Disability North

(A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Report of the Executive Committee and financial statements Registered charity number 514733 Guarantee number 1781525 31 March 2003

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Officers and Advisers

Guarantee number

1781525

Charity registration number

514733

Executive Committee members

The Executive Committee members who were directors of the charitable company and who held office during the year were as follows:

Ms S Wheatley Chair

Mr M Macourt Vice Chair

Mr A Scott Treasurer

Mrs J Nicklin Vice President Mr RC Spoor OBE Vice President

Mrs M Taylor Vice President

Ms R Abrahams Ms A Blackburn

Mr RA Elliott Mr RM Kalbag

Mr M Leates (resigned 17 December 2002)

Mrs C Lossing-Rangecroft

Mr S Skedge Mr S Cooke

Dr T Williams (appointed 16 July 2002) Mrs S Taylor (appointed 16 July 2002)

The Vice Presidents have no voting rights. Appointed procedures are detailed on page 6.

Executive directors

The senior executives of the charitable company attended the meetings of the Executive Committee but were not eligible to vote.

Mr S Cooke Chief Executive

Officers and Advisers (continued)

Company Secretary

Mr S Cooke

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc High Street Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1JQ

Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace 4 Oozells Square Birmingham B1 2HB

Stockbrokers

Wise Speke 39 Pilgrim Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ

Solicitors

Watson Burton 20 Collingwood Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1LB

Auditors

KPMG LLP Quayside House 110 Quayside Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3DX

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, who act as directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003, which have been prepared in accordance with SORP 2000.

Constitution

Disability North is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Principal objects

- (i) To promote the relief of disabled people and their inclusion within society, in the geographical area covered by the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, the Counties of Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and areas adjacent thereto.
- (ii) To support disabled people by addressing the disadvantage or restriction of activity they experience as a result of social attitudes and environmental barriers.
- (iii) To promote and support research of social welfare issues related to disability and to publish the results of such research.

Activities and results for the year

Net outgoing resources for the year were £45,675 (2002: outgoing resources £49,715) as itemised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The development of Disability North services continued through the year, with levels of service activity being maintained in supporting disabled people throughout the region. The Executive Committee remains ultimately responsible for the activities of the organisation and the sub groups 'Staffing, Personnel and Quality' and 'Planning, Finance and Administration' facilitate a greater involvement of Executive Committee members.

Report of the Executive Committee (continued)

The Executive Committee are of the opinion that the charitable company's assets are sufficient to fulfil the obligations of the Charity.

Quality Development

The requirements of the Investors in People and the Business Excellence Model have been maintained. In addition to this the first audit for the Community Legal Services Quality Mark was successfully completed and the related systems were consolidated.

Disability North Direct (Training and Audit Team)

The Team was funded by the Community Fund. Difficulties were encountered with sickness absence of key staff during the year, but covered all essential work and continued to develop the customer base. A further three year's HAZ work was secured and the commercial market for training and audit work remains buoyant. The partnership arrangement with the Pioneering Care Partnership at Newton Aycliffe, set up the previous year, reached a conclusion and further partnership opportunities are being considered.

Disability Equality Training Project

The project was funded by Westgate New Deal and has continued to meet agreed targets in delivering disability equality training in the west end of Newcastle.

Dene Centre Site

The Executive Committee has an ongoing commitment to maintain and develop the Dene Centre site.

Open Days

Open Days continued to be held during 2002. These were again very well attended and promoted the work of Disability North among professionals and service users.

Report of the Executive Committee (continued):

Conferences

A number of major conferences were held during the course of the financial year. These included: "Accessible Appointments", which was funded by HAZ and addressed the accessibility of health services to disabled people, "Building Success Through the DDA" and "Building upon Experience", both of which addressed accessibility issues. All events were over-subscribed and generated excellent feedback.

Direct Payments Projects

The Newcastle Direct Payments Project is funded by Newcastle City Council and provides support to people in Newcastle who wish to manage their own care packages. The Newcastle Project continued to develop its user base during the course of the year and whilst the South Tyneside Council project, commenced in 2001, was concluded in March 2003. During the course of the year Disability North was approached by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and invited to host a project researching the uptake of Direct Payments in the North of England and this was successfully accommodated.

Newcastle Special Needs Network

During the course of the year the Network, which is funded by the Community Fund, continued to develop its activities and consolidate its excellent reputation for the delivery of a high quality, relevant, service.

Young Disabled Person's Development Project

The Young Disabled Person's Development Project was funded by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and the Neighbourhood Support Fund and continued to deliver services and activities, informed by both service users and a steering group. Additional funding was contributed by Newcastle City Council to cover specific activities for young disabled people in Newcastle. The Project has also continued to influence Disability North's policies and development proposals in respect of young people.

Report of the Executive Committee (continued):

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee members who held office during the year are shown on page 1.

The Executive Committee members are directors of the company.

Members of the Executive Committee, who must be members of Disability North, are elected by the members in general meeting or appointed by the Executive Committee until the next annual general meeting when the person appointed is eligible for re-election by the members.

Policies:

Investment: The Company has a written Investment Policy that the Executive Committee regularly reviews. This policy addresses the requirements for financial security and performance and compatibility with the ethical objectives of the Company.

Reserves: The Reserves Policy is formally reviewed and adopted annually and determines the targets necessary for the achievement of appropriate financial underpinning to ensure that the Company's statutory financial obligations are capable of being met.

Risk Assessment: The formal Risk Assessment Policy and process covers every area of activity and is formally reviewed by the Executive Committee every six months. At the last review the Committee considered the controls were effective for the organisation.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the Executive Committee (continued):

Donations and grants from trusts, foundations and business

A number of significant donations and sponsorship grants were received in the year to 31 March 2003 and these are gratefully acknowledged:

Donations:

Organisation	Amount £	Date
Joseph Strong Trust	1,000.00	18.04.2002
Joseph Strong Trust	1,000.00	10.10.2002
Rowbotham Charitable Trust	500.00	24.10.2002
The Dickon Trust	944.00	24.10.2002
Grimsby Cripples Fund	500.00	06.12.2002
W A Handley Trust	3,000.00	23.12.2002
Tyneside Charitable trust	500.00	09.01.2003

Sponsorship:

Organisation	Activity Sponsored	Amount £	Date
Dickinson Dees	("Building upon)	800.00	21.06.2002
Taurus	(Success")	1000.00	05.07.2002
Easibathe Ltd	(Conference)	1,000.00	24.07.2002
ONE North East	DNEX	5,000.00	09.10.2002
Browell Smith & Co	DNEX	5.000.00	12.12.2002
Stannah Stairlifts	Courses	3,360.00	31.12.2002

Period End Funds

The funds at the end of the period have increased over those held at the beginning of the period. This increase is partly due to receipt of funds in advance for work scheduled to be carried out in 2003/2004, and appropriate contingencies have been made.

Report of the Executive Committee (Continued):

Future Plans

A detailed Business/Development Plan is prepared annually and reviewed every six months. This Plan sets strategies and targets for one, three and five years. The main features of the Plan relate to service development, consistent with establishing financial stability in an uncertain funding climate.

Erratum to Report of the Executive Committee and financial Statements 2002 – Reference to The Community Fund:

The Community Fund (formerly the National Lottery Charities Board) has been a valued supporter of Disability North projects for a number of years and currently provides substantial grant aid to both the Training and Audit Team and the Newcastle Special Needs Network. In last year's Report and Accounts, Note 15 to the Accounts erroneously makes reference to the Community Foundation. This reference should have been to the Community Fund and, in fact, no funding was received from the Community Foundation during that period. Our apologies go to the Community Fund for this error, together with our appreciation of their continued support.

