st March 2017				Year to 31 st March 2016			
	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Accrued Income	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.018
Prepayment of Grant	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Debtors	0.000	0.000	0.017	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.018

14: Creditors

	Year to 31 st March 2017				Year to 31 st March 2016			
	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m	Paisley £m	Johnstone £m	Renfrew £m	Total £m
Trade Creditors	0.036	0.000	0.016	0.052	0.014	0.000	0.048	0.062
Rents in Advance	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.004
Total Creditors	0.036	0.000	0.120	0.156	0.014	0.000	0.052	0.066

15: Short Term Deposits

Short term deposits are accounts held with Renfrewshire Council who process receipts, payments and accounting entries on behalf of the Common Good Funds.

16: Events after the Balance Sheet date

Events taking place after the authorised issue date per the balance sheet are not reflected in the financial statements or notes. Where events taking place before this date provided information about conditions existing at 31 March 2017, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information. There are no non adjusting events.