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DIRECTORS' REPORT**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

In accordance with the Accounting & Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005 The South Edinburgh Partnership intends to provide through this document, an overview of its activities and achievements over the year 2007/08.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited ("the Partnership") is a company limited by guarantee set up in October 1997. The Partnership was formally established as a Social Inclusion Partnership in 1999 at which time it was tasked with preventing further deterioration of the area and addressing the deprivation which was already being experienced by many local people. Its principle remit is to improve the quality of life of all local people. During 2005/06, in accordance with Communities Scotland Directives the Partnership became known as a Community Regeneration Partnership ("CRF") in recognition of a change in government emphasis and specific target areas.
- 2.2 The CRF Partnerships have now been superseded by the onset of Community Planning and during 2007/08 the new Liberton/Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership ("LGNP") came on-stream. The impact of this is noted further in this document.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Partnerships, of which there are 12 across the city comprise Councillors, public agencies, community representatives, Police, NHS Lothian and the voluntary sector. The key focus of the Partnerships is to address issues that affect the local quality of life and to address the symptoms of social and economic deprivation as determined by the Scottish Government's National Outcomes. The work of the Neighbourhood Partnerships is similar to that of the previous CRF Partnerships and aims to build on their achievements over past years.
- 2.4 In September 2007 the Board of South Edinburgh Partnership agreed to work towards integrating the work of the two Partnerships and passing responsibility for specific areas of work to that body. This was subsequently endorsed by the Board of the LGNP at its meeting of November 2007.
- 2.5 Since then the work and responsibility of the South Edinburgh Partnership key Challenge Groups has transferred to the LGNP. However, it should be noted that the servicing and running of these groups remains, at present, with the South Edinburgh Partnership.
- 2.6 The Partnership is not in itself a direct service delivery organisation but rather it is the conduit whereby an amalgam of projects can access funds which enables them to provide a variety of services, in line with the Partnership's Objectives and National priorities in order to alleviate many of the social barriers experienced by many local people. The introduction of the LGNP saw a shift in funding with CRF funding being replaced by the Fairer Scotland Fund with effect from 1st April 2008. The Fairer Scotland Fund is in effect an amalgam of seven funding streams available in previous years, including CRF. It is likely that in future responsibility for the allocation of FSF grants will rest with the LGNP.

- 2.7 The Partnership's Key Challenge Groups have continued throughout the year. They comprise directors, community representatives and officers from appropriate statutory and voluntary agencies. These Challenge Groups now take forward the LGNP's strategy and seek approval/report to the LGNP on progress. The identified themes have remained constant, albeit evolving, throughout the years. The main themes are listed below but are further expanded upon later in this document in terms of the new Scottish Government's National Framework and local objectives and targets.

- o Education for All
- o Getting People into Work
- o Environmental Improvement
- o Local Facilities
- o Improving Health including Addictions related work
- o Services for People (including children, young people, families and working age people and older people)
- o Community Safety
- o Working for Communities.

3. **GOVERNANCE**

Directors

The directors during the year were as follows:

<u>Director</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Kenneth Harold	17/05/00	Robert Regan	12/12/97
Donald Anderson	12/12/97	Allan Teesdale	30/10/02
George McKie	12/12/97	Kenny Murphy	27/06/07
Gilbert Clark	12/12/97	Ian Murray	10/06/03
Sheila Gilmore	17/05/00	Jeanette Mulgrew	25/11/04
Wilma Nelson	12/12/97	Steve Wallace	14/06/07
Gordon Jackson	03/09/00	Chris Hampton	10/07/07
Norma Hart	01/06/07	Valerie Brown	12/05/04
Conor Snowdown	13/06/07	Georgina Robertson	26/03/07
Heather Landells	30/10/02	Tom Buchanan	04/12/07

Sheila Gilmore, Donald Anderson, George McKie, Gilbert Clark, Kenneth Harold, Gordon Jackson, Heather Landells, Valerie Brown and Jeanette Mulgrew resigned as directors during the year.

3.1 **Trustees' Recruitment, Induction & Training:**

- 3.1.1 Amended Memorandum and Articles of Association were adopted at an EGM on 14th March 2007. These amendments were intended to rationalise the Memo & Articles of Association which through the passage of time had become inconsistent with the practical make-up of the Board. As of 14th March 2007 the Partnership Board comprises representatives from a variety of agencies as noted below:

- (a) Four directors elected as Councillors from the City of Edinburgh Council representing Ward 16 Liberton/Gilmerton. This includes the areas of Moredun, Gilmerton, Southhouse/Burdiehouse, Gracemount, Inch and Alnwickhill.
- (b) One director representing Lothian & Borders Police (local Chief Inspector).
- (c) One director representing Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue Service (yet to be appointed).
- (d) One director representing NHS Lothian.
- (e) One director representing Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh & Lothian (position vacant – SEEL do not wish to sit on the Board at this time)

- (f) Two directors representing local voluntary sector organisations (Elected annually at local Voluntary Sector Conference).
- (g) One director representing SECAT (South Edinburgh Churches Acting Together).
- (h) Five Community directors representing the five Neighbourhood Forums (including Inch Community Association which operates as a de facto Forum).

3.1.2 There is provision within the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the organisation to co-opt directors throughout the year if required.

3.1.3 Before taking up office new directors, in particular the community directors, spend time with the Support Team Manager and Senior Staff and are invited to attend meetings of the Board and working groups.

3.2 **Delegation of Day-to-Day Management:**

3.2.1 At the end of March 2007 the Partnership Manager, Susan Milne returned to the City of Edinburgh Council and now heads up the JET citywide programme. An Interim Manager, Scott Donkin, was appointed by the Board and the day-to-day management of the Partnership now rests with him supported by Madelaine Traynor Senior Support Team Officer and the Financial Administrator, Margaret Campbell

3.3 **Structure for Decision Making:**

3.3.1 Responsibility for the day-to-day management of the South Edinburgh Partnership rests with the Interim Partnership Manager, Scott Donkin and other staff as noted above.

3.3.2 Over the year the Partnership Board decided upon the overall strategy of the organisation. In order to facilitate the work it operated the Key Challenge Groups noted above which were serviced by the Partnership Support Team. With effect from November 2007 these groups now report directly to the LGNP Board. In future The South Edinburgh Partnership Board will be limited in its ability to influence strategy.

