

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC162633 (Scotland)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC039758**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023  
FOR  
AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**



# **AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Amcol Scotland Limited is a registered charity in Scotland, registration number SC039758. The Organisation is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12 January 1996 and registered as a charity on 25 July 2008. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The principal objective of the company is provision of quality childcare.

**Significant activities**

These include the provision of childcare, nursery and after school care services for children of adults in full or part time education thereby encouraging adults into further education.

Childcare services are not limited to those in further education and where the allocation of the nursery is not fulfilled by those in further education the additional places are utilised by local authorities, social services and the wider community.

**Volunteers**

The charity does not have any voluntary workers.

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

**Charitable activities**

The company was in control of four children's nurseries throughout the year:-

Firtrees Nursery	- Motherwell
Fullwood Nursery	- Motherwell
Meiklewood House Nursery	- Glasgow
Bellwood Nursery	- Motherwell

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

**Internal and external factors**

As a childcare provider the company is subject to inspection and review by the Care Inspectorate to ensure that National Care and Education standards are met.

**Firtrees** last inspection was by the Care Inspectorate in June 2023 and it received quality statement grades of:

Grade 4 (Good) Play and learning; nurturing care and support, play and learning.

Grade 4 (Good) Children experience high quality facilities.

Grade 4 (Good) Quality assurance and improvements are well led.

Grade 3 (Adequate) Staff deployment.

**Fullwood's** last inspection was by the Care Inspectorate in January 2020 and it received quality statement grades of:

Grade 5 (Very Good) Quality of Care and Support

Grade 4 (Good) Quality of Environment

**Meiklewood's** last inspection was by the Care Inspectorate in February 2020 and it received quality statement grades of:

Grade 5 (Very Good) Quality of Care and Support

Grade 4 (Good) Quality of Environment

**Bellwood's** last inspection was by the Care Inspectorate in June 2021 and it received quality statement grades of:

Grade 4 (Good) Children's health and well-being are supported and safeguarded during COVID-19

Grade 4 (Good) Infection prevention and control practices support a safe environment for children and staff

Grade 4 (Good) Staffing arrangements are responsive to the changing needs of children during COVID-19

**Achievements and Awards**

**RoSPA Health & Safety**

The company holds a RoSPA Order of Distinction Award for Health & Safety. This award acknowledges 23 consecutive years of achieving RoSPA Gold Awards.

**Health Promoting Nurseries Scheme**

Firtrees nursery achieved the Gold award.

Fullwood nursery achieved the Gold award.

**ECO Schools Program**

Firtrees achieved the 4th Green Flag award.

Meiklewood achieved the 1st Green Flag award.

Fullwood achieved the 1st Green Flag award.

Bellwood achieved a Silver award and is working towards the 1st Green Flag award.

**Specialist Training**

Throughout the company we have staff trained in specialist areas such as:

- Forrest School leader & Kindergarten Approach;
- ASD LINK to support Additional Needs;
- Sulp Puppets and MAKATON sign language to support Language and Communication;
- STEM to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in Early Years.
- Health & safety, sleep safe and sun safe

Throughout the year the company received positive feedback from governing bodies and clients. All nurseries continue to attract new clients through word of mouth recommendations and continuous promotion of their quality childcare services.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Financial review**

**Principal funding sources**

The company's core income is generated from North Lanarkshire Council, Glasgow City Council and private funding in respect of the provision of childcare. In addition to this income the company was in receipt of monies from New College Lanarkshire for the provision of childcare for individuals in further education.

Additional government funding was received in the year 2021-2022 in the form of Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants which supported staff wage costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. No such funding was received in the year to 2022-23.

**Investment policy and objectives**

The trustees make strategic investments to raise additional funds to aid the charitable activity. During the period the charity raised £7,208 (2022 £2,212) in bank interest from investing funds in interest bearing savings accounts.