Acknowledgement

The Executive Committee wishes to record its gratitude to all those authorities, organisations and bodies that continue to provide support to Disability North in the furtherance of its mission.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

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S Wheatley

Chair

Disability North Castle Farm Road Newcastle upon Tyne

1 December 2003

Statement of the Executive Committee members' responsibilities

Company law requires the Executive Committee members, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, 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 excess of income over expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee members are required to:

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

The Executive Committee members 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 Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



Report of the independent auditors to the members of Disability North

We have audited the financial statements on pages 12 to 27.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Executive Committee members and auditors

The Executive Committee members, who are the trustees and also the directors of Disability North for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the report of the Executive Committee and, as described on page 9, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the report of the Executive Committee is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for

Report of the auditors to the members of Disability North (continued)

our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Executive Committee members in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 March 2003 and of its outgoing resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 1 December 2003

Disability North Report of the Executive Committee and financial statements 31 March 2003

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 March 2003

	Note Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Capital T funds	otal funds 2003	Capital Total funds Total funds funds
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Income and expenditure					
Incoming resources Donations legacies and similar					
incoming resources	60,823	1	1	60,823	415,018
Incoming resources from operating					
activities					
Grants receivable from government					
and other public bodies		410,085	1	410,085	•
Local authority grants	179,539	ı	•	179,539	187,332
Activities for generating funds	196,335	•	ı	196,335	184,640
Income from trading activities	7 1,567	•	1	1,567	2,293
Service charges	•	•	ι	,	117
Investment income					
Rent received	20,314	1	1	20,314	20,070
Interest received	5,027	1	1	5,027	8,302
Investment income	1,779	1	ı	1,779	1,779
Other income	7,048	1	ı	7,048	4,598
Total incoming resources $(c/\!f)$	472,432	410,085	1	882,517	824,149

Disability North Report of the Executive Committee and financial statements 31 March 2003

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2003 account) (continued)

	Note U	Unrestricted	Restricted	Capital	Total funds Total	otal funds
		funds	funds	funds	2003	2002
		ĊН	Ħ	£	ĊН	£
Total incoming resources (b/f)		472,432	410,085	1	882,517	824,149
Resources expended Charitable expenditure						
Direct charitable expenditure	4	226,468	391,481	•	617,949	490,092
Management and administration						
of the charity	9	160,957	ı	1	160,957	235,169
Cost of generating funds						
Costs of generating funds	5	148,043	1	ı	148,043	147,214
Expenditure on trading activities	7	1,243	1	1	1,243	1,389
Total resources expended	∞	536,711	391,481	1	928,192	873,864
Net (outgoing)/incoming						
resources for the year	3-7	(64,279)	18,604	•	(45,675)	(49,715)
Transfers between funds	13,14	21,651	(4,718)	(16,933)	•	r
Net movement in funds before						
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income/(expenditure) for the year (c/f)		(42,628)	13,886	(16,933)	(45,675)	(49,715)

Disability North Report of the Executive Committee and financial statements 31 March 2003

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2003 account) (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Capital funds	Capital Total funds Total funds funds 2002	Total funds 2002
Net movement in funds before		Н	니	+ 1	4	
other gains and losses - Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(42,628)	13,886	(16,933)	(45,675)	(49,715)
Other recognised gains and losses Unrealised gains/(losses) on						
Investment assets	10	1,007	ı	ı	1,007	(773)
Net movement in funds		(41,621)	13,886	(16,933)	(44,668)	(50,488)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2002		157,739	98,787	521,317	777,843	828,331
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2003		116,118	112,673	504,384	733,175	777,843

The charitable company has no recognised gains or losses relating to the year other than the net movement in funds.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2003

ior the year ended 5 i					
	Note	2	2003		2002
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	9		466,921		478,399
Investments	10		30,601		29,594
			497,522		507,993
Current assets					
Stocks		1,116		1,116	
Debtors Cash at bank and in	11	47,522		107,422	
hand		287,889		251,275	
		336,527		359,813	
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one					
year	12	(100,874)	(89,963)	
Net current assets			235,653		269,850
Net assets	15		733,175		777,843
Funds					
Capital funds	13	?	504,384		521,317
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14	!	112,673		98,787
Unrestricted funds			116,118		157,739
			733,175	1 3 3 1 3 4	777,843

These financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 1 December 2003 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms S Wheatley

Chair

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Guarantee company

Disability North is a company limited by guarantee (No. 1781525) and not having a share capital. In the event of the company being wound up, members may be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2000) issued in October 2000, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on grounds of size.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Long leasehold buildings	40 years
Furniture and fittings	10 years
Equipment, motor vehicles	5 years
Computer related equipment	1-3 years

Land is not depreciated.