3.3.3 In addition the Partnership operated two funding panels as detailed below. Both panels comprised an amalgam of directors and officers of the Partnership together with officers from the City of Edinburgh Council and other agencies as deemed appropriate.

3.3.4 Throughout the year CRF funding remained the responsibility of the South Edinburgh Partnership. However, this fund has now been replaced by the Fairer Scotland Fund ("FSF") and with effect from 1st April 2008 and responsibility for its disbursement now rests with the LGNP albeit it is serviced by the staff of the South Edinburgh Partnership

3.3.5 **Community Regeneration Fund ("CRF"):**

- (a) In the financial year 2007/08 a total of £800,169 of CRF was allocated to South Edinburgh Partnership from Communities Scotland. Whilst this funding is paid directly to specific organisations via the City of Edinburgh Council, who act as the "Accountable Body", the allocation thereof rests with the South Edinburgh Partnership. Allocations vary in amount from £115,000 to a local Childcare Project to £11,735 to the South Edinburgh Day Centre Volunteers Support Group.

- (b) The CRF Funding Panel scrutinised applications and made recommendations to the Partnership Board. The Board endorsed, or otherwise, these recommendations. Ultimately the Board decisions required to be ratified by the Executive Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council. Thereafter projects applied directly to the Council Finance Department for payment on a quarterly basis. As these payments are made directly by the Council they are not included within these accounts with the exception of the Support Team costs, Small Grants, Community Voices and Community Development Initiative funding.
- (c) This process is strictly managed and all projects are closely monitored. The City of Edinburgh Council, as Accountable Body, allocates a Link Officer to monitor each individual organisation. Each organisation undergoes a stringent annual monitoring and evaluation process to ensure they meet their targets and that they are aligned with the following five national priorities:
 - ❖ Getting People Into Work
 - ❖ Raising Educational Attainment
 - ❖ Improving Health
 - ❖ Building Strong, Safe and Attractive Communities
 - ❖ Engaging Young People
 - ❖ Engaging with Communities (over-arching)
- (d) The priorities relating to the Fairer Scotland Fund will be re-assessed by the Edinburgh Partnership during the six months commencing 1st April 2008, and existing voluntary sector provision measured against the new National Framework. Existing projects, including the South Edinburgh Partnership, have been awarded a six month transitional funding allocation pending the outcome of the Edinburgh Partnership's assessment.
- (e) Undernoted is a synopsis of the projects funded via CRF in 2007/08 and their outcomes.
- (f) **Small Grants:** Local organisations were invited to make application for grants. In 2007/08 the maximum awarded to any one organisation was £1,000. (This could be more than one application provided the total did not exceed £1k) In order to speed up the process the Partnership Board delegated full decision making powers to a funding panel which comprises directors and officers of the City of Edinburgh Council. Applications are varied eg Gilmerton Amateur Athletic Club - £1,000 towards the cost of purchasing new ropes, gloves, canvass etc and Childcare Connections - £876 towards the purchase of new books for their various bases. The Board is provided with a synopsis of the awards for their information. The Finance Officer is responsible for administering the fund. During the year 25 grants were awarded, totalling £25,000.
- (g) It should be noted that whilst the South Edinburgh Partnership has been awarded transitional funding from the FSF, this did not include a Small Grants allocation. Therefore with effect from 31st March 2008 the fund has been discontinued.

4. **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

- 4.1 As in previous years the Partnership is required to prepare an Annual Report for submission to the Scottish Government. This report examines the work of the Partnership, by individual partner organisations and groups, by the agencies and projects funded through the Partnership process and by the Support Team in developmental and management work. It examines all this work in the context of the Partnership's Vision Statement, Partnership's Key Challenges and associated objectives, Social Justice Milestones (as agreed at both national and city level), the core Compulsory Indicators (as laid down by the Scottish Government) the National Priorities for Community Regeneration and Edinburgh's Regeneration Outcomes Agreement ("ROA"). Copies of the full report can be obtained directly from the South Edinburgh Partnership.

- 4.2 As explained earlier in this report the Partnership is not in itself a direct service delivery organisation. Nonetheless it does set objectives and targets in respect of its Support Team. Whilst these targets are difficult to measure in crude numeric terms the Partnership is acknowledged to have made a considerable difference to the infrastructure of the area and an impact on the lives of local residents. The main targets for 2007/08 remain primarily the same as in previous years and are noted below:

Objective/Target	Achievement
Delivery of the Partnership's agreed objectives, within a social justice and community planning framework, by ensuring the effective co-ordination of the statutory, private, voluntary sector and community partners' contributions to the work of the Partnership, community planning process and the regeneration of the South Edinburgh Community Regeneration area.	The Partnership Board, Challenge Groups and Working Groups meet on average four times per year. The Support Team has serviced all of these groups and ensured members were provided with the relevant information to enable them to make informed decisions.
Advise and guide the Board in the development of policy, the implementation of agreed strategies and the management of the Partnership's programmes and projects.	The Support Team has continued to ensure that Partnership Board was fully involved in the development of all policy and strategic processes and approved all aspects of the Partnership's programmes and projects.
Ensure that linkages are formed between the broader community regeneration initiatives and the Partnership's social inclusion objectives.	Partners were kept fully abreast of developments at every level.
Ensure that the work and support of the Partnership is promoted at a local and citywide level.	The work of the Partnership and associated projects/strategies was promoted through the South Edinburgh Echo, the Partnership's website and occasional door to door delivery of information documents.
Co-ordinate Partnership response to consultation processes.	The Support Team ensured that the Board were fully involved in all consultation processes.
Support the implementation of the Partnerships' local Regeneration Outcomes Agreement.	The ROA adopted by the Partnership Board in 2005 and continued throughout 2007/08 to be progressed through the Partnership's Challenge Group structure.
Use the Partnership's Community Regeneration Fund budget as leverage, secure additional funds from external funding sources, partner agencies and the private sector.	Excluding the Support Team's Core Cost a total of £200,000, a total of £600,169 (plus £24,390 Community Voices) was distributed throughout the community ie 16 projects. (NB the bulk of these funds were disbursed via the Council and are therefore not included in the accounts See para 3.3.5 (a) – (g) for explanation). This levered in a further £771,799 from other sources ie 96% including the City of Edinburgh Council, Lottery, various trusts etc.
Ensure effective and accountable community input to the Partnership at all levels and warrant that sufficient resources and support are made available for this purpose.	The community directors and volunteers were supported under the auspices of the Community Development Initiative. Every effort was made to ensure that they were kept informed at all levels and had sufficient resources to enable them to participate.

- 4.3 The Partnership through its Challenge Groups has been involved with many projects and/or developments throughout the year. Detailed below is an explanation of the Partnership's Challenge Groups and how it has interacted with the projects funded via the CRF in line with the national priorities

4.4 **Raising Educational Attainment/Getting People Into Work**

- 4.4.1 The Education, Training and Employment Group is the Partnership group responsible for progressing work around two of the National Priorities ie Raising Educational Attainment and Getting People into Work. The main partners of this group are Capital City Partnership, the City of Edinburgh Council (both City Development and Children & Families Departments), local schools, Napier University Lifelong Learning, Jewel & Esk Valley College, Careers Scotland and the community through its directors and representatives.
- 4.4.2 The group has an agreed work plan focussing on the local priorities within the national and citywide policies and strategies. The focus is very much on the Regeneration Outcomes Agreement with regard to getting people into work, and in particular looking at how the experience of young people in education can be moulded to improve their employment opportunities through the provision of an alternative curriculum. A further task of the group is ensuring the implementation of the Community Learning and Development plan for the area in the context of the citywide strategy.
- 4.4.3 Noted below are the CRF projects designed to address some of the problems associated with raising educational attainment.

Project	CRF Grant	Leverage
Children 1st Family Support. Project offers support to children who are affected by Parent substance misuse or trauma eg sexual abuse, domestic violence, bereavement, etc. Over the year worked with 39 families, and an additional 51 children individually ie total of 113 children.	£30,000	£156,148 (Total income less CRF allocation)

4.5 **Getting People Into Work**

- 4.6 Projects funded via the Community Regeneration Fund which contribute to the goal of Getting People into Work are as follows. It should be noted that the funds referred to are not included within these accounts.

Project	CRF Grant	Leverage
Childcare Connections: Provides out of school care provision. 436 users in 2007/08.	£115,000	£110,864
Women onto Work: Project designed to assist long-term unemployed women facing multiple barriers accessing the labour market. One 12 week course funded for 11 women, all of which completed. (NB This project was funded with SEEL revenue monies carried forward from previous year)	£10,000	Nil

4.7 JET (Jobs+Education+Training):

- 4.7.1 During the academic year 2007/08 the JET Programme expanded to seven schools throughout the city. The project was primarily funded via the Capital City Partnership with a grant of £211,000. Two smaller grants were received in order to finance specific elements of the course eg Risk Assessments.
- 4.7.2 The programme continued to provide an alternative curriculum to S4 pupils. For the full academic year pupils spent one day per week on work experience, half day training with GTG Training working towards SVQs and other relevant certification including first aid and conflict management. The remainder of the time was spent in mainstream education working towards their Standard Grades.
- 4.7.3 The work experience element of the course covered a variety of disciplines from hairdressing to Transport Fleet Maintenance. However, the curriculum contained a number of mandatory elements including Customer Service, Responsibility at work and in the Business Environment and Health & Safety.
- 4.7.4 At the time of preparing this report the academic year is not complete. Therefore it is not possible to note the final outcomes. However, the achievements to date based on 51 of 60 completing the course:

- Five students achieved the full SVQ Level II in Business Administration
- Two pupils achieved the full SVQ Level II in Customer Service;
- Four students achieved the full SVQ Level I in Hairdressing.
- The remaining pupils have completed a number of units within the SVQ Levels I and II and are working towards completing the programme before the end of term.

4.7.5 Summary of Outcomes

- 10 Students have secured employment
 - 8 Students have in-principle offers of employment
 - 12 Students have applied to College to undertake Further Education
 - 1 Student has secured a place at College.
 - 10 Students are returning to school for S5, two of whom have secured part-time College places as part of S5.
 - 2 Students are applying for Get Ready for Work Courses.
 - 3 Students have applications for employment pending.
 - 5 Students (Christmas Leavers) have secured extended work experience.
- 4.7.6 The Partnership has secured a further grant from the Capital City Partnership of £191,000 for the fiscal year 2008/09. The project is now expanding to a total of 13 city schools. Further funding is required to ensure the project's ability to deliver its service and a variety of funding applications are in the pipeline.
- 4.7.7 This project will, in due course, operate independently but in the short to medium term, financial responsibility and reporting remains with the South Edinburgh Partnership.

4.8 Improving Health

- 4.8.1 The Health Inequalities Group is the Partnership Group which focuses on health related issues, concentrating on those issues which it believes it is possible to influence or achieve an outcome in the short term. Health Improvement is, by its nature, a long term process.

- 4.8.2 The main partners of this group are NHS Lothian, particularly the South East Local Health Partnership, South Edinburgh Healthy Living Initiative "SEHLI" the South Edinburgh Voluntary Sector Support Project, Liberton Area Handicapped Association, Vocal, the City of Edinburgh Council and the local community through the Partnership's directors and representatives.
- 4.8.3 The group has continued on its agreed work plan based on identified local priorities within national and citywide strategies and policies. In this regard the Partnership has been involved with the following groups:
- Health Inequalities Group
 - Drugs & Alcohol Practitioners Forum
 - Older Peoples Services Group
 - Community Learning & Development Partnership Group
- 4.8.4 Noted below are the projects funded by the Partnership via the CRF in an effort to address these challenges.

Project	CRF Grant	Leverage
Health Opportunities Team – People's Project: Provided sexual health education to 277 young people (1,284 contacts) in schools and referred workgroups. Provided 17 sexual health and emotional health workshops to 12 individuals. In Partnership with the Base, provided 33 drop-in sessions over the year achieving 88 contacts. Provided six health stalls over the year providing information to 341 individuals and provided training sessions to 31 people. In addition 186 individuals received support which was delivered on an appointment basis.	£35,000	Nil
Liberton Area Handicapped Association – Activities Co-ordinator: Develop and delivered a social, recreational, cultural and alternative therapies programme to an average of 296 elderly and disabled people per week. This included drama, book club, bowling league, photography, physical activities, arts & crafts, choir, computing and others.	£35,000	£17,648
Vocal – Family Support (Addictions): Provided intensive support to 41 family members and carers of drug and alcohol users to improve their quality of life including support to deal with a range of issues including finances, housing and accessing other services.	£30,000	Nil
Vocal – Carers Support Project: This project aims to assist those individuals who act as Carer to a family member(s). Project provided information and advice to 310 project users throughout the year. This is person centred project, sensitive to the particular caring situations. The project provided a number of training courses including dementia care, Just4U carers health and Carers Health Check courses. The project ran 11 support group sessions throughout the year.	£30,000	Nil

- 4.8.5 In addition to the above the Partnership, in conjunction with the Older & Wiser Group, again organised a series of summer bus trips aimed at assisting the elderly of South Edinburgh to enjoy a social event. The group received Small Grants funding of £1,000; Awards for All £3,050 and £500 from the Local Development Committee. The balance of the costs were met from tickets sale ie £5 per trip. This venture is extremely popular with older residents and its benefits to the Partnership are twofold, principally the residents' wellbeing is improved and, secondly, in publicity terms the Partnership itself is very well known to this age group.

4.9 **Building Strong, Safe & Attractive Communities**

4.9.1 **Better & Safer Communities Group ("BASC")**

- (a) The BASC Group is a Partnership group which primarily focuses on issues surrounding the environment, housing and community safety. A key aim of the group is to identify strategic approaches to all aspects and wherever necessary promote joined up approaches where each may impact on the other ie new housing developments and the need to secure construction sites with a long term focus on provision of communal community space.
- (b) The main partners involved are CEC Housing, City Development, Culture & Leisure, Environmental Services, Children & Families; Community Safety Unit; Dunedin Canmore Housing Association, and Home in Scotland; Lothian & Borders Police; Lothian Fire and Rescue Service; local residents and Tenants Groups; Community Directors and local Councillors.

4.9.2 **Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park Steering Group**

- (a) This group focuses on maintaining and managing the infrastructure of the Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park, which is 18 hectares of CEC owned land stretching from Burdiehouse Road to Gilmerton Road. The main partners in this group are the local community, City of Edinburgh Council (mainly Services for Communities), Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace Trust, South Edinburgh Healthy Living Initiative, South Edinburgh Volunteer Centre and the Better Burdiehouse Burn Community Project.
- (b) No CRF funding was allocated to this project in 2006/07 but the Partnership successfully obtained a grant of £50,000, over two years, from the Heritage Lottery Fund – Parks for People. £25,000 of this grant was received in 2007/08. The purpose of the grant was to cover the salary costs of a Project Planning Officer to co-ordinate and develop the planning phase for the Park.
- (c) In addition the fund was used towards the cost of running a number of community events throughout the year. These comprised a Dawn Chorus Walk, Magic Woodlands, "Food for Free", Bats at Burdiehouse, Wildflower planting, Christmas Crafts Workshop, Northern Exposure Photography, and an Easter Extravaganza. All were designed to promote and educate local people, particularly children about the wildlife in the park.

- 4.9.3 **Skatepark/DIP** – Development of the play park adjacent to the Skatepark in the area known as the Dip was not started at the year end. However work did commence in April 2008 and at the time of preparing this report is almost complete. The total cost of the project is c.£80,000 and is being funded by a grant from WREN (c.£25,000), the City of Edinburgh Council (c.£40,000) and the South Edinburgh Partnership (c.£15,000). The actual figures are not included within the accounts for 2007/08 as the work was not complete at the year end and invoices have yet to be rendered. The costs will be included within the accounts for 2008/09.

- 4.9.4 Noted below are the projects funded by the Partnership via the CRF in an effort to enhance the area and improve the quality of life for local residents.

Project	CRF Grant	Leverage
Community Help & Advice Initiative: Project provided information, advice and representation to 374 individuals and/or families who were threatened with eviction in relation to rent arrears and/or homelessness. 134 individuals/families received income maximisation and/or debt advice; 32 older people received income maximisation advice; 157 people received a money advice/debt management service and 27 generalist enquiries were handled. Income gains for clients including disability/incapacity benefits; income support, tax credits etc totalled £108,530	£30,000	Nil
Case Tracking Manager: The aim of this project is to track the involvement of individuals in anti-social behaviour, to co-ordinate and monitor the inputs of all relevant agencies including the Police, Council departments (Housing and Children & Families) Youth Justice Services, Working Together and the local Youth Action Team and through a variety of methods assist in the reduction an individual's pattern of behaviour. 32 identified youths were tracked and assisted throughout the year. A small discretionary fund enabled the project to fund a number of diversionary schemes including the Braid Hills Golf Lessons Initiative and Ratho rock Climbing. Police analysis reported that throughout the period a 75% reduction in anti social behaviour calls was achieved. The funding for this project ceased as of 31 st March 2008. The City of Edinburgh Council is currently investigating how they might mainstream the initiative and expand it throughout the city.	£48,434	In Kind Support via the City of Edinburgh Council eg Manager accommodated within CEC premises at no cost to the project.

4.10 Engaging Young People

4.10.1 Youth Issues Group

- (a) The Youth Issues Group is a Partnership Group which focused on the National Priority of Engaging Young People. The group initiates proactive measures which both promote positive aspects of young people and identifies longer term solutions to tackle anti social behaviour. The main partners involved included CEC Children & Families, Health Opportunities Team, CEC Working Together, FABB Scotland, Lothian & Borders Police, the Community, elected Councillors and the Voluntary Sector Support Project.
- (b) A primary focus for the group in conjunction with the South Edinburgh Regeneration Outcomes Agreement was to continue to increase the establish levels of participation amongst young people in existing service provision and identify methods to increase overall engagement. The work was based on a research commissioned in 2006/07 which focussed on the views of young people, availability of activities and participation levels and the true extent of Anti Social Behaviour involving young people.

4.10.2 Undernoted is a synopsis of the projects funded via the CRF which have a remit to address these challenges.

Project	CRF Grant	Leverage
Bfriends (Children 1st): Project provides weekly befriending support to disadvantaged and vulnerable young people including the organisation of issued based group activities and an easily accessible resource activity base. Over the year 31 children/young people were matched with 34 volunteer "befrienders". Throughout the period a number of initiatives were run including 6 recreational group activities organised for 10 children/young people each time; 10 children/young people participated in a citywide cultural event and 4 children/young people were involved in a six week summer programme. 14 new volunteers were recruited and trained.	£15,000	£47,147
Home Link: Project offered support to adults and children with mental health issues; women with domestic abuse issues; families with drug and alcohol problems, families with learning disabilities; children on the at-risk register; families needing help with budgeting, healthy eating and bed-time routines together etc. Throughout the year the project as a whole provided support to 10 adults and 6 children with mental health issues; 4 women in domestic abuse situations; 8 families with drug and alcohol issues, 5 families with learning difficulties, 12 children on the At-Risk register and 5 families on the point of breakdown. 60 children received education input from be-frienders.	£30,000	£167,363 (Total project income excluding CRF grant)

4.11 Engaging with Communities (over-arching)

4.11.1 Community Development Initiative ("CDI")

- (a) Over arching all the key national priorities is "Engaging with Communities". The overall aim of the CDI project remains the same ie to strengthen community organisations in order to develop a strong and active South Edinburgh community, characterised by effective representation and influential community participation. The project's funding over the year was twofold ie £65,000 from the CRF and £24,390 from Community Voices. All of this funding is reflected in the company's accounts.
- (b) The main activities over the past year included continuation of services to existing tenants, residents and community associations; supporting the continued development of the community forums ie Kaimes, Gilmerton and Moredun, Neighbourhood Forums and Inch Community Association together with continuation of the support offered to the Partnership's Community Directors and also when appropriate providing training for local groups and representatives.
- (c) All of the above is designed to ensure that local people who wish to be active within their own community have access to the resources and opportunities that allow them to make a difference.
- (d) An average of 45 Neighbourhood Forum meetings were held throughout the year with information thereupon being disseminated to 450 local residents per meeting cycle. During the year the CDI was recognised as the ideal conduit from which elect community representatives to serve on the LGNP in addition to the South Edinburgh Partnership.

- (e) CDI staff has worked throughout the year with CEC Services for Communities staff to ensure that all aspects of community engagement have been included with the Community Planning transitional process. Detailed reports have been provided to each Forum as the transition has progressed.
- (f) There is some dubiety with regard to future community support mechanisms in keeping with the FSF transition difficulties noted throughout this document. However re-defined targets have been produced albeit not in relation to CRF or Community Voices funding. It should be noted that the Community Voices funding stream is one of the seven that have been subsumed into the Fairer Scotland Fund by the Scottish Government.
- (g) A full page in the South Edinburgh Echo was used six times throughout the year to provide information about the forums and related local issues.

4.11.2 Undernoted is a synopsis of the other projects funded via the CRF which also work to enhance community participation in a wide and varied capacity.

Project	CRF Grant	Leverage
South Edinburgh Amenities Group "SEAG": Transport project which regularly provided mobility for a variety of community groups. This equates to 17,348 single passengers of whom 1,024 were wheelchair users. This project enables elderly and infirm local residents to access lunch clubs, educational establishments and health facilities. In addition it provides affordable transport to a variety of organisations as and when required.	£40,000	£62,886 (Total project income excluding CRF grant)
South Edinburgh Day Centre Volunteers Forum: This project continues to offer support for volunteers who in turn ensure the sustainability of four local day centre/lunch clubs for an average of 100 elderly members throughout the year. The project offers an escort service, including personal care, to the elderly and infirm which enables them to participate in social and physical activities.	£11,735	Nil
South Edinburgh Community Newspaper ("Echo"): The Echo remains the main tool whereby the Partnership communicates with local residents. The paper is produced monthly and distributed to 18,600 households plus 2,000 to shops, community centres, medical centres, libraries etc. The paper provides information on local services and facilities and promotes positive achievements of local people and projects.	£25,000	£41,000
South Edinburgh Voluntary Sector Support Project: This project supports and informs the many voluntary sector organisations operating within South Edinburgh. It facilitates the South Edinburgh Voluntary Forum, works with Health & Social Care to promote best practice; delivers training courses eg health & safety at work; identifies gaps in voluntary activity and delivers better co-ordination or expansion of existing groups to meet the identified need. Supports special needs and disability groups.	£35,000	Nil

- 4.11.3 It should be noted that all the projects listed above have received only six months FSF transitional funding from April to September 2008. After the Edinburgh Partnership has agreed its criteria and priorities of service the projects will be assessed by the LGNP to ensure they meet the required criteria. Therefore, at the time of preparing this report, no project, including the South Edinburgh Partnership, has security of funding beyond September 2008.

5. **VOLUNTEERS**

- 5.1 Unlike many big charities the Partnership in itself operates with a small number of volunteers. Nonetheless those volunteers who sit on the Partnership Board and its Challenge Groups give a great deal of their time and are invaluable to the process. These are the people who live in the area, have an intimate knowledge of its many problems and, ultimately whose quality of life can only be improved by the overall enhancement of South Edinburgh. These people work tirelessly to ensure that their local community is improved both for themselves, the existing community and the generations to come.
- 5.2 Conversely, the many projects supported by the Partnership do rely heavily on volunteers without which many could not function. The Partnership Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved, in whatever capacity, for giving of their time and supporting their local community projects,

6. **FINANCIAL POSITION & RESERVES**

- 6.1 The Partnership's core budget activity remains wholly dependent upon Government policy and in particular has to operate within the parameters set down by the Scottish Government as interpreted by the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Partnership.
- 6.2 The Partnership is currently operating in a climate of reducing budgets and is constantly seeking other sources of funding in order to continue its work. This is particularly pertinent given the change from CRF to FSF and the onset of the LGNP. At the time of preparing this report the Partnership can give no assurances as to its future funding. The Partnership Board is very cognisant of the current situation and is monitoring the position closely.
- 6.3 Given this constant climate of uncertainty the Partnership Board consider that it is appropriate to maintain free reserves to a level of not less than six months running costs which would enable the company to be closed down as a charity should the occasion arise.
- 6.4 **Accounts**
- 6.4.1 As has been explained earlier in this document the South Edinburgh Partnership is not in itself a direct delivery organisation but rather acts in a facilitating and co-ordinating capacity in conjunction with its many partners.

7. **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

- 7.1 As has been highlighted above the future of the South Edinburgh Partnership as it currently exists is not clear, particularly in light of the funding constraints. This makes it very difficult for the Partnership Board to plan for the future and, more importantly make any large financial commitments beyond September 2008.
- 7.2 In the meantime the South Edinburgh Partnership will continue to work closely with the Liberton/Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership to ensure this new regime continues to enhance the work undertaken successfully over the years by the South Edinburgh Partnership to the benefit of the community as a whole.
- 7.3 In addition the Partnership's directors, in conjunction with the staff, will continue to investigate how best the South Edinburgh Partnership can contribute to the betterment of quality of life, in all senses, for the residents of South Edinburgh and its environs.

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14.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

AUDITORS

It is the director's assessment that there is no relevant audit information which the auditors have not been made aware of and they have taken all necessary steps to ensure that the auditors have been made aware of all relevant audit information.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to Small Companies.

W. Nelson

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

W. NELSON

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company and charity law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

INDEPENDENT REPORT OF THE AUDITORS' TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP LIMITED (BY GUARANTEE)

We have audited the financial statements of The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited (By Guarantee) for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and to the charity's directors, 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 company's members 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 charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's directors, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

This report is made in respect of an audit carried out in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The responsibilities of the directors (who also act as Trustees for the charitable activities of The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited) for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards ('United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice') are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and comply with the requirements of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH EDINBURGH
PARTNERSHIP LIMITED (BY GUARANTEE)**

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2008 and of its incoming resources an application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and comply with the requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006;
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

20 November 2008

PKF (UK) LLP

PKF (UK) LLP
Registered Auditors
Edinburgh, UK

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
Incoming Resources	4				
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary income		225,036	-	225,036	280,000
Investment income	2	11,619	-	11,619	8,817
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Strategy, initiation, support and facilitation services		<u>83,192</u>	<u>285,614</u>	<u>368,806</u>	<u>376,245</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>319,847</u>	<u>285,614</u>	<u>605,461</u>	<u>665,062</u>
Resources Expended	5				
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income		225,000	-	225,000	280,000
Charitable activities					
Strategy, initiation, support and facilitation services: Ordinary		40,899	350,237	391,136	369,540
Exceptional		15,370	-	15,370	-
Governance costs		<u>4,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,899</u>	<u>4,494</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>286,168</u>	<u>350,237</u>	<u>636,405</u>	<u>654,034</u>
Net Movement in Funds Before Transfers		33,679	(64,623)	(30,944)	11,028
Transfers		<u>(9,761)</u>	<u>9,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses		23,918	(54,862)	(30,944)	11,028
Other recognised gains/losses					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension scheme		<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in Funds		(96,082)	(54,862)	(150,944)	-
Balances brought forward					
At 1 April 2007		<u>190,231</u>	<u>71,184</u>	<u>261,415</u>	<u>250,387</u>
Balances carried forward					
At 31 March 2008		<u>94,149</u>	<u>16,322</u>	<u>110,471</u>	<u>261,415</u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses for the year other than those included in the income and expenditure account.

The notes on pages 22 to 30 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

		<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	8		17,280		49,650
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	7,702		69,119	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,935</u>		<u>148,044</u>	
		220,637		217,163	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(7,446)</u>		<u>(5,398)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>213,191</u>		<u>211,765</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			230,471		261,415
DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME LIABILITY			<u>(120,000)</u>		<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>110,471</u>		<u>261,415</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted;					
Designated	11	10,466		4,576	
Not designated		<u>83,653</u>	94,149	<u>185,655</u>	190,231
Restricted	12		<u>16,322</u>		<u>71,184</u>
	13		<u>110,471</u>		<u>261,415</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 17/11/08

On behalf of the Board of Directors

W. Nelson
Wilma Nelson

Director

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the company's affairs.

(a) Fundamental Accounting Concept and Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities (revised 2005). These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (effective January 2007).

The directors are aware that there is a policy change by the Scottish Government from Social Inclusion Partnerships to Neighbourhood Partnerships. However having taken advice from various sources, the board have agreed post year end that the company will continue for the foreseeable future.

The directors consider it appropriate to prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis as they believe the company will continue for the foreseeable future. The Financial Statements do not include any adjustments that would result if the company ceased.

(b) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided using the straight line method at rates between 10% and 30%. An additional £15,370 was charged on property assets during the year in order to reduce net book value to realisable value as at 31 March 2008. This additional charge has been shown as an exceptional charge on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities.

(c) Taxation

The company has been granted charitable status by the HM Revenue & Customs and is not therefore liable for taxation.

(d) Grant Income

Grant income is credited to income in the year in which it relates to. Amounts are only deferred where there are objectives that have not yet been achieved.

(e) Resources Expended

Direct costs are charged to the charitable activity on an accruals basis and support costs are allocated on a relevant basis.

Governance costs are charged directly to the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred and consist of external audit fees and board expenses.

(f) Operating Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged in the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(g) Pension Costs

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme into which payments are made. The contributions are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as they fall due (see note 16).

(h) Rental Income

Rental income from operating leases is shown as income when it is receivable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

2. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

Interest receivable and similar income represented interest receivable on bank deposits.

3. DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR

The surplus for the year is stated after charging the following:

	<u>2008</u> £	<u>2007</u> £
Depreciation (note 8)	32,370	21,594
Auditors' remuneration – audit fee	4,113	3,730
Pension costs	28,029	27,862
Actuarial deficit on defined benefit pension scheme	<u>120,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Directors remuneration during the year amounted to nil (2007: £NIL).

Directors were reimbursed out of pocket expenses during the year amounting to £803 (2007: £866).

4. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
Voluntary income				
Core Budget	225,036	-	225,036	280,000
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Strategy, initiation, support and facilitation services				
SIP	-	11,939	11,939	38,680
CDI	65,000	-	65,000	56,100
Empowering Communities	-	24,390	24,390	35,000
Employment Access	-	-	-	183,301
JET	-	211,000	211,000	-
Other income	18,192	38,285	56,477	63,164
Investment income	<u>11,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,619</u>	<u>8,817</u>
	<u>319,847</u>	<u>285,614</u>	<u>605,461</u>	<u>665,062</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Activities undertaken £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	225,000	-	-	225,000	280,000
Charitable activities					
Strategy, initiation, support and facilitation services	263,083	143,423	-	406,506	369,540
Governance costs					
Audit and accountancy	-	-	4,899	4,899	4,494
Total resources expended	<u>488,083</u>	<u>143,423</u>	<u>4,899</u>	<u>636,405</u>	<u>654,034</u>

6. SUPPORT COST ALLOCATION

	Strategy, initiation, support & facilitation services	
	<u>2008</u> £	<u>2007</u> £
Staff costs	70,665	88,410
Premises costs	13,177	30,492
Administration costs	27,211	38,499
Depreciation	<u>32,370</u>	<u>21,594</u>
	<u>143,423</u>	<u>178,995</u>

7. STAFF COSTS

	<u>2008</u> £	<u>2007</u> £
Wages and salaries	267,040	285,487
Social security costs	23,134	24,197
Pension costs	<u>28,029</u>	<u>27,862</u>
	<u>318,203</u>	<u>337,546</u>

No employee earned £60,000 (2007: £nil) per annum or more.

The average number of employees for the year was 9 (2007: 10).

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8. FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

The movement in tangible fixed assets during the year was as follows:

	Leasehold Property and Tenants Improvements £	Plant & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 April 2007	73,515	33,645	109,491	216,651
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2008	<u>73,515</u>	<u>33,645</u>	<u>109,491</u>	<u>216,651</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2007	43,442	31,387	92,172	167,001
Charge for year	<u>22,722</u>	<u>1,051</u>	<u>8,597</u>	<u>32,370</u>
At 31 March 2008	<u>66,164</u>	<u>32,438</u>	<u>100,769</u>	<u>199,371</u>
NET BOOK AMOUNT				
At 31 March 2008	<u>7,351</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>8,722</u>	<u>17,280</u>
At 31 March 2007	<u>30,073</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>17,319</u>	<u>49,650</u>

9. DEBTORS

	<u>2008</u> £	<u>2007</u> £
Prepayments and deferred income	7,702	7,702
Other debtors	-	<u>61,417</u>
	<u>7,702</u>	<u>69,119</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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10. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,446</u>	<u>5,398</u>

11. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2007 £	Movement in Resources		Transfer	Balance 31 March 2008 £
		Incoming £	Outgoing £	£	
Old Gilmerton Library	<u>4,576</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>(1,110)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,466</u>

The designated fund has been set up to provide for future maintenance of the Old Gilmerton Library.

12. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2007 £	Movement in Resources		Transfer	Balance 31 March 2008 £
		Incoming £	Outgoing £	£	
Fixed asset fund	45,597	-	(29,050)	-	16,547
Community Voices	-	24,390	(24,390)	-	-
Youth Action Team	2,030	-	(1,354)	-	676
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	310	26,620	(43,128)	9,761	(6,437)
Employment Access	12,008	-	(12,008)	-	-
JET	-	211,000	(211,000)	-	-
Other restricted projects	<u>11,239</u>	<u>23,604</u>	<u>(29,307)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,536</u>
	<u>71,184</u>	<u>285,614</u>	<u>(350,237)</u>	<u>9,761</u>	<u>16,322</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**12. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)****Fixed Asset Fund**

Amounts received to purchase fixed assets are held in the fixed asset fund. Depreciation charged against these assets is included in outgoing resources of this fund.

Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park

Throughout the year the Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park Steering Group continued to work towards improving the Burn Valley Park. A Heritage Lottery – Parks for People grant of £50,000 (over two years) was awarded to assist with the development of the Park's 10 year plan, develop a "Friends of the Park Group" and run a number of events throughout the year which were designed to promote a positive use of the park area. Work on the Teenage Play area at the DIP commenced in April 2008. This was funded by the City of Edinburgh Council, WREN and the South Edinburgh Partnership.

JET Programme (Job+Education+Training)

This is a year long work-based programme which offers S4 pupils an integrated array of learning experiences which form bridges between formal schooling and employment; offering vocational training as part of an alternative curriculum. The programme gives young people the opportunity to spend one day per week gaining valuable work experience and a half day per on vocational training. Specifically, the young people work towards achieving an SVQ Level II in either Customer Services or Business Administration, whilst at the same time, continuing with Standard Grades. During the year the programme expanded to seven schools throughout the city. The programme runs throughout the academic year and therefore final results not known at the time of preparing report; however at the time of writing 51 of the 60 participating pupils had completed the course achieving a variety of SVQs and moving on to successful outcomes be it secured employment, college or return to school for further study.

Case Tracking Manager

The aim of this project is to track the involvement of individuals in anti-social behaviour, to co-ordinate and monitor the inputs of all relevant agencies including the Police, Council departments (Housing and Children & Families) Youth Justice Services, Working Together and the local Youth Action Team and through a variety of methods assist in the reduction an individual's pattern of behaviour. 32 identified youths were tracked and assisted throughout the year. A discretionary fund of £10,000 held by the South Edinburgh Partnership enabled the project to fund a number of diversionary schemes including the Braid Hills Golf Lessons Initiative and Ratho rock Climbing etc.

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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>Pension Provision</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£		£
Restricted funds	16,322	1,823	-	16,322
Unrestricted funds	<u>958</u>	<u>213,191</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>94,149</u>
	<u>17,280</u>	<u>213,191</u>	<u>(120,000)</u>	<u>110,471</u>

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

There are no items required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Standard Number 8.

15. CONTROL

The company is controlled by the directors, who are members of the company.

16. PENSIONS

General

The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited participates in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme. The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. The Scheme is funded and is contracted out of the state scheme.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60 accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there are two benefit structures available. These are final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate. An employer can elect to operate different benefit structures for their active members and their new entrants.

The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited has decided to offer the 1/60th accrual benefit structure to employees from October 2007.

The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Scheme every 3 years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Scheme in order to determine the level of future contributions required so that the Scheme can meet its pension obligations as they fall due.

The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Scheme's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

During the accounting period The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited paid contributions at the rate of 12.0% for the period to 30 September 2007 and 15.2% to 16.7% thereafter. Member contributions were 6.0% for the period to 30 September 2007 and 6% to 7.5% thereafter.

As at the balance sheet date there were 5 active members of the Scheme employed by The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited. The South Edinburgh Partnership Limited continues to offer membership of the Scheme to its employees.

It is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Plan, the accounting charge for the period under FRS17 represents the employer contributions payable.

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The last formal valuation of the Scheme was performed as at 30 September 2005 by a professionally qualified actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The market value of the scheme's assets at the valuation date was £33.2 million. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £6.7 million (equivalent to a past service funding level of 83%).

The Scheme Actuary has prepared an Actuarial Report that provides an approximate update on the funding position of the Scheme as at 30 September 2007. Such a report is required by legislation for years in which a full actuarial valuation is not carried out. The funding update revealed an increase in the assets of the Scheme to £45.2 million and indicated an increase in the shortfall of assets compared to liabilities to approximately £8 million equivalent to a past service funding level of 85%. Annual funding updates of the SVSPS Scheme are carried out using approximate actuarial techniques rather than member by member calculations, and will therefore not produce the same results as a full actuarial valuation. However they will provide a good indication of the financial progress of the scheme since the last valuation.

Since the contribution rates payable to the Scheme have been determined by reference to the last full actuarial valuation the following notes relate to the formal actuarial valuation as at 30 September 2005.

The financial assumptions underlying the valuation as at 30 September 2005 were as follows:

	% pa
- Investment return pre retirement	6.10
- Investment return post retirement	4.80
- Rate of salary increases	4.00
- Rate of pension increases:	
for pensionable service pre 6 April 2005	2.50
for pensionable service post 6 April 2005	2.25
- Rate of price inflation	2.50

The long-term joint contribution rates required from the employers and members to meet the cost of future benefit accrual were assessed at:

Benefit structure	Long-term joint contribution rate (% of pensionable salaries)
Final salary 1/60 th accrual rate	20.0% comprising employer contributions of 12.5% and member contributions of 7.5% or comprising employer contributions of 14.0% and member contributions of 6.0%
Final salary 1/80 th accrual rate	15.3% comprising employer contributions of 9.3% and member contributions of 6.0%

If the actuarial valuation reveals a shortfall of assets compared to liabilities the Trustee must prepare a recovery plan setting out steps to be taken to make up the shortfall.

In view of the past service shortfall it was agreed that the joint contribution rates shown in the table below would be payable with effect from 1 October 2007.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

Benefit structure	Long-term joint contribution rate (% of pensionable salaries)
Final salary 1/60 th accrual rate	22.7% comprising employer contributions of 15.2% and member contributions of 7.5% or comprising employer contributions of 16.7% and member contributions of 6% or
Final salary 1/80 th accrual rate	18% comprising employer contributions of 12.0% and member contributions of 6.0%

New employers joining the Scheme pay contributions at the ongoing employer future service contribution rate. This rate applies from the date the employer joins the Scheme to the date the second actuarial valuation of the Scheme following the date joining.

New employers also pay an additional age loading if the average age of their members is higher than the average age of the Scheme membership. This loading applies from the date the employer joins the Scheme to the date of the second actuarial valuation of the Scheme following the date joining, or such earlier date as agreed the SVSPS Pensions Committee and Scheme Actuary.

Employers that have closed the Scheme to new entrants are required to pay an additional contribution loading to reflect the higher costs of a closed arrangement. This loading is based on actuarial advice and is subject to change from time to time. The loading is currently 3.5%.

If the valuation assumptions are borne out in practice this pattern of contributions should be sufficient to eliminate the past service deficit, on an ongoing funding basis, by 31 March 2022.

A copy of the recovery plan must be sent to the Pensions Regulator. The Regulator has the power under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004 to issue scheme funding directions where it believes that the actuarial valuation assumptions and/or recovery plan are inappropriate. For example the Regulator could require that the Trustee strengthens the actuarial assumptions (which would increase the scheme liabilities and hence impact on the recovery plan) or impose a schedule of contributions on the Scheme (which would effectively amend the terms of the recovery plan).

The Regulator has reviewed the recovery plan for the Scheme and confirmed that, in respect of the September 2005 actuarial valuation, it does not propose to issue any scheme funding directions under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004.

The next actuarial valuation of the Scheme will be carried out as at 30 September 2008..

Following a change in legislation in September 2005 there is a potential debt on the employer that could be levied by the Trustee of the Scheme. The debt is due in the event of the employer ceasing to participate in the Scheme or the Scheme winding up.

The debt for the Scheme as a whole is calculated by comparing the liabilities for the Scheme (calculated on a buy-out basis i.e. the cost of securing benefits by purchasing annuity policies from an insurer, plus an allowance for expenses) with the assets of the Scheme. If the liabilities exceed assets there is a buy-out debt.

The leaving employer's share of the buy-out debt is the proportion of the Scheme's liability attributable to employment with the leaving employer compared to the total amount of the Scheme's liabilities (relating to employment with all the currently participating employers). The leaving employer's debt therefore includes a share of any 'orphan' liabilities in respect of previously participating employers. The amount of the debt therefore depends on many factors including total Scheme liabilities, employees of the employer, financial conditions at the time of cessation event and the insurance buy-out market. The amounts of the debt can therefore be volatile over time.

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SCHEDULE A
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grant income	544,365		601,081	
Other income	<u>49,477</u>		<u>55,164</u>	
		593,842		656,245
Bank interest received		<u>11,619</u>		<u>8,817</u>
TOTAL INCOME		605,461		665,062
ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE (Schedule B)	270,370		183,516	
PROJECT EXPENDITURE	<u>486,036</u>		<u>470,518</u>	
		<u>(756,406)</u>		<u>(654,034)</u>
DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>(150,945)</u>		<u>11,028</u>

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SCHEDULE B
EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENDITURE

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
£	£	£
Hospitality	1,797	2,416
Rent and rates	2,488	9,851
Maintenance	6,525	11,814
Equipment	892	
Insurance	2,618	2,771
Cleaning	6,820	7,698
Electricity	4,452	9,850
Telephones	3,754	6,954
Postage	2,968	4,263
Printing and stationery	5,899	8,910
Subscriptions	565	1,023
Travel	3,332	2,670
Conference	601	1,003
Training	175	844
Recruitment	-	2,124
Audit and accountancy fees	4,899	4,494
Legal and professional fees	840	775
Volunteer expenses	416	483
Sundry	2,889	2,677
Pension provision	120,000	-
Depreciation charge	<u>32,370</u>	<u>21,594</u>
	204,300	102,214
STAFF COSTS		
Salaries	54,663	68,252
Employers NIC	3,973	4,875
Pensions	<u>7,434</u>	<u>8,175</u>
	<u>66,070</u>	<u>81,302</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER COSTS	<u>270,370</u>	<u>183,516</u>