**Reserves policy**

The company established a reserves policy whereby the funds are utilised in the current financial year with any surplus being carried forward to the next year and utilised to maintain a high standard of quality childcare within all nurseries.

The company reports a surplus of £402,994 (2022 £331,478) and Total Funds of £3,119,256 (2022 £2,716,262) for the year ended 31 July 2023.

**Future plans**

The company aim to continue to provide a quality childcare provision and to develop the provision through expansion opportunities within the Lanarkshire and Glasgow areas.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The company gained charitable status on 25 July 2008 and is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association as amended by written resolution on 16 June 2008, and constitutes a limited company as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees. There is no minimum or maximum number of trustees who can serve on the charity's board. The trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act as a trustee, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee.

**Organisational structure**

The charity's trustees have overall authority for the company, determining its strategic direction and ensuring it complies with both charity and company law. Trustee Cecilia Devine is also managing director and oversees the day to day running of the charity.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees undertake basic orientation to ensure they are aware of legal obligations under both charity and company law. Prior to their invitations to take up their posts they are already aware of the practical work undertaken by the charity.

**Wider network**

The charity is not part of any wider networks.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Related parties**

Motherwell and Cumbernauld College's merged on 1 November 2013 to create New College Lanarkshire with Coatbridge College joining on 1 April 2014. New College Lanarkshire is the parent of Amcol Scotland Limited and is a related party by that virtue. Trustees Cecilia Devine, Iain Clark and Moira Jarvie are employees of New College Lanarkshire.

Morton Raeside, who is the owner of MR Property Services, is also a related party by virtue of being a connected person to trustee Cecilia Devine.

Additional information regarding related party transactions is set out in Note 20 of the notes to the financial statements.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the company is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks, to which the company is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage these risks. Policies and procedures are in place in relation to: Company Finance, Health & Safety, Employment Law, Child Protection and Child Welfare.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
SC162633 (Scotland)

**Registered Charity number**  
SC039758

**Registered office**  
1 Enterprise Way  
Motherwell  
North Lanarkshire  
ML1 2TX

**Trustees**  
J Fairlie  
C Devine  
I A Clark  
M J Jarvie

**Company Secretary**  
C Devine

**Auditors**  
McDaid & Partners  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
Stanley House  
69/71 Hamilton Road  
Motherwell  
Lanarkshire  
ML1 3DG

**Bankers**  
Virgin Money  
Cornwall Street  
East Kilbride  
G74 1JL

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Solicitors**

Holmes Mackillop  
109 Douglas Street  
Blythswood Square  
Glasgow  
G2 4HB

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Amcol Scotland Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, McDaid & Partners, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 4 October 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:



C Devine - Secretary

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Amcol Scotland Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 July 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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



## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain 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 our opinion. Reasonable assurance with ISAs(UK) 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

- evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and reasonableness of accounting estimates.
- obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the auditor's opinion.
- obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- design and implement audit procedures to identify non-compliance with the direct and indirect laws and regulations specific to the nature of the entity.
- enquire of management in relation to their assessment of the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement or their knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud.
- there is a presumed significant risk associated with income recognition therefore appropriate audit procedures are designed and implemented to obtain appropriate audit evidence to support the auditor's opinion.
- there is a presumed significant risk associated with management override therefore appropriate audit procedures are designed and implemented to obtain appropriate audit evidence to support the auditor's opinion.
- design and implement audit procedures to identify related parties, unusual or unexpected transactions that are appropriate in the circumstances and obtain appropriate audit evidence to support the auditor's opinion and disclosures within the financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF  
AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and the trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nicholas Dott CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of McDaid & Partners

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Stanley House

69/71 Hamilton Road

Motherwell

Lanarkshire

ML1 3DG

Date: 4 October 23

**AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.7.23 Total funds £	31.7.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Childcare facilities		4,723,001	-	4,723,001	4,050,792
Investment income	3	7,208	-	7,208	2,212
Other income	5	-	-	-	18,746
<b>Total</b>		<u>4,730,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,730,209</u>	<u>4,071,750</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Childcare facilities		<u>4,327,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,327,215</u>	<u>3,740,272</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>402,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402,994</u>	<u>331,478</u>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>402,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402,994</u>	<u>556,478</u>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,716,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>	<u>2,159,784</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>3,119,256</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,119,256</u></u>	<u><u>2,716,262</u></u>

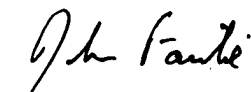
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**AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: SC162633)**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 JULY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.7.23 Total funds £	31.7.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13	1,118,091	-	1,118,091	1,145,696
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	45,676	-	45,676	11,869
Prepayments and accrued income		26,308	-	26,308	22,051
Cash at bank and in hand		2,228,882	-	2,228,882	1,805,826
		<u>2,300,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,300,866</u>	<u>1,839,746</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(299,701)	-	(299,701)	(269,180)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>2,001,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,001,165</u>	<u>1,570,566</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>3,119,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,119,256</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,119,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,119,256</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	18				
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds				2,475,680	2,072,686
Share capital				10,000	10,000
Revaluation reserve				633,576	633,576
				<u>3,119,256</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>3,119,256</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Fairlie - Trustee



C Devine - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	Notes	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	420,412	414,880
Interest paid		(4,564)	(3,585)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>415,848</u>	<u>411,295</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<u>7,208</u>	<u>2,212</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>7,208</u>	<u>2,212</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>423,056</u>	<u>413,507</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>1,805,826</u>	<u>1,392,319</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>2,228,882</u></u>	<u><u>1,805,826</u></u>

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**AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	402,994	331,478
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	27,605	25,107
Interest received	(7,208)	(2,212)
Interest paid	4,564	3,585
Group undertakings movement	(17,934)	15,417
Increase in debtors	(35,547)	(4,487)
Increase in creditors	45,938	45,992
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>420,412</u>	<u>414,880</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.8.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.7.23 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,805,826	423,056	2,228,882
	<u>1,805,826</u>	<u>423,056</u>	<u>2,228,882</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,805,826</u>	<u>423,056</u>	<u>2,228,882</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

#### 1. LEGAL FORM

Amcol Scotland Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in Scotland. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the report of the trustees under reference and administration details.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

##### **Going concern**

The organisation prepares its accounts on the basis that it remains a going concern: That is that there is the assumption that the functions of the organisation will continue in operational existence.

##### **Income**

All 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.

The sources of Income come from:

##### **Private Clients.**

New College Lanarkshire, Glasgow Clyde College, The University of The West of Scotland in support of students undertaking further education.

North Lanarkshire Council and Glasgow City Council in support of Partnership 3-5 year commissioned places.

Routes to Work in support of parents returning to work after periods of unemployment.

NLC Early Years in support of parents' experiencing difficulties.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Grants**

Grants received in respect of revenue expenditure are credited to Statement of Financial Activities when they are due.

##### **Government Grants**

Government grants are eligible for recognition within the financial statements once they become receivable.

##### **Goodwill**

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2011, was amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of three years.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset, less estimated residual value, over its estimated residual life.

Short leasehold	- 5% on cost
Freehold property	- 2% on cost

## AMCOL SCOTLAND LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Property improvements	- 2% on cost
Nursery & kitchen equipment	- 15% - 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 33.33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost

Land and buildings are measured using the revaluation model. Under the revaluation model assets are revalued to fair value. The company has a policy of ensuring a full revaluation takes place at least every 5 years such that the market value is not materially different to the current value. Depreciation and impairment losses are subsequently charged on the revalued amount.

