



ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 March 2015

Registered Numbers:

Guldry - SC011857
Bridge of Don Fund - SC018551
Alexander MacDonald's Bequest - SC018568
Bridge of Dee Fund - SC021297
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts - SC018575
Lands of Skene – SC018533
Lands of Torry – SC021299
Education Endowment Investment Funds (EEIF) – SC025063

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts Trustees Annual Report 2014/15

Aberdeen City Council acts as sole trustees for the charities in this report.

Aberdeen City Council administers the Charitable Trusts and separately accounts for them. They do not form part of the Council's single entity balance sheet, however they are included in the Annual Accounts of the Council and its group.

Reference and administration details

At the end of the year the Council acts as sole trustee for 8 trusts which have charitable status and are registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The charity names, charity numbers, purposes of the charities, and where available details of governing document for the charities covered by this report are given in Appendix 1 of this document.

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Secretary

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Craig Innes (appointed April 2015, resigned August 2015),
Fraser Bell (appointed August 2015)
Head of Legal & Democratic Services,
Aberdeen City Council

Treasurer

Steven Whyte, CPFA
Head of Finance,
Aberdeen City Council.

Trustees

As per guidance provided by OSCR, "Trustees" of the Charitable Trusts are those who have "general control and management" of the charity. Decisions regarding the general control and management of the Charitable Trusts are made by the Full Council. For the purposes of this report it is our interpretation of the aforementioned that all elected members are Charity Trustees.

The Trustees are the Councillors of Aberdeen City Council, and are as follows:-

Lord Provost George Adam (Chairperson)	Councillor Muriel Jaffrey
Councillor Yvonne Allan	Councillor James Kiddie
Councillor Kirsty Blackman	Councillor Jenny Laing
Councillor Marie Boulton	Councillor Graeme Lawrence
Councillor David Cameron	Councillor Neil MacGregor
Councillor Scott Carle	Councillor M. Tauqeer Malik
Councillor Neil Cooney	Councillor Aileen Malone
Councillor John Corall	Councillor Andrew May
Councillor Bill Cormie	Councillor Callum McCaig
Councillor Barney Crockett	Councillor Ramsay Milne
Councillor Steve Delaney	Councillor Jean Morrison MBE
Councillor Graham Dickson	Councillor Nathan Morrison
Councillor Alan Donnelly	Councillor Jim Noble
Councillor Jackie Dunbar	Councillor John Reynolds
Councillor Lesley Dunbar	Councillor Gill Samarai
Councillor Andrew Finlayson	Councillor Jennifer Stewart
Councillor Fraser Forsyth	Councillor Sandy Stuart
Councillor Gordon Graham	Councillor Angela Taylor
Councillor Ross Grant	Councillor Ross Thomson
Councillor Martin Greig	Councillor Gordon Townson
Councillor Len Ironside CBE	Councillor Willie Young
	Councillor Ian Yuill

All Trustees have served for the whole of the financial year to 31 March 2015.

All of the Trustees are normally elected or re-elected at local government elections. By-elections are held on the occasion of elected members vacating their positions to elect new members, who automatically become Trustees. New members are supplied with training as part of their induction process.

It should be noted that Councillors Kirsty Blackman and Callum McCaig resigned as local Councillors in May 2015 and Councillors Andrew May and Fraser Forsyth in July 2015.

Structure, governance and management

The Charitable Trusts are constituted in a variety of ways. The type of governing document is shown at Appendix 1 where they are available. Information regarding many of the trusts is not available owing to their antiquity and the fact that they will have been administered by a number of government bodies since coming into public control.

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are filled by professionally qualified officers of Aberdeen City Council.

Risk

The trustees have overall responsibility for the Charitable Trusts system of internal control, 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.

Objectives and activities

Information on the purpose and nature of the trusts is given below.

