

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Finance Officer	Governance Committee	14 September 2016

CHARITY AND TRUST ACCOUNTS 2015/16

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To present for approval the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 for charities and trusts for which the Council is the sole trustee.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the accounts presented in Appendix A to E be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Council's Statement of Accounts 2015/16 does not include the previous Trust Funds disclosure. As an alternative, figures are presented in this report, which therefore provides an opportunity of providing more detail about each charity or trust.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

BACKGROUND

- As part of the process of decluttering the Council's Statement of Accounts in 2015/16, the previous Trust Funds note has been omitted. Figures relating to the trusts were not material, and inclusion of the note in the statement would not improve users' understanding of the Council's financial position. Excluding the note from the statement means that the external auditors have not been obliged to audit it.
- Having excluded the note from the Statement of Accounts, this report gives Governance Committee members the opportunity to review and approve the accounts for each of the charities or trusts, presented as Appendix A to E. A brief summary of the financial performance of each charity or trust is presented in the following paragraphs. There is no statutory requirement for the accounts to be audited. Figures are not rounded so that all transactions can be seen in full. The note to the accounts had figures rounded to the nearest thousand pounds, which means that low value transactions were not visible.

7. Three of the charities or trusts hold external investments. No sums have been disinvested and reinvested, but the market value of investments varies from year to year. Such changes in market value are reflected in the relevant accounts.

EDWARD MCKNIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

8. This fund was established many years ago to pay for educational lectures in memory of Edward McKnight, Chorley's first librarian, who died in 1911. It has a cash balance, held by Chorley Council, which receives interest at the average rate earned on the Council's investments. It has not incurred any expenditure for many years. Its accounts are presented as Appendix A. These show that cash held for the fund as at 31 March 2016 was £5,295.34.

WILLIAM COCKER CHARITY

9. The William Cocker Charity is not registered with the Charity Commission, and there is no need to do so because of its low turnover. It was established for the provision of recreation grounds in Chorley, and the interest earned on its external investment is paid to Chorley Council for that purpose. Appendix B presents the accounts for the charity.

PROCEEDS OF SALE OF FORMER FREE LIBRARY

10. This registered charity was established in 1992 using the proceeds of the sale of the Avondale Road Library, previously known as the Free Library. The objects of the charity are such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley.
11. No expenditure was incurred by the charity during 2015/16, though a grant of £24,000 was awarded to the local Home-Start charity for provision of a play area in 2014/15.
12. The main source of income is interest on the charity's external investments, but Chorley Council also pays interest (at the average rate earned on its investments) on the cash balance it holds for the charity. The balance held by the Council was £11,527.72 as at 31 March 2016, and all figures are presented in the accounts in Appendix C.

W B PARK'S CHARITY

13. It is understood that W B Park's Charity was established for the extension of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Withnell. The Council holds a cash balance of £1,704.89 for the charity, which does not have interest added because of the difficulty of applying the charity's resources to an appropriate purpose. It is not a registered charity, and its accounts are presented as Appendix D.

H T PARKE'S BATHS FUND

14. The H T Parke's Baths Fund was established for the maintenance of Brinscall Baths. The interest earned on its external investment is paid to Chorley Council for that purpose. The fund is not registered as a charity. Appendix E presents its accounts for 2015/16.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

15. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	√	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

16. This report replaces the disclosure note previously presented in the Council's annual Statement of Accounts, and it gives members the opportunity to review and query performance of each charity or trust before approving their accounts.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. The Monitoring Officer has no comments.

GARY HALL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE & STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Gov.uk – Prepare a charity's annual accounts	March 2016	Electronic document	Town Hall

Report Author	Ext	Date	Doc ID
Michael Jackson	5490	30 August 2016	Charity and Trust Accounts 2015-16.docx

Edward McKnight Memorial Fund

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31 March 2016		
2014/15		2015/16
£		£
	Receipts	
30.92	Interest on cash held by Chorley Council	23.20
30.92	Total receipts	23.20
	Payments	
	No expenditure in year	
0.00	Total payments	0.00
30.92	Net receipts/(payments)	23.20
5,241.22	Bank and cash at the start of the period	5,272.14
5,272.14	Bank and cash at the end of the period	5,295.34

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2016		
31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£		£
	Cash assets	
5,272.14	Cash held by Chorley Council	5,295.34
5,272.14	Total cash assets	5,295.34
5,272.14	Total assets	5,295.34

William Cocker Charity

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31 March 2016		
2014/15		2015/16
£		£
	Receipts	
102.73	Interest on investments	102.73
102.73	Total receipts	102.73
	Payments	
(102.73)	Provision of recreation grounds in Chorley (paid to Chorley Council)	(102.73)
(102.73)	Total payments	(102.73)
0.00	Net receipts/(payments)	0.00
0.00	Bank and cash at the start of the period	0.00
0.00	Bank and cash at the end of the period	0.00

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2016		
31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£		£
	Other assets	
3,231.70	External investments	3,121.49
3,231.70	Total other assets	3,121.49
3,231.70	Total assets	3,121.49

**Proceeds of Sale of Former Free Library
(registered charity 1010457)**

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31 March 2016		
2014/15		2015/16
£		£
	Receipts	
3,047.06	Interest on investments	3,240.66
190.40	Interest on cash held by Chorley Council	57.50
3,237.46	Total receipts	3,298.16
	Payments	
(24,000.00)	Grant to Home-Start for provision of play area	0.00
(24,000.00)	Total payments	0.00
(20,762.54)	Net receipts/(payments)	3,298.16
32,290.26	Bank and cash at the start of the period	11,527.72
11,527.72	Bank and cash at the end of the period	14,825.88

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2016		
31 March		31 March
2015		2016
£		£
	Cash assets	
11,527.72	Cash held by Chorley Council	14,825.88
11,527.72	Total cash assets	14,825.88
	Other assets	
97,975.39	External investments	94,568.55
97,975.39	Total other assets	94,568.55
109,503.11	Total assets	109,394.43

W B Park's Charity

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31 March 2016		
2014/15		2015/16
£		£
	Receipts	
	No income in year	
0.00	Total receipts	0.00
	Payments	
	No expenditure in year	
0.00	Total payments	0.00
0.00	Net receipts/(payments)	0.00
1,704.89	Bank and cash at the start of the period	1,704.89
1,704.89	Bank and cash at the end of the period	1,704.89

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2016		
31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£		£
	Cash assets	
1,704.89	Cash held by Chorley Council	1,704.89
1,704.89	Total cash assets	1,704.89
1,704.89	Total assets	1,704.89

H T Parke's Baths Fund		
Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31 March 2016		
2014/15		2015/16
£		£
	Receipts	
101.84	Interest on investments	101.84
101.84	Total receipts	101.84
	Payments	
(101.84)	Maintenance of Brinscall Baths (paid to Chorley Council)	(101.84)
(101.84)	Total payments	(101.84)
0.00	Net receipts/(payments)	0.00
0.00	Bank and cash at the start of the period	0.00
0.00	Bank and cash at the end of the period	0.00

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2016		
31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£		£
	Other assets	
2,542.33	External investments	2,476.13
2,542.33	Total other assets	2,476.13
2,542.33	Total assets	2,476.13