

The Council administers 37 trust funds, acting as sole trustee for 33 trusts and as one of several trustees for a further 4 funds. These accounts do not represent a charge to Council Tax payers but form part of the statutory reporting requirements of the Council. They represent funds set up by various individuals and organisations for the benefit of the community or organisations within the Moray area.

The statements below summarise the trust funds' income and expenditure for the year and the funds' assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025.

Trust Reorganisation

The Council undertook a review of its trusts, in consultation with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), and restructured its charitable trusts in order to create a smaller number of trusts with improved governance arrangements and with the opportunity to maximise the use of these resources to the benefit of the citizens of Moray. In August 2016, The Moray Council Charitable Trust (TMCCT) was awarded charitable status under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The trusts being reorganised into this new single trust will be utilised, as far as possible, in a manner consistent with the original trust purposes. To date, 24 trusts have been approved by OSCR for reorganisation into TMCCT and this is reflected in the accounts and notes on the following pages. The process of reorganisation is ongoing.

Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements for the charitable trusts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015, applicable to charities preparing their accounts, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102), applicable for the UK and Republic of Ireland, commonly referred to as the Charities SORP which is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at fair value, in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

In line with Regulation 7 of the 2006 Regulations, these financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the trust funds for which it acts as sole trustee are connected charities. As such the accounts for these individual charities have been prepared on a collective basis for the Council. Separate financial statements covering all the Council's charitable trusts are published on the Council's website.

The financial statements for the non-charitable trusts have been prepared in accordance with the code of practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2024/25.

As far as concerns the trusts reported in these financial statements, application of different reporting standards does not produce inconsistent results.

Investment Income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accruals basis.

Investments

Investments are included at fair value at the balance sheet date in accordance with the principles of the SORP. Investment gains and losses include any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to fair value at the end of the period.

Trust Funds Income and Expenditure Account

2023/24		2024/25	
Connected Charitable £000	Other £000	Connected Charitable £000	Other £000
Income			
(28)	(115)	(42)	(178)
-	(76)	-	(96)
-	(206)	-	154
(31)	(130)	(14)	(60)
-	(236)	(10)	(9)
(59)	(763)	(66)	(189)
Expenditure			
20	68	29	72
8	11	9	14
-	298	-	87
-	151	-	150
28	528	38	323
(31)	(235)	(28)	134
(Surplus)/Deficit for the year			
31	185	14	(244)
-	(50)	(14)	(110)
(Increase)/Decrease in Revenue Reserves			

Trust Funds Balance Sheet

2023/24						2024/25					
Connected						Connected					
Charitable	Other					Charitable	Other				
£000	£000					£000	£000				
-	6,372	Property, Plant and Equipment	Note 1			-	6,088				
-	100	Investment Properties	Note 3			-	80				
615	2,544	Long Term Investments	Note 4			630	2,604				
615	9,016	Long Term Assets				630	8,772				
1	8	Debtors				1	6				
438	1,814	Loans Fund Balance				452	1,928				
439	1,822	Current Assets				453	1,934				
(7)	(19)	Creditors				(7)	(21)				
(7)	(19)	Current Liabilities				(7)	(21)				
1,047	10,819	Net Assets				1,076	10,685				
-	3,242	Capital Adjustment Account				-	3,242				
-	3,206	Revaluation Reserve				-	2,902				
370	1,530	Financial Instruments Adjustment Account				385	1,590				
677	2,841	Revenue Balance				691	2,951				
1,047	10,819	Total Reserves				1,076	10,685				

Notes to the Trust Fund Accounts

Note 1 Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is valued on the basis recommended by CIPFA and the valuation report is produced by the Council's Asset Manager who is a Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. The assets are valued on a 5 year rolling programme and have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Valuation - Professional Standards January 2014.

Property, plant and equipment is classified into groupings required by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2024/25.

Assets have been valued on the following basis:-

Other Land and Buildings	-	Existing Use Value (EUV) or Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC)
Community Assets	-	Historic Cost where available

Depreciation:

The following useful lives and depreciation rates have been used in the calculation of depreciation:-

Other Land and Buildings	-	Buildings up to 55 years, land is not depreciated
Community Assets	-	Rights and land are not depreciated

Movements of property, plant and equipment were as follows:

Note 1 Property, Plant and Equipment (cont.)

2023/24

	Other Land and Buildings	Community Assets	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Gross Book Value at 1 April 2023	6,302	15	6,317
Revaluations	55	-	55
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Gross Book Value at 31 March 2024	6,357	15	6,372
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 April 2023	-	-	-
Revaluations	(151)	-	(151)
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the Year	151	-	151
Depreciation at 31 March 2024	-	-	-
Net Book Value at 31 March 2024	6,357	15	6,372

2024/25

	Other Land and Buildings	Community Assets	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Gross Book Value at 1 April 2024	6,357	15	6,372
Revaluations	(284)	-	(284)
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Gross Book Value at 31 March 2025	6,073	15	6,088
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 April 2024	-	-	-
Revaluations	(150)	-	(150)
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the Year	150	-	150
Depreciation at 31 March 2025	-	-	-
Net Book Value at 31 March 2025	6,073	15	6,088

Note 2 Heritage Assets

The following table shows assets which may be regarded as Heritage assets, but which have not been included in the Balance Sheet as the Council considers that obtaining valuations would involve disproportionate cost and that reliable cost or valuation information cannot be obtained for these items. The Code therefore permits such assets to be excluded from the Balance Sheet.