Costs incurred in relation to land and buildings after initial purchase or construction, and prior to valuation, are capitalised to the extent that they increase the expected useful future benefits to the company.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Operating lease**

Rental costs in relation to operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### **Basic financial instruments**

###### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for goods or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

###### **Trade Creditors**

Trade creditors are amounts due to suppliers for goods or services obtained in the ordinary course of business.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

##### **Cash**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.



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**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>7,208</u>	<u>2,212</u>

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Nursery fees	4,723,001	4,024,904
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>25,888</u>
	<u>4,723,001</u>	<u>4,050,792</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
SSP COVID Claims	-	8,122
Omicron Fund	-	12,000
NLC Quality Improvement Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>5,766</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,888</u>

**5. OTHER INCOME**

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>18,746</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Childcare facilities	<u>4,305,780</u>	<u>21,435</u>	<u>4,327,215</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Childcare facilities	<u>21,435</u>

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**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,700	5,700
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	14,700	12,060
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>27,605</u>	<u>25,107</u>

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	745	764
Trustees' social security	<u>108</u>	<u>153</u>
	<u>853</u>	<u>917</u>

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, as passed on 19 June 2008, trustees' remuneration can be paid if it is in the best interests of the charity to employ and remunerate such a director and that at any time remunerated trustees are less than the total number of trustees employed.

The remuneration of £853 (2022 £917) consists of £108 (2022 £153) class 1a national insurance and £745 (2022 £764) benefit in kind for trustee C Devine.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

**10. STAFF COSTS**

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,961,805	2,637,949
Social security costs	199,733	162,832
Other pension costs	<u>47,810</u>	<u>43,217</u>
	<u>3,209,348</u>	<u>2,843,998</u>

Staff other employment benefits totalled £2,788 (2022 £2,797).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	171	168
Nursery staff	<u>171</u>	<u>168</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Childcare facilities	4,050,792	-	4,050,792
Investment income	2,212	-	2,212
Other income	-	18,746	18,746
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<b>Total</b>	4,053,004	18,746	4,071,750
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<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Childcare facilities	3,721,526	18,746	3,740,272
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	331,478	-	331,478
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>			
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	225,000	-	225,000
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>	556,478	-	556,478
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<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	2,159,784	-	2,159,784
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	2,716,262	-	2,716,262
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**12. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Goodwill £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	120,000
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<b>AMORTISATION</b>	
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	120,000
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 July 2023	-
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At 31 July 2022	-
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**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Property improvements £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	1,080,000	113,651	16,187
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 August 2022	-	61,562	2,580
Charge for year	21,600	5,682	323
At 31 July 2023	21,600	67,244	2,903
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 July 2023	1,058,400	46,407	13,284
At 31 July 2022	1,080,000	52,089	13,607

	Nursery & kitchen equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>				
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	147,792	40,700	32,274	1,430,604
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 August 2022	147,792	40,700	32,274	284,908
Charge for year	-	-	-	27,605
At 31 July 2023	147,792	40,700	32,274	312,513
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 July 2023	-	-	-	1,118,091
At 31 July 2022	-	-	-	1,145,696

Cost or valuation at 31 July 2023 is represented by:

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Property improvements £
Valuation in 2017	471,088	-	-
Valuation in 2022	130,000	-	-
Cost	478,912	113,651	16,187
	1,080,000	113,651	16,187

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**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Nursery & kitchen equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Totals £
Valuation in 2017	-	-	-	471,088
Valuation in 2022	-	-	-	130,000
Cost	147,792	40,700	32,274	829,516
	<u>147,792</u>	<u>40,700</u>	<u>32,274</u>	<u>1,430,604</u>

The Freehold Property of Fullwood Nursery and Bellwood Nursery were revalued on 1 August 2017 by Whyte & Barrie with revised values of £200,000 and £750,000 respectively. The movement to the revaluation reserve following the valuation was £408,576. The revaluation was incorporated in the year end financial statements ended 31 July 2017.