Bridge of Don Fund

The Fund, more properly known as the Brig O' Balgownie Trust Fund, was set up in 1605 and its original purpose was for the "repair and upholding of the Brig O' Balgownie". The most recent counsel opinion obtained in 1970 stated that the Council must, in the first instance, retain sufficient funds to discharge the primary objects of the trust, that is the repair and maintenance of the bridge itself, but thereafter they would be free to apply any surplus monies for certain other purposes.

The Bridge of Don Fund has a 30% interest in the Lands of Skene with the remainder of its funds being invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Bridge of Dee Fund

This fund was established in the 16th Century for the support, maintenance, reparation and when it is necessary the re-building of the new stone bridge over the River Dee.

Trust funds are invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Alexander MacDonald's Bequest

This fund was established in 1884 for the purchase of works of art for the Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museum collection following the death of Mr MacDonald.

Trust funds are invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts

This trust was reorganised in March 2014 by the adoption of a new trust deed and funds are used for the advancement of the arts by providing for the purchase of works of art for the collection of Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museum.

Trust funds are invested in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Guildry

The Guildry was formed 800 years ago, giving merchants of Aberdeen considerable powers within the town of Aberdeen. Over time that power has diminished and the membership is no longer restricted to merchants. Today the Guildry exists for the promotion of the City of Aberdeen. The governance of the Guildry was last updated by a Court of Session decision in 1996 and the Guildry is currently working on drafting a revised constitution to enable participation in a wider range of charitable activities.

Trust assets are a 40% share in the Lands of Skene and investments in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Lands of Skene

The Lands of Skene goes back to 1710 when the east half of the Lands of Skene was purchased on behalf of certain accounts. This was followed in 1712 by the purchase of the west half. Two feuing schemes were carried out in 1789 and 1816 and the land now remaining is known as the Lands of Easter Carnie.

The free revenue from the Lands of Skene is split between the following:

Guildry Funds – 40%

Bridge of Don Trust – 30%

Common Good Fund – 30%

This is believed to represent the share of investment in the original purchase of the lands.

Lands of Torry

The Lands of Torry goes back to at least 1704 when they were purchased on behalf of certain accounts.

The free revenue from the Lands of Torry is split between the following:

Duncan Liddel's Mortification – Professor of Mathematics – 25%

Duncan Liddel's Mortification – Library of College – 2%

James Cargill's Mortification – Bursary Fund – 10%

Patrick Copland's Mortification – Professor of Divinity – 12%

Common Good Fund – 51%

Education Endowment Investment Funds (EEIF)

The EEIF comprises of over 60 smaller trusts, bequests and legacies split over 3 general areas.

- Education – primarily concerned with prizes or awards at schools
- Social Work – largely to provide comforts at residential homes
- John Murdoch Henderson Bequest – to be used for the purchase of music of intrinsically Scottish interest for the Central Library, Aberdeen.

In general the charities activities are limited to the accrual of income from investments for use as appropriate given the purposes of the charity.

While reviewing records as part of the Council's reorganisation of charitable trusts, OSCR advised that only a small number of trusts previously reported as part of the EEIF were actually registered as charities. Only accounts in relation to these registered charities are contained in this document. A review will take place of all trusts that were previously reported as part of the EEIF to consider a reorganisation in consultation with OSCR.

The charitable trust now comprises of the trusts listed in appendix 2, sixteen of these trusts relate to prizes or awards at school while the other trust is for the purchase of music of an intrinsically Scottish interest.

Future plans

A revised constitution for the Guildry is currently being drafted to enable the trust funds to be used for a wider range of charitable purposes. The EEIF is currently being reviewed in anticipation of a reorganisation by the adoption of a revised constitution which will enable trust funds to be used for a wider range of purposes than currently allowed by existing governance documentation. A request to reorganise the John Murdoch Henderson Bequest by the adoption of a revised constitution has been approved by OSCR in April 2015 and approved by Trustees in a Full Council meeting on 13th May 2015. Discussions are ongoing with OSCR in relation to a potential reorganisation of the Bridge of Don and the Bridge of Dee trusts.