Capital funds

Capital funds include capital grants received in connection with leasehold buildings and the proceeds of an appeal for funding for the building. Each year an amount is transferred from capital funds to income funds equal to the depreciation charged on long leaseholdhold buildings.

Restricted funds

Income received from donors for specific charitable purposes is included as restricted funds and the related expenditure is allocated against the fund.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants and other income to fund projects lasting for more than one year or for fixed assets are recognised in full in the year in which they are receivable. Donated assets are credited to income at their estimated market value. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

Resources expenditure are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and are allocated to the activity to which they relate. Any costs that cannot be allocated to a specific activity are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Pensions

The company participates in a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits', accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

3 Net outgoing resources for the year

3 Net outgoing resources for the year		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Net outgoing resources for the year ls stated after charging:		
Audit fees	6,500	6,350
Payment on operating leases	687	750
Depreciation	29,069	29,285

4 Direct charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2003 £	Total 2002 £
Independent Living Resource Information and	109,431	-	109,431	89,134
Advisory Service Training and Audit	117,037	-	117,037	104,305
Team	e.	141,240	141,240	131,863
Projects	-	250,241	250,241	164,790
	226,468	391,481	617,949	490,092
5 Costs of gene	erating funds		2000	2000
			2003 £	2002 £
Cost of fundraising e Fundraising departm Publicity			78,870 58,638 535	78,412 68,802 -
		14	48,043	147,214

6 Management and administration	of the charity	
	2003	2002
	£	£
Salaries	89,030	135,792
Office costs	70,364	94,851
Legal and professional fees	1,563	4,526
	160,957	235,169
7 Trading activities		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Sales	1,567	2,293
Direct costs	(1,243)	(1,389)
	324	904

8 Total resources expended

Staff costs	Equip- -ment Leasing costs	Depre- -ciation	Other costs	Total 2003	Total 2002
£	£	£	£	£	£
					00.404
72,774	-	**	36,657	109,431	89,134
101,100	-	حد	9,942	111,042	104,305
115,950	-	-	25,671	141,621	131,863
60,551	-		87,492	148,043	147,214
	687	29,069	42,171	160,957	235,169
-	-	. .	1,243	1,243	1,389
165,900			89,955	255,855	164,790
605,305	687	29,069	293,131	928,192	873,864
			200	=== =	2002
				£	£
			526,51	4	524,273
sts			32,11	9	29,252
			46,67	12	45,617
			605,30)5	599,142
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During the year no members of the executive committee received any emoluments (2002 £nil). Travel expense of £1,666 (2002 £2,003) total were paid to 3 members of the Executive Committee. No employee receives remuneration greater than £50,000.

8 Total resources expended (continued)

The average number of employees, analysed by function, was:

	2003	2002
Direct charitable services	26	23
Fund raising and publicity	3	3
Management and administration of charity	6	7
	35	33
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9 Tangible fixed assets

•		Motor vehicles, furniture & equipment	Total
£	£	£	£
50,847	687,335	126,985	865,167
-	-	17,591	17,591
50,847	687,355	144,576	882,758
~	294,147	92,621	386,768
~	19,659	9,410	29,069
	313,806	102,031	415,837
50,847	373,529	42,545	466,921
50,847	393,188	34,364	478,399
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9 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The tangible fixed assets are held for direct charitable purpose, although parts of the building are let to bodies with related objectives.