	Estimated number of assets 31 March 2025
Assets Excluded from Heritage Assets	
Monuments and Fountains	2

Note 3 Investment Properties

The following table summarises the movement in the fair value of investment properties over the year.

	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
Balance at start of the year	100	100
Net gains/(losses) from fair value adjustments	-	(20)
Balance at end of the year	100	80

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Note 4 Trust Details

Funds for which The Moray Council act as Sole Trustee

<u>Fund</u>	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Assets £000	Liabilities £000
Registered Charitable Trusts				
6 Registered Charitable Trusts, each with Assets less than £50,000	(3)	3	56	(1)
The Moray Council Charitable Trust <i>Established to reorganise trusts with out of date purposes. 23 trusts were approved for reorganisation in 2021/22. Split into sub categories by location and purpose.</i>	(13)	2	270	(1)
Moray & Nairn Educational <i>Grants payable to persons resident in the former combined County of Moray & Nairn, including University & Central Institution Bursaries; Adult Education; School Equipment; Sports facilities; Travel Grants and School Excursions</i>	(50)	33	757	(5)
	(66)	38	1,083	(7)
Other Trusts				
6 Non Registered Trusts, each with Assets less than £50,000	(4)	2	90	-
Longmore Hall <i>Village Hall for the use of the community</i>	-	291	1,178	-
Glenisla Comforts Fund <i>For the benefit of the residents of Glenisla Care Home</i>	(10)	-	191	-
John Pringle Bequest <i>For the benefit of students at Aberdeen University who have previously attended Elgin Academy</i>	(3)	-	60	-
Speyside Comforts Fund <i>For the benefit of the residents of Speyside Nursing Home</i>	(4)	-	85	-
The Pringle Trust <i>Established to make payments annually to Ministers, serving and emeriti of the Church of Scotland, Baptist and Free Church of Scotland</i>	(5)	4	106	(1)

Note 4 Trust Details (cont.)

Fund	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Assets £000	Liabilities £000
William Lawtie <i>For the Poor of Cullen</i>	(7)	21	213	-
The MacDonald Benevolent Fund <i>Established in 1989 for persons in need of financial assistance particularly in Dufftown as decided by the Social Work Department</i>	(16)	4	317	-
Milne's Institution Trust <i>The free annual income to be applied as The Moray Council thinks fit for the purposes of the educational enrichment of pupils attending Milne's High School and Milne's Primary School. The income shall be apportioned to the schools on a pro rata basis by reference to attendance rolls of the respective schools</i>	(18)	9	331	-
Laing Mortification <i>For the benefit of a decayed merchant resident in Elgin.</i>	(17)	-	346	-
Craigmoray Bequest (Bishopmill) <i>For the benefit of the residents of Craigmoray Care Home</i>	(27)	-	538	-
Ladyhill Public Trust <i>Provides homes for two veterans from the Elgin area</i>	(16)	8	143	(2)
Jubilee Cottages Public Trust <i>Trust established by monies raised during Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee for the purposes of providing low cost housing</i>	(74)	17	798	-
Cooper Park Public Trust <i>Trust established at turn of last century to provide Elgin library and reading rooms and parkland for recreation – all for the inhabitants of Elgin</i>	(81)	70	537	(2)
River Lossie Public Trust <i>Established mid 1800's to provide ground for recreation for the people of Elgin</i>	(88)	43	1,082	-
Grant Park Public Trust <i>Trust incorporating the public convenience, tea room/shop and the cricket and bowling pavilions, to be used for the benefit of the community of Forres</i>	(62)	37	1,167	-
Miltoduff Hall <i>Established to provide space for local groups for education, recreation etc</i>	(22)	12	512	-

Trust Funds (cont.)

Note 4 Trust Details (cont.)

<u>Fund</u>	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Assets £000	Liabilities £000
Logie Cottage <i>Proceeds from the sale of Logie cottage which was previously established to provide a free home or house of rest to a respectable retired couple or single woman in Forres</i>	(5)	-	90	-
Fife Park, Keith Public Trust <i>Trust incorporating the playing field and public convenience</i>	-	-	-	-
Flemming Hall Aberlour	-	135	650	-
	<u>(459)</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>8,434</u>	<u>(5)</u>

Funds for which The Moray Council acts as one of several trustees

Registered Charitable Trusts

Auchernack Trust <i>For the benefit of the elderly community of the Forres Area who are in need of relief by reason of advanced age</i>	(47)	30	902	(1)
	<u>(47)</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>(1)</u>

Other Trusts

Donald Manson (Edinkillie) Fund <i>3 Bursaries for children living in the Parish of Edinkillie in S1 as well as one Further Education Bursary for a student aged under 18. The annual balance of the fund is payable to Forres Academy</i>	(22)	13	411	(12)
Donald Manson (Forres) Fund <i>One bursary for a child living in the Burgh of Forres in S1. The annual balance of the fund is payable to Forres Academy</i>	(6)	4	112	(3)
Banffshire Educational Trust <i>Grants payable to persons resident in the former County of Banffshire, including University, Post Graduate, Apprentices & Trainees; School Equipment; Sports Facilities; Support of Clubs; Promoting Education in Drama, Music & Visual Arts; Travel Grants and School Excursions.</i>	(44)	12	847	-
	<u>(72)</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>(15)</u>

<u>Fund</u>	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Assets £000	Liabilities £000
Summary				
Connected Charitable Trusts	(66)	38	1,083	(7)
Other Trusts	(578)	712	10,706	(21)
Total	<u>(644)</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>11,789</u>	<u>(28)</u>