Financial Review

The following financial statements for all of the Charitable Trusts have been prepared using the connected charities provision.

They show the income and expenditure for the individual charities along with the surplus or deficit for the year. None of the individual charities are carrying forward a deficit on their reserves.

Where Governance Costs are allocated to charities these are in proportion to the value of the sums invested with the Council and are based on time spent by officers of Aberdeen City Council providing financial and other support to the organisations.

The investment policy of the Trust is to invest any surplus monies in the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Reserves Policy

The Charitable Trusts 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.

Statement of the Trustees' Responsibilities in respect of the Accounts


The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

Law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Trust's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, giving a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 Trust 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 Trust and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 29th September 2015

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Appendix 1

Charity Name, Number and Purpose

Charity Name	Charity Number	Purpose	Governing Document
Guildry	SC011857	Support the Historic Guildry Activities	Court of Session Decision 1996
Bridge of Don Fund	SC018551	Upkeep of Bridge	Unavailable
Alexander MacDonald's Bequest	SC018568	Purchase of Works of Art for Aberdeen Art Gallery	Trust Deed 11 December 1882
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trusts	SC018575	Purchase of Works of Art for Aberdeen Art Gallery	Trust Deed March 2014
Bridge of Dee Fund	SC021297	Upkeep of Bridge	Unavailable
Lands of Skene	SC018533		Unavailable
Lands of Torry	SC021299	The advancement of Education	Unavailable
Education Endowment Investment Funds	SC025063	The advancement of Education and the advancement of the Arts, Heritage, Culture and Science	Unavailable except for John Murdoch Henderson Trust Deed of May 2015.

APPENDIX 2

EEIF Charitable Trusts

EEIF charitable Trusts

D M Andrew Bequest	For Prizes in Classics at Aberdeen Grammar School
Miss Elizabeth H Bain Bequest	For music tuition and for instruments to pupils in city schools
Mrs Athol Benzie Prize Fund	For best all round pupil in fifth year at Aberdeen Academy
Edith and David R Bishop Prize Fund	For prizes to pupils at Aberdeen Grammar School selected by the rector
Mrs Mina Brooks Memorial Prize	For prizes for children's theatre
Miss Lucy Cruickshank Prize Fund	For prize to best pupil or pupils in French or German at High School for Girls
Jessie Durno Prize Fund	For Prize in Mathematics at Aberdeen Academy
Mary Durno Prize Fund	For Prize in English at Aberdeen Academy
Margaret Duthie Memorial Prize Fund	For pupil showing the greatest endeavour at Dyce School
Miss Margaret C Harper Prize Fund	For best pupil in German at Aberdeen Academy
Miss Bessie Heriot Prize Fund	For prize to best girl at Kaimhill Secondary School
John M Robertson Memorial Prize Fund	For prize to best pupil in commercial subjects at Aberdeen Grammar School
Kenneth MacIntosh Bequest	For paying or supplementing the expenses of pupils at Aberdeen Grammar School who might otherwise not be able to afford the cost of school trips
Dr Charles McLeod Trust	For purchase of books on Physical Science or Astronomy at Aberdeen Grammar School
William Meston Bursary Fund	For bursary to pupil of merit at Culter School taking a secondary course
Dr George MacKenzie Prize Fund	For prize to best pupil in German in Aberdeen Academy
John M Henderson Bequest	To purchase music of intrinsically Scottish interest for the Central Library, Aberdeen

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2015

		Unrestricted Funds 2014/15 £'000s	Restricted Funds 2014/15 £'000s	Endowment Funds 2014/15 £'000s	Total Funds 2014/15 £'000s	Total Funds 2013/14 £'000s
	Note					
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2	135	-	-	135	50
Investment Income	3	28	-	-	28	22
Rent from Land & Buildings	4	164	-	-	164	153
Total incoming resources		327	-	-	327	224
Resources expended						
Charitable activities	5	146	-	-	146	140
Governance costs	6	41	-	-	41	29
Property Costs	5	20	-	-	20	9
Total resources expended		207	-	-	207	177
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses						
		121	-	-	121	47
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		54	-	10	64	1,005
Net movement in funds		175	-	10	185	1,052
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		7,288	-	108	7,396	6,344
Total funds carried forward		7,463	-	118	7,581	7,396

**Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015**

	Note	2015 £'000s	2014 £'000s
Fixed assets			
Gilts		5	5
Equities		115	106
Tangible Assets	7	<u>4,617</u>	<u>4,563</u>
Total fixed assets		<u>4,737</u>	<u>4,674</u>
Current assets			
Stocks and work-in-progress		1	1
Debtors	8	52	54
Investments - Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund	9	2,439	2,291
Cash at bank - Guildry Investment Account		<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Total current assets		<u>2,892</u>	<u>2,747</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(48)</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		2,844	2,722
Net asset/(liabilities)		<u>7,581</u>	<u>7,396</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		118	108
Unrestricted income funds:			
Designated Funds:			
Common Good Fund		2,253	2,230
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Professor of Mathematics		520	511
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Library of College		26	26
James Cargill Mortification - Bursary Fund		212	208
Patrick Copland's Mortification - Professor of Divinity		254	250
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,197</u>	<u>4,063</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>7,463</u>	<u>7,288</u>
Total charity funds		<u>7,581</u>	<u>7,396</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 29th September 2015 and signed on their behalf by:



**Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2015**

1 - Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, and include the results of the Trusts' operations, all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

In line with Regulation 7 of the 2006 Regulations, these financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Trust funds for which Aberdeen City Council acts as sole Trustee are connected charities. As such, the accounts for the statements contain all relevant information that the individual accounts would have contained if they had been prepared on an individual basis.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared under the going concern concept on the basis that Trustees have considered it and are satisfied that the going concern concept is appropriate.

Recognition of revenue and expenditure

All income and expenditure due to be paid or received in respect of the year ended 31 March 2015 has been provided for within these accounts.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. All incoming resources are in relation to unrestricted funds.

Income from investments is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable.

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2015

1 - Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when the charity has an obligation to make payment to a third party.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure is directly attributed to the relevant category in the Statement of Financial Activities where practical. Other expenditure is allocated on a pro-rata basis on the basis of the size of the fund.

Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets, and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds include incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds. These funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the Trustees Annual Report.

Endowment funds represent those Assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objectives of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. These funds are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors.

Taxation

The Trusts are recognised by HM Revenue and Customs as charities and as a consequence of the tax reliefs available, income is not liable to taxation.

**Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2015**

1 - Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Trustee Remuneration and Staff Costs

The Trusts have no employees. None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services, nor were they reimbursed for any expenses during the year.

Interest & Management Charges

Interest & Management Charges are not treated as Debtors/Creditors but are treated as adjustments within the balances held by the Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund.

Interest is applied to the charity accounts gross of income tax based on an annual interest rate received from banks on funds invested by Aberdeen City Council on behalf of the charities during the year.

Management charges are 1% of the loans fund held at the start of the year where the balance is over £500.

Stock Policy

Stock consists of goods purchased for distribution to new members on their entry to the Guildry. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

**Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015 £'000s	2014 £'000s
2 VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Donations and gifts	<u>135</u>	<u>50</u>
3 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest receivable	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>
4 INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Rent from Land and Buildings	<u>164</u>	<u>153</u>
5 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Donations and expenditures	15	9
Payments to Beneficiaries:		
Common Good Fund	69	69
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Professor of Mathematics	32	32
Dr Duncan Liddel's Mortification - Library of College	2	2
James Cargill Mortification - Bursary Fund	13	13
Patrick Copland's Mortification - Professor of Divinity	16	16
Property costs	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>166</u>	<u>148</u>
6 GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Administration costs	31	23
Audit Fee	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>29</u>