10 Fixed asset investments

to tiked asset investinents		
		2003
		£
Quoted investment		
Market value 1 April 2002		29,594
Unrealised investment gains		1,007
Market value 31 March 2003		30,601
Historical cost as at 31 March 2003		24,442
The investment is a UK managed bond.		
11 Debtors		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Other debtors	37,435	81,557
Prepayments	10,087	25,865
	47,522	107,422

12 Liabilities: amounts falling due in less than one year

	2003 £	2002 £
Trade creditors Other creditors - other taxes and social	22,842	15,268
security	23,043	20,858
Accruals and deferred income	54,989	53,837
	400.074	
	100,874	89,963

13 Capital funds

	Balance 1 April 2002	Release to income funds	Balance 31 March 2003
	£	£	£
Building appeal reserve*			
Applied on land	50,846	-	50,846
Applied on buildings	51,226	(1,906)	49,320
Building reserve fund	87,283	-	87,283
	189,355	(1,906)	187,449
Caultal*			
Capital grant* Applied on buildings	331,962	(15,027)	316,935
Total capital funds	521,317	(16,933)	504,384
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Amounts are transferred to income funds on an annual basis to match the rates at which the related assets are depreciated.

^{*}The building appeal reserve and capital grant fund was established on acquisition of the Dene Centre building.

14 Restricted funds

	Balance 1 April	Movement in resources			Balance 31 March
	_	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	2003
	£	£	£	£	£
Projects					
Training and					
audit Team	(26,938)	146,353	(141,240)	47,000	25,175
Disability Equality					
Training Projects	21,980	107,500	(54,341)	(7,202)	67,937
Direct Payments					
North Project	-	18,596	(16,888)	-	1,708
South Tyneside					
Direct				()	
Payments	48,571	149	(47,754)	(966)	 -
Direct Payments	11,740	64,412	(64,695)	(9,600)	1,857
YPDW	12,905	43,152	(42,181)	2,120	15,996
Newcastle					
Special					
Needs Network	22,265	29,923	(24,382)	(27,806)	-
Other	8,264	-	-	(8,264)	-
	98,787	410,085	(391,481)	(4,718)	112,673

Training and Audit Team – Funds to provide accessibility training and audit services to the voluntary and commercial sectors.

Disability Equity Training Projects – Fund is to deliver disability access and awareness training in the West End of Newcastle.

Direct Payments North Project – is funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to conduct research into the uptake of Direct Payments in the North of England.

14 Restricted funds (continued)

South Tyneside Direct Payments – was to promote and support the uptake of Direct Payments in the South Tyneside area.

Direct Payments – is a project to promote and support the uptake of Direct Payments in Newcastle.

YPDW – to support young disabled people in seeking development opportunities.

Newcastle Special Needs Network – provides advice and support to parents and families of disabled children in Newcastle.

Transfer to Unrestricted Funds – The net transfers between funds represent management charges as agreed at the commencement of the projects.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Capital Funds	Total Funds
Fund balances at 31 March 2003 are represented by:	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	42,545	-	424,376	466,921
Investments	-	_	30,601	30,601
Net current assets	73,573	112,673	49,407	235,653
Total net assets	116,118	112,673	504,384	733,175

In the opinion of the Executive Committee, sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form for each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions imposed.

16 Pension scheme

The charity's employees belong to a Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 9% plus £7,392 per annum for employers and 4% for employees.

16 Pension scheme (continued)

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The pensions cost is assessed every three years in accordance with the advice of a qualified independent actuary. The assumptions and other data that have the most significant effect on the determination of the contribution levels are as follows:

Latest actuarial valuation	31 March 2001
Actuarial method	Projected Unit
Investment returns per annum	6.64%
Pension increases per annum	2.5%
Salary scale increases per annum	4.25%
Market value of assets at date of	
last valuation	£2,190m
Proportion of members' accrued	
benefits covered by the actuarial	
value of the assets	81.7%

FRS 17

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard 17 (Retirement Benefits), the LGPS is a multi employer pension scheme. The charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. Accordingly the charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 17 and upon full adoption of the accounting standard will account for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme.