(A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1083231
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 4016295

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2007

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities

Reference and administrative information

Charity name

Stockton on Tees Voluntary Development Agency

Charity registration number

1083231

Company registration number

4016295

Registered office and operational

address

27 Yarm Road Stockton on Tees

TS18 3NJ

Directors and Trustees

Appointed

Resigned

1st June 2007

Kenneth Cooke

Elizabeth Nesbitt Sacha Bedding Derrick Brown

Olive Milner Marie Devine Roy Parker

Colin Leckonby

Company Secretary

Carolynne Withers Susan Johnson

10th April 2006

10th April 2006 15th August 2007

Auditors

S V Bye, New Garth House, Upper Garth Gardens, GUISBOROUGH, TS14 6HA

Bankers

Bank of Scotland 41 South Gyle Crescent

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STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16th June 2000 and registered as a charity on 8th November 2000

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 Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up

Recruitment and appointment of directors

Under the articles, the Directors, who are trustees of the charity, are elected at the AGM to serve a period of 2 years, subject to ratification at each AGM. One third of the directors retire at each AGM Directors are drawn from the Voluntary Sector within Stockton on Tees.

Trustee induction and training

Trustee training and induction was undertaken with all trustees, using an external consultant, this training focused upon understanding the memorandum and articles of association, roles and responsibilities of trustees, and company directors, conflicts of interest, and ethical governance

Risk management

The agency continues to recognise the risks to which it is exposed in terms of short term funding contracts and its implications for sustainable activity. The Business Plan contains an assessment of short term risks and the agency has recognised the importance of developing independent income generation through a sustainable recognition of its inherent assets.

In addition a risk assessment is undertaken annually and reviewed quarterly, by the Board of Directors

Organisational structure

The directors who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the period and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 2. The directors are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The day to day administration of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive.

Related parties

There are no related parties other than the trustees and their immediate families. The organisation employed one of its trustees, Mrs E Nesbitt as a consultant to provide management cover during the transition period. Amounts paid to her are as shown in note 4 to the accounts.

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

Objectives and activities

The company, which is limited by guarantee is a registered charity, exists to provide support for other organisations with charitable objectives within the voluntary and community sector in Stockton on Tees. It assists these organisations in their charitable work, and promotes and facilitates co-operation between voluntary sector organisations, statutory and public bodies.

Activities and performance

SVDA aims to 'provide a range of appropriate and effective services to local voluntary and community sector organisations that enable the sector to participate in the local economy of Stockton in a sustained and vibrant way'

In November 2005, an external consultant was appointed by the Board of Directors to assess the best way for the organisation to meet the growing demands of the sector. The organisation completed most of its contracts by December 2006 and since then the Board has been focusing on the future of the organisation and its role in developing the Voluntary and Community Sector in the area.

Future of the Organisation

This review is now almost complete and the Board are now confident that their new structure will refocus the organisation to allow the best possible use of resources. The organisation needs to be less service delivery orientated and to this end it is hoped that the organisation will be renamed and a new Board will be in place by the end of December 2007.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 8 demonstrates that this was a transition year in which the organisation was completing existing projects with a view to refocusing its activities away from service delivery and more towards a strategic role. At 31st March 2007 the organisation had unrestricted reserves of £11363

Reserves Policy

The Board has agreed a reserves policy which would involve the charity's developing free reserves (i.e. reserves not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) which equate to 6 months core operating costs. Presently all operating costs are more than covered by rental income from the building and so a minimal level of reserves is being maintained. When the new Board take charge of the renamed organisation a new reserves policy which is more appropriate to its new role will be devised.

Investment Policy

The Board has agreed an investment policy that identifies common investment funds which are appropriate to charities. Any short term surpluses of funds will be placed on deposit with a reputable financial institution.

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

Auditors

S V Bye were reappointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors (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 as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors should follow best practice and

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The directors are responsible for maintaining 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 1985. 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.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors

We, the directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Approved by the Board of Directors on 8th November 2007 and signed on its behalf by

Derrick Brown

Director/Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

We have audited the financial statements of Stockton on Tees Voluntary Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 2007, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

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

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE AUDITORS

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities the trustees (who are also the directors of Stockton on Tees Voluntary Development Agency for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We report to you whether, in our opinion, the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements. We also 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 trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charity is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Trustees Annual 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 judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or by 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 STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the charity's state of affairs as at 31st March 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure in the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

New Garth House Upper Garth Gardens Guisborough TS14 6HA S V Bye
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
8th November 2007

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

No	etes	Unrestricted Funds 2007 £	Restricted Funds 2007 £	Total Funds 2007 £	Total Funds 2006 £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds Voluntary income					
Donations and grants Activities for generating funds	2	35381	-	35381	34855
Room hire, printing etc Investment income Activities to further the charit	y's	34213 2803	-	34213 2803	33213 1878
objects [*] Grants	2		17119	17119	234766
Total incoming resources		72397	17119	89516	304712
Resources expended					
Charitable Activities Provision of services		113286	98888	212174	238295
Governance costs		16112	-	16112	8122
Total resources expended	3	129398	98888	228286	246417 ———
Net incoming resources/ resources expended		(57001)	(81769)	(138770)	58295
Transfers	1(e)	4673 ———	(4673) ———		-
Net movement in funds after transfers		(52328)	(86442)	(138770)	58295
Total funds brought forward		63691	261075 ———	324766	266471 ———
Total funds carried forward		11363	174633	185996	324766

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the net incoming resources for the year. The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Gross income from continuing operations		89516	304712
Expenditure of continuing operations	14	(216786)	(234917)
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		(127270)	69795

Detailed analyses of the expenditure are provided in the Statement of Financial Activities and Note 3

The Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8 which together with the notes to the accounts provides full information on the movements during the year on all the funds in the company

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

		_	2007	_	2006
Fixed Assets	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	8		193078		205878
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank & in hand	9	913 11178		17274 123407	
Total current assets		12091		140681	
Creditors: amounts fall due within one year	ing 10	(19173)		(21793)	
Net current assets			(7082)		118888
Net assets			185996		324766
			-		
Unrestricted funds General funds	12		11363		63691
Restricted funds	12		174633		261075
Total funds	12		185996		324766

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on 8th November 2007 and signed on its behalf by

Derrick Brown

Trustee and Director

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

1 Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005), the Companies Act 1985 and follow the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Charities issued in March 2005
- b) All incoming resources becoming available to the charity during the year are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are receivable
- c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable
- d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However certain of the overhead costs of the core activity cannot be directly attributed and are allocated on the basis of 90% to charitable activities and 10 % to governance costs.
- e) Transfers between funds relate largely to management and other charges from unrestricted to restricted funds as well as transfers from unrestricted funds to mark the charity's contribution to projects deriving their external funding from restricted sources
- f) Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset addition over its estimated useful life

Computer equipment - core 33% per annum Computer equipment – projects 100% per annum 5% per annum

- f) Pension costs The company makes contributions to a defined contributions scheme. The pension costs charged represents contributions payable to the scheme.
- g) Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated by the charity for its objects without further specified purpose and are available as general funds
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure
 meeting these criteria is charged to the fund along with a fair allocation of management
 costs.

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

Grants Receivable Voluntary income Stockton Borough Council	Unrestricte 3538	£	icted £ -	2007 Total £ 35381	2006 Total £ 34855
Northern Rock Foundation Infrastructure-Advice and Information Infrastructure-Volunteer Development Big Lottery Fund Volunteering England Infrastructure-Capital ICT Infrastructure-Capital Health & Safety			7924 5396 3799 - - -	7924 5396 3799 - - - -	33397 20263 36293 100166 21130 16450 7067
		- 1 	7119	17119	234766
3. Total Resources Expended	Basis of (Allocation	Charitable Costs	Governand Costs	e 2007 £	2006 £
Costs directly allocated to activities Salaries etc Other staff costs Premises costs Training Publicity and advertising Office Costs Legal and professional Audit Other project expenses Consultancies Depreciation	Direct	36686 2076 466 3669 6317 29049 853 1880 17892	£	36686 2076 466 3669 6317 29049 3525 853 1880 17892	£ 124713 8452 4205 890 3608 10871 2837 2703 2378
Support costs allocated to activities Salaries etc Other staff costs Premises costs Publicity and advertising Office Costs Legal and professional Other project expenses Insurance Consultancies Depreciation	Usage Usage Usage Usage Usage Usage Usage Usage Usage	43220 919 11760 607 8139 6458 396 2203 38322 1263	4802 102 1307 67 904 718 44 245 4258 140	48022 1021 13067 674 9043 7176 440 2448 42580 1403	25535 420 6905 580 4211 12680 395 2232
Total resources expended		212175	16112	228287	246417

4. Net incoming resources for the year This is stated after charging	2006 £	2006 £
Depreciation Trustee's remuneration Auditors' remuneration - audit services Auditor's remuneration - accountancy and other services	19295 29375 2350 1175	32802 500 1957 746

Trustee remuneration relates to amounts paid to Mrs E Nesbitt for interim management services

5. Staff costs	2007	2006
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs Settlement to former employee	68181 5286 1241 10000	135330 13283 1635
	84708	150248
No employee received emoluments of more than £60000		
	2007	2006
The average number of employees was		
Direct charitable activities Management and administration	2 	4 2 6

6 Taxation

No provision has been made in respect of taxation, as the charity, by nature of its activities, is deemed exempt

7. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Equipment	Total
Cost	Ł	£	£
At 1 st April 2006 Additions	253668 ~	101467 6495	355135 6495
At 31 st March 2007	253668	107962	361630
Depreciation			
At 1 st April 2006	47907	101350	149257
Charge for the year	12683	6612	19295
At 31 st March 2007	60590	107962	168552
7,101			
Net book value			
At 31st March 2007	193078	-	193078
		-	
At 31 st March 2006	205761	117	205878

Freehold property with net book value of £193078 (2006 £205761) represents the charity's premises at 27 Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees. This was purchased using funding from the Lottery (now the Big Lottery) The charity may not dispose of this asset without the prior written permission of the Big Lottery, nor use it as security for a loan or any other financial purpose

8 Debtors	2007 £	2006 £
Grants receivable Prepayments and other debtors	913	13638 3636
	913	17274
All debtors are receivable within one year		

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2007 £	2006 £
Deferred income Accruals and other creditors Social security and other taxes	19173	8168 12262 1363
	19173	21793

10. Guarantee

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	General Funds F	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets Net current liabilities	19620 (8257)	173458 1175	193078 (7082)
	11363	174633	185996

12. Movement in funds	At 1 st April 2006 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	At 31 st March 2007 £
Restricted funds Volunteer Development	(2671)	7924	(5253)	-	-
Community Development			` ,	(4020)	
-Big Lottery Fund Infrastructure-volunteer	58663	-	(56727)	(1936)	-
development	9409	3799	(11360)	(1848)	-
Infrastructure-advice and information	3149	5396	(7656)	(889)	-
Infrastructure-capital-Health & safety N Tees PCT Community	6392	-	(6392)	-	-
Resources	1175	-	-	-	1175
Property -Big Lottery Fund	184958		(11500)		173458
	261075	17119	(98888)	(4673)	174633
Unrestricted funds General funds-core	63691	72397	(129398)	4673	11363
	324766	89516	(228286)		185996

13. Purpose of restricted funds

N Tees PCT Community Resources

These funds were received to buy resources for use by the voluntary sector

Property

This fund represents the undepreciated amounts of restricted funds from the Community Fund (now the Big Lottery Fund) used to purchase and furnish the property at 27 Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees

14. Notes to the Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	2007 £	2006 £
Total resources expended per the SOFA	228286	246417
Less capital grants released re property	(11500)	(11500)
Gross expenditure for the year	216786	234917