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2015

	2015 £'000s	2014 £'000s
7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Market Value at 1 April	4,563	4,321
Net investment gains	54	241
Market Value at 31 March	<u>4,617</u>	<u>4,563</u>

The property portfolio was valued internally by Stephen Booth, BSc MRICS and Neil Strachan, BLE MRICS who are RICS Registered Valuers, in accordance with the Statement of Assets Valuation Practice and Guidance Notes of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

8 DEBTORS

Prepayments & accrued income	<u>51</u>	<u>54</u>
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9 INVESTMENTS HELD AS CURRENT ASSETS

Aberdeen City Council Loan Funds	<u>2,439</u>	<u>2,291</u>
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10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	36	13
Short Term Loan - Aberdeen City Council	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>48</u>	<u>25</u>

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN FUNDS

	Tangible fixed assets £'000s	Net assets/ (liabilities) £'000s	Total 2015 £'000s	Total 2014 £'000s
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,737</u>	<u>2,844</u>	<u>7,581</u>	<u>7,396</u>

12 CONTROLLING INTEREST

Each charity is under the control of its trustees.

	2015 £'000s	2014 £'000s
13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>

The trusts also have funds deposited with Aberdeen City Council Loans Fund as detailed in note 9.

Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2015

14 Analysis of Charitable Trusts

Charity Number	Individual Trust Balances					Balance as at 31 March 2015 £'000	
	Balance as at 1 April 2014 £'000	Transfer between Funds £'000	Revaluation of Investments £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000		
EEIF	SC025063	(163)	-	(10)	(3)	1	(175)
Guildry	SC011857	(2,535)		(8)	(149)	22	(2,670)
Bridge of Don	SC018551	(1,360)	-	(6)	(5)	12	(1,359)
Bridge of Dee	SC021297	(35)	-	-	-	1	(34)
Alexander MacDonald Bequest	SC018568	(32)	-	-	-	1	(31)
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trust	SC018575	(46)	-	-	-	1	(45)
Lands of Skene	SC018533	(3,986)	-	(19)	(50)	50	(4,005)
Lands of Torry	SC021299	(2,029)	-	(35)	(128)	128	(2,064)
Total - Charitable Trusts		(10,186)	-	(78)	(335)	215	(10,384)

The above table shows the balances of the individual trust fund before the removal of intra trust transactions as both the Guildry (40%) and the Bridge of Don Trust (30%) are invested in Lands of Skene. The table below shows the individual balances after the removal of these transactions.

Charity Number	Individual Trust Balances after adjusting for intra trust transactions					Balance as at 31 March 2015 £'000	
	Balance as at 1 April 2014 £'000	Transfer between Funds £'000	Revaluation of Investments £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000		
EEIF	SC025063	(163)	-	(10)	(3)	1	(175)
Guildry	SC011857	(941)			(144)	22	(1,063)
Bridge of Don	SC018551	(164)	-		(2)	12	(154)
Bridge of Dee	SC021297	(35)	-	-	-	1	(34)
Alexander MacDonald Bequest	SC018568	(32)	-	-	-	1	(31)
Aberdeen Art Gallery Trust	SC018575	(46)	-	-	-	1	(45)
Lands of Skene	SC018533	(3,986)	-	(19)	(50)	41	(4,014)
Lands of Torry	SC021299	(2,029)	-	(35)	(128)	128	(2,064)
Total - Charitable Trusts		(7,396)	-	(64)	(327)	207	(7,580)

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts and the Accounts Commission for Scotland

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of Aberdeen City Council Charitable Trusts for the year ended 31 March 2015 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 and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 125 of the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view. My responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. Those standards require me to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts or 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 charities' circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report and Financial Statements 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.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charities' affairs as at 31 March 2015 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.

Opinion on other prescribed matter

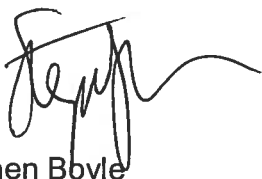
In my opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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.



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29 September 2015

Stephen Boyle is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.