A further revaluation of the Freehold Property of Fullwood Nursery and Bellwood Nursery was carried out on 12 August 2022 and 11 August 2022 respectively by Whyte & Barrie with revised values of £230,000 for Fullwood Nursery and £850,000 for Bellwood Nursery. The movement to the revaluation reserve following the valuation was £225,000. The revaluation was incorporated in the year end financial statements ended 31 July 2022.

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
Trade debtors	9,010	11,869
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,517	-
Other debtors	34,149	-
	<u>45,676</u>	<u>11,869</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
Trade creditors	28,239	33,940
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	15,417
Social security and other taxes	34,861	31,932
Other creditors	161,899	143,750
Accruals	74,702	44,141
	<u>299,701</u>	<u>269,180</u>

Included within other creditors is deferred income with regards to funded childcare in advance. A summary of the movement is noted below:

	Balance at 31.7.22 £	Released 31.7.23 £	Deferred 31.7.23 £	Balance at 31.7.23 £
Childcare in advance	107,695	(107,695)	122,444	122,444

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**16. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
In more than five years	<u>643,200</u>	<u>723,600</u>

**17. SECURED DEBTS**

Clydesdale Bank Plc has a floating charge over the assets and undertakings of the charitable company.

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	2,072,686	402,994	2,475,680
Share capital	10,000	-	10,000
Revaluation reserve	633,576	-	633,576
	<u>2,716,262</u>	<u>402,994</u>	<u>3,119,256</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,716,262</u>	<u>402,994</u>	<u>3,119,256</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	4,730,209	(4,327,215)	402,994
	<u>4,730,209</u>	<u>(4,327,215)</u>	<u>402,994</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,730,209</u>	<u>(4,327,215)</u>	<u>402,994</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	1,741,208	331,478	2,072,686
Share capital	10,000	-	10,000
Revaluation reserve	408,576	225,000	633,576
	<u>2,159,784</u>	<u>556,478</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,159,784</u>	<u>556,478</u>	<u>2,716,262</u>

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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted funds	4,053,004	(3,721,526)	-	331,478
Revaluation reserve	-	-	225,000	225,000
	<u>4,053,004</u>	<u>(3,721,526)</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>556,478</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	18,746	(18,746)	-	-
	<u>18,746</u>	<u>(18,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>4,071,750</u></u>	<u><u>(3,740,272)</u></u>	<u><u>225,000</u></u>	<u><u>556,478</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	1,741,208	734,472	2,475,680
Share capital	10,000	-	10,000
Revaluation reserve	408,576	225,000	633,576
	<u>2,159,784</u>	<u>959,472</u>	<u>3,119,256</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,159,784</u></u>	<u><u>959,472</u></u>	<u><u>3,119,256</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted funds	8,783,213	(8,048,741)	-	734,472
Revaluation reserve	-	-	225,000	225,000
	<u>8,783,213</u>	<u>(8,048,741)</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>959,472</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	18,746	(18,746)	-	-
	<u>18,746</u>	<u>(18,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>8,801,959</u></u>	<u><u>(8,067,487)</u></u>	<u><u>225,000</u></u>	<u><u>959,472</u></u>

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) whereby restrictions were placed on the use of the funding. The income could only be used to pay staff wages and as such has been included as restricted income in the Statement of Financial Activities. No such income was received from this source in the year to 31 July 2023.

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**19. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of New College Lanarkshire, a charity registered in Scotland.

The registered office of the parent, where consolidated accounts are available, is:-

Motherwell Campus  
1 Enterprise Way  
Motherwell  
ML1 2TX

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

Morton Raeside, who is the owner of MR Property Services, is a connected person to trustee Cecilia Devine. Included within the Statement of Financial Activities are costs of £31,050 (2022 £16,550) and £1,064 (2022 £816) paid to MR Property Services in respect of property maintenance and nursery expenses respectively. At the year end a balance remained within trade creditors of £2,964 (2022 £2,586).

Trustees Cecilia Devine, Iain Clark and Moira Jarvie are employees of New College Lanarkshire.