

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08546789 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1156390

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017
for
TAROE Trust Limited

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TAROE Trust Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are stated as:

1. Developing the capacity and skills of people in need of low cost housing provision in such a way that they are better able to identify and help their needs and to participate more fully in society.
2. The promotion of social inclusion among people in need of low cost housing provision who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of unemployment, financial hardship, ill health and poor housing and assisting them to integrate into society.

Public benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Charity provides benefit to the public through the relief of financial hardship amongst people in need of low cost housing provision. This involves amongst other things the provision of free advice and assistance to persons who would otherwise be unable to obtain it.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During 2016/17, TAROE Trust was engaged in the following activities in pursuit of its charitable activities:

- It has worked in partnership with a repairs contractor to improve the tenant empowerment and the quality of services for tenants who have been dissatisfied and/or disempowered through their internal complaints processes.

The work has involved direct liaison with tenants and their repairs contractor to resolve outstanding issues and provide a voice for vulnerable tenants.

This particular project has engaged directly with 360 tenants during the year. This has included telephone interviews with 229 tenants and attendance at x5 workshops which involved direct engagement with tenants.

- Provided direct advice and support to tenants living within the regulated housing sector, with a particular focus on the resolution of complaints and ensuring that conditions of tenancy are met by landlords.
- Engaged directly with a range of key stakeholders across the regulated housing sector, including the DCLG and Homes and Communities Agency to influence the development of housing policy and ensure tenants' interests are taken into account.
- Supplied advice and consultancy services to landlords operating within the regulated housing sector to ensure that they can meet their regulatory obligations and maintain or improve the quality of services they provide to their tenants.

TAROE Trust has also introduced a series of improvements to strengthen the organisation throughout the year. This has included:

- It has identified the skills and competencies required on its Board of trustees and undertaken a recruitment process that has resulted in the addition of two new Trustees. This included the addition of trustees with knowledge of: the history of the tenant movement; tenant empowerment approaches; experience in commercial and charity governance; academic research methods and techniques.
- A range of new procedures have been introduced to strengthen the governance, risk and financial management of the Trust.
- A new website and domain has been launched for the organisation – www.taroetrust.org.uk. This has been designed to bring a modern and fresh look and feel, provide a fundraising platform, and contain relevant and up to date content for tenants living within the regulated housing sector.
- It has acted as a key partner in the hosting of the third annual Customer Scrutiny Inspection awards to celebrate the positive work of tenants across the country.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves. The Trustees consider that given the nature of the Charity's work, free reserves should be equivalent to 3 months routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees estimate this to be approximately £20,000. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 March 2017 the Charity had net free reserves of £54,987 (2016: £32,835). The current reserves are above the level of the reserves policy and meet the Charity's ongoing commitments.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Charity generated income of £62,420 during the year (2016: £34,115). The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 4 and 5, respectively. The Charity's reserves increased by £22,152 during the year (2016: £8982). The Balance Sheet shows total net assets of £54,987 (2016: £32,835).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees are selected for their business and administrative skills and their commitment to the work of the charity. Applications for trustee positions are considered and assessed by the full board. Trustees retire by rotation every three years but can put themselves forward for re-election.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08546789 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1156390

Registered office

Room A217
The Heath Business & Technical Park
Runcorn
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Trustees

D Hartley	- resigned 15.8.16
M Kingsford	
M Kelly	
M Gelling	
Mrs C Carter	- deceased 2.11.16
I Bannon	- appointed 30.3.17
Q Bradley	- appointed 30.3.17

Independent examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31st July 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
M Gelling - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
TAROE Trust Limited**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages four to eight.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 7 July 2017

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

	Notes	31.3.17 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.16 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		46,521	30,695
Charitable activities			
Supporting housing tenants		15,900	3,420
Investment income	2	16	17
Total		<u>62,437</u>	<u>34,132</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	9,814	8,693
Charitable activities			
Supporting housing tenants		31,305	16,457
Total		<u>41,119</u>	<u>25,150</u>
NET INCOME		<u>21,318</u>	<u>8,982</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>32,835</u>	<u>23,853</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>54,153</u></u>	<u><u>32,835</u></u>
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.			

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2017**

	Notes	£	31.3.17 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.16 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	7		759	1,160
Cash in hand			55,458	32,250
			<u>56,217</u>	<u>33,410</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	8		(2,064)	(575)
			<u>54,153</u>	<u>32,835</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			<u>54,153</u>	<u>32,835</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			<u>54,153</u>	<u>32,835</u>
NET ASSETS				
			<u>54,153</u>	<u>32,835</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	9		54,153	32,835
			<u>54,153</u>	<u>32,835</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				
			<u>54,153</u>	<u>32,835</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by:

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M Gelling -Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Deposit account interest	16	17
	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Staff costs	7,077	-
Support costs	2,737	8,693
	<u>9,814</u>	<u>8,693</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

5. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.17	31.3.16
Chief Executive	1	-
Tenant Research Officer	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

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

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	30,695
Charitable activities	
Supporting housing tenants	3,420
Investment income	17
Total	<u>34,132</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	8,693
Charitable activities	
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NET INCOME	8,982
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	23,853
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>32,835</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Other debtors	759	1,160
	<u>759</u>	<u>1,160</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Trade creditors	540	-
Social security and other taxes	334	155
Accruals and deferred income	1,190	420
	<u>2,064</u>	<u>575</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.16 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.17 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,835	21,318	54,153
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,835</u>	<u>21,318</u>	<u>54,153</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,437	(41,119)	21,318
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,437</u>	<u>(41,119)</u>	<u>21,318</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year TAROE Trust Limited received donations totalling £15,362 from TAROE (2016: nil). TAROE Trust Limited is controlled by one of the directors of TAROE.

11. STATUS OF THE COMPANY

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. In the event of the winding up or discontinuation of the company the members are liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the debts and liabilities of the company.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

	31.3.17 £	31.3.16 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	46,521	30,695
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	16	17
Charitable activities		
Tenant support services	15,900	3,420
Total incoming resources	<u>62,437</u>	<u>34,132</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	6,223	-
Social security	854	-
	<u>7,077</u>	<u>-</u>
Charitable activities		
Wages	18,670	13,609
Social security	2,561	1,861
Tenant Power project	555	567
	<u>21,786</u>	<u>16,037</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	392	380
Travel and subsistence	1,200	435
Office expenses	3,307	1,475
Office rent	6,047	6,403
	<u>10,946</u>	<u>8,693</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,310	420
Total resources expended	<u>41,119</u>	<u>25,150</u>
Net income	<u><u>21,318</u></u>	<u><u>8,982</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements