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ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2015

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ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust
(A company limited by guarantee)

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Members

Mr S Holland (resigned 22 October 2014)
Mr N W Johnson
ConcertEd Academies Trust, Corporate member
Mr J Austin (appointed 22 October 2014)

Trustees

Mr A T Cottrill
Mr J D Milner
Mr R A Makins, Accounting Officer
Cllr J Walsh
Mr N W Johnson, Chair
Mr S Holland (resigned 22 October 2014)
Mr J Austin (appointed 22 October 2014)

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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1st September 2014 to 31 August 2015. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 11 to 16 serving a catchment area in Bolton. It has a pupil capacity of 1500 and had a roll of 1096 in the 2014 school census. In 2015 the Education Funding Agency approved an application to reduce the pupil capacity to 1250.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Multi Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is an exempt charity. It was incorporated on 4 October 2013, with Smithills School converting on 1 January 2014. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served during the period are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page one.

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while each is a member, or within one year after each ceases to be a member. The amount required will not exceed £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before each ceased to be a member.

Trustees' indemnities

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover liability of Trustees by virtue of any rule of law which would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust.

Any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees know to be a breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless regard to whether or not it was a breach of trust or breach of duty.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The method of recruitment and appointment of the Trustees of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust is set out in the memorandum and articles of association. Appropriate individuals are identified based on their skills and experience in the education sector or other areas that would add value to the Trust.

The Trustees consist of:

- Up to 11 appointees by ConcertEd Academies Trust ("Sponsor Trustees");
- Up to 4 appointees from the constituent academies who are appointed by the Board of Trustees using any policy determined from time to time ("Academy Trustees")
- A member of the Trust's management team (if appointed by the Trustees)
- A minimum of two parent directors (unless two parent governors are appointed to the LGB of each constituent academy)

ConcertEd Academies Trust and the Board have the right to appoint and remove the Trustees they have appointed by giving notice to ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust.

Trusteeship shall terminate automatically, if:

(a) A trustee dies or becomes incapable of reason or mental disorder, illness or injury of managing his own affairs
(b) A trustee becomes insolvent
(c) A management team appointee is removed from his post

Organisational structure

The trustees of ConcertEd Academies Trust establish the overall framework for the governance of the Trust and academies included within the Trust. The board of ConcertEd Academies Trust has the right to appoint the majority of the trustees of the Academy Trust, with the trustees of the Academy Trust agreeing the terms of reference and committee structure of academies within the Academy Trust. The delegation of responsibility is set out in detail in the terms of reference of the Academy Trust and is reviewed annually. The sole academy (Smithills School) has established a Local Governing Body. The Local Governing Body fulfills much the same role as a governing body of a maintained school.

The board of trustees of the Academy Trust receives reports from Smithills School for monitoring and ratification. It monitors the activities of Smithills through its minutes and through discussion with the representatives on the Board of Trustees from Smithills.

Related Parties and other connected Charities and Organisations

ConcertEd Academies Trust is the sponsor of the Academy Trust. The Academy Trust has the overall role of setting the philosophy, ethos and values of ConcertEd Academies Trust and is founded upon a partnership ethos and is currently building such partnerships with:

- Local schools and education providers
- Local businesses and employers
- A range of education consultants with specialist skills required by the school
- Parents, pupils and other stakeholders

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust aims to create a family of schools that are committed to working together to achieve excellence and improve life chances for young people. This will be achieved through the use of tried and tested strategies with secure evidence of past success, but also through innovation and new approaches where relevant. The process will be supported by a network of practitioners and education specialists who are committed to ongoing development and innovation.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The principal activity of the charitable company in its initial year since incorporation has been the operation of Smithills School which provides education for pupils of different abilities aged between 11 and 16.

The overarching objectives are:

- To improve the life chances of young people
- To ensure that each young person achieves the best possible qualifications which will equip them for future education and work
- To ensure that young people at ConcertEd schools are empowered to make a positive difference to their communities

- To continue to strive for improvement

At ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust we are committed to improving our schools. Every school, however effective and high achieving, has room for improvement. As such, we recognise the need for an ongoing, cyclical process of school review.

The success of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust depends on how well we support our schools in navigating their way through the school improvement process. Therefore when evaluating the effectiveness of the Trust overall, we need to consider the progress and impact being made on each school.

We believe that our school's primary function is to serve the needs of its students and their families. We therefore see them as a crucial part of the school improvement process and actively work to involve them in this. Where possible the views of students and parents will be sought when gathering evidence of outcomes and impact. We will also foster a culture where these stakeholders are directly involved in supporting the delivery of school improvement priorities.

We are honest about our strengths and recognise that on occasions there will be outside specialists who are better placed to support a school. Where this is the case we will actively seek out these specialists. The Multi Academy Trust will consider covering the cost of these specialists to provide a basic level of service. Where the school wishes to commission external consultants to do initial work, outside of the agreed school support plan, it is likely that the school will have to make a contribution or cover the cost in full.

We expect our schools to adopt a systematic approach to school development. Therefore, it is only right that we ourselves adopt this approach when seeking to evaluate and improve the performance of the Trust.

ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust prides itself in being responsive to the needs of the school whilst maintaining a level of rigour that ensures positive outcomes for all. Therefore, this systematic strategy for school support is not a compulsory process but it is the school's responsibility to present come up with a suitable alternative model if it wishes to adopt a different approach.

ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust does not seek to impose changes where existing good practice is already in place. However, through partnership working schools the Trust will identify areas requiring further development and strategies for achieving successful outcomes. We seek to foster excellence through individuality not compliance through uniformity.

Each school year, senior leaders from the academy will agree a set of key focus areas where the Trust will give direct support. These will tie in with recognised school improvement priorities. The Trust, in collaboration with the school, will identify relevant personnel to support the school in each of these areas.

Public benefit

When exercising their powers and duties, the Trustees of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust will have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust has significant experience in working with communities and stakeholders. It also has access to specialists in a wide range of areas to enable schools to deliver an ambitious education programme which will positively impact on young people's life chances and the contribution that they can make to their communities.

The Trust has a strong commitment to staff well being and ongoing professional development. This is not only important for the time when they are serving our schools, but also in the eventuality of them moving on to work for other organisations.

The Trust encourages staff and pupils to consider the contribution that they can make to their community and actively encourage opportunities to develop their capacity to do so.

Strategic report

ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust incorporated on 4 October 2013 and its first school, Smithills School, converted on 1 January 2014. The Trust has been working continuously to support the school throughout the period.

ConcertEd have supported Smithills School to:

- Continue to develop governance following the restructure in 2014
- Continue to develop the Senior Leadership Team following the restructure in 2015
- Begin to support the development of the school's middle leadership (known as the Extended Leadership Team)
- Interrogate and challenge the school's data through the Accelerating Progress group
- Reduce the Pupil Admission Number
- Initiate student led school improvement initiatives
- Launch a new school website which enables departments to create and edit their own content
- Repeat the 360 leadership survey and reflect on the implications for the school

Achievements and performance

In 2015 the number of students achieving 5 A*-C grades including Maths and English rose by 7%. This headline figure is supported by many other positive trends in the school data. Staff are now able to make more accurate predictions. The school has implemented new data reporting systems and the impact of these is beginning to become embedded.

Outcomes from the 360 leadership survey indicate that staff feel that the senior leadership team is now more cohesive and working more effectively. Governors are now perceived more positively and there is an annual governance schedule in place which is beginning to have a positive effect.

The school managed a restructure to address significant budget issues. The school's approach to this restructure was commended by unions.

Reports from the School Improvement Partner along with the school's own self evaluation indicate that the school is moving forward positively.

Numerous other achievements and improvements in performance have been recorded in governors minutes, the school's self evaluation documentation and can be illustrated by the data available in the school's Accelerating Progress records.

Key performance indicators

KPIs for 2014 - 15 were all met. These were:

Key Focus 1 – Improve GCSE results
Main KPI – An increase in the number of pupils achieving 5 A* to C including Maths and English.

Key Focus 2 – To support the school to review the Published Admission Number (PAN) to ensure that it addresses the needs of students
Main KPI – to have facilitated either a change in PAN or a clear rationale written as to why it should remain unchanged.

Key Focus 3 – Review the budget provision to ensure best value and effectiveness
Main KPI – Governors able to provide evidence that best value has been secured and that financial good practice is exercised at all times.

Key Focus 4 – Support the school to ensure that the use of data impacts on outcomes and that data accurately portrays the current level of the school's performance

Main KPI – The school is able to provide evidence of improved targeting of pupils when compared to the systems in place in 2013 and with 2013 outputs.

Key Focus 5 –To ensure SIP, Headteacher report and self evaluation processes portray accurate judgments that would hold up to Ofsted evaluation and other external scrutiny.
Main KPI – to be able to provide evidence of a quality assured series of judgments and to demonstrate that this would hold up to external scrutiny.

Key Focus 6 – Continue leadership development so that all SLT and Middle Leadership are at least good and 30% or more are outstanding
Main KPI – All SLT and Middle Leadership judged as good and 30% or more is outstanding – and that judgments are triangulated and validated using external scrutiny.

Key Focus 7 – Review website to ensure that it is legally compliant and promotes the school effectively
Main KPI – All legal requirements met on website and a compliance audit demonstrates no issues.

Key Focus 8 – Support the school in ensuring that staff and pupils are safe, happy and healthy and feel these qualities.
Main KPI – Pilot group of Year 10 students reporting improved attitudes to learning over 6 month period.

Key Focus 9 –Achieve outstanding Governance
Main KPI – Local Governing Body able to demonstrate strong governance in all areas using the 'External Review of Governance' Document.

Key Focus 10 – Increase the number of families that choose Smithills for their child's secondary education
Main KPI – A measureable increase in the number of families selecting Smithills School OR evidence that strategies implemented have resulted in an increase in the number of families who would otherwise have not selected the school.

In 2015/16 the focus areas are:

Key Focus 1 – Develop Middle Leadership
Main KPI – Middle leaders will be supported to develop models of good practice which will then be shared with other teams and implemented across the school.

Key Focus 2 – Continue to develop governance
Main KPI – The relationship between governors and the school will become increasingly effective. There will be increased contact between governors and staff, pupils and parents.

Key Focus 3 – Develop student leadership within the school
Main KPI – systems will be introduced to support students to develop and deliver meaningful school improvement projects.

Key Focus 4 – Improve communication with parents and stakeholders via the implementation of a new website.

Key Focus 5 – Improve wellbeing and resilience across the school
Main KPI (Still being negotiated) – develop and deliver a whole school oracy strategy to enable pupils and other stakeholder to communicate their emotions and express their needs.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

Financial review

The Academy's key sources of funding are the General Annual Grant (GAG) and Pupil Premium from the Education Funding Agency (EFA). Funding from the EFA is shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. The analysis of the specific grants received can be seen within note 5 to the financial statements.

During the year to 31 August 2015, the Academy received GAG of £6,643,441 and Pupil Premium of £528,921 in addition to other income sources.

During the year to 31 August 2015, the Academy received capital grants of £970,900.

During the year to 31 August 2015, total resources expended are £7,962,696 excluding depreciation. Depreciation of £260,977 has been charged during the year against the restricted fixed asset fund.

Reserves policy

The company is still new and therefore has been unable to build up significant reserves. A small level of contingency funding needs to be accumulated in order to protect the company from unforeseen events and circumstances. In the event of larger reserves being built up over a number of years, trustees will formulate a full reserves policy.

Investment policy

In the event of the company building up excess cash balances, these will be invested in line with the company's charitable objects. Trustees will take into account social, environmental and ethical considerations when making any investments. At all times Trustees will be aware that this is public money and intended to improve the life chances and educational outcomes of young people.

No investments are currently held.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Companies Act requires disclosure of principal risks and uncertainties facing a company. ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust is exposed to a number of risks including credit, cash flow and liquidity risks. Given the academy's exposure to financial instruments being limited, the exposure principally relates to bank balances, cash and trade credits with limited trade and other debtors. The academy's system of internal control ensures that risk is minimal in these areas. These systems and controls are discussed regularly by trustees.

Plans for future periods

Future developments

The Trust is exploring the possibility of working with additional academies. However, a decision needs to be made on a case-by-case basis, depending on the circumstances of the school. Alignment of shared vision and values will be fundamental to the success of any future academies. Early discussions with interested parties are currently taking place.

An initial consultation session has taken place with local primary headteachers. The intention is that this group will form a practitioner network and that ConcertEd will start to support local primaries – either as an academy sponsor or in a less formal partnership. The impact of this will be enhanced transition processes and this will benefit student wellbeing and outcomes.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

There are no funds currently being held on behalf of others.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report, incorporating the Strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 11 December 2015 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Mr N W Johnson, Chair

Scope of Responsibility

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to Ronald Makins, as Accounting Officer and Treasurer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 9 times during the period. Attendance during the period at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr N W Johnson	9	9
Mr A T Cottrill	5	9
Mr J D Milner	5	9
Mr R A Makins, Accounting Officer	6	9
Cllr J Walsh	5	8
Mr J Austin (appointed 22 October 2014)	8	9

The day to day operation of the budget of Smithills School is a delegated responsibility of the Local Governing Body. The chair of the school's Finance Committee is also the chair of the Finance Committee of the Trust to ensure continuity and ease of communication.

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer, Ronald Makins has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Liaising with local partners to identify providers with a known track record for providing value for money
- Using professional networks to secure professional development opportunities
- Introducing termly reports to evaluate the impact of Trust level school improvement work

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust's significant risks, that has been in place for the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

The ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees;
- regular reviews by the Local Governing Body of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed Dains LLP, the external auditors, to perform additional checks.

The auditors' role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust financial systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

On a quarterly basis, the auditors report to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Review of Effectiveness

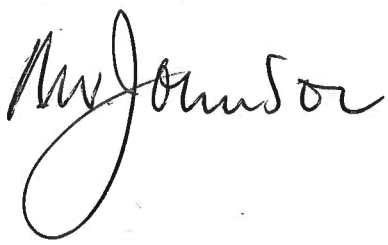
As Accounting Officer and Treasurer, Ronald Makins has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the period in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the external auditors;
- the work of the executive managers within the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer and Treasurer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Trust Board and the Resources Committee at Local Governing Body level and a plan to ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 11 December 2015 and signed on its behalf, by:

Mr N W Johnson
Chair of Trustees



Mr R A Makins
Accounting Officer

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Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer and Treasurer of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust board of trustees and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

I confirm that I and the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust board of trustees are able to identify any material, irregular or improper use of funds by the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of trustees and EFA.

Mr R A Makins
Accounting Officer

Date: 11/12/15

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement
For the year ended 31 August 2015

The Trustees (who act as governors of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report (including the Strategic report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from EFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr N W Johnson
Chair of Trustees

Date: 11 December 2015

We have audited the financial statements of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2015 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

This report is made solely to the academy's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the academy'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 academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the academy's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' report, incorporating the Strategic report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Jonathan Dudley (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

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Date: 11 December 2015

Independent Reporting Accountants' Assurance Report on Regularity to ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 8 September 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and EFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust and EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust's accounting officer and treasurer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer and treasurer is responsible, under the requirements of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 24 December 2013, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2014, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the academy's income and expenditure.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Dains LLP

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Statutory Auditor
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Date: 11 December 2015

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)
For the year ended 31 August 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Transfer from Local Authority on conversion	2	-	-	-	-	8,789,467
Other voluntary income	2	-	-	-	-	94,429
Activities for generating funds	3	**320,101**	**165,340**	-	**485,441**	201,043
Investment income	4	**1,250**	-	-	**1,250**	834
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	5	-	**7,482,146**	**970,900**	**8,453,046**	5,414,562
Total incoming resources		**321,351**	**7,647,486**	**970,900**	**8,939,737**	14,500,335
Resources expended						
Costs of generating funds:						
Costs of generating voluntary income	7	**48,014**	**234,271**	-	**282,285**	133,284
Charitable activities:	8					
Academy trust educational operations		**280,390**	**7,345,778**	**260,977**	**7,887,145**	5,475,503
Governance costs	9	-	**54,243**	-	**54,243**	57,439
Total resources expended	6	**328,404**	**7,634,292**	**260,977**	**8,223,673**	5,666,226
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers		**(7,053)**	**13,194**	**709,923**	**716,064**	8,834,109

Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
For the year ended 31 August 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Transfers between Funds	20	-	(32,978)	32,978	-	-
Net income for the year		(7,053)	(19,784)	742,901	716,064	8,834,109
Actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit pension schemes		-	(140,000)	-	(140,000)	(528,000)
Net movement in funds for the year		(7,053)	(159,784)	742,901	576,064	8,306,109
Total funds at 1 September 2014		173,553	(1,289,850)	9,422,406	8,306,109	-
Total funds at 31 August 2015		166,500	(1,449,634)	10,165,307	8,882,173	8,306,109

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 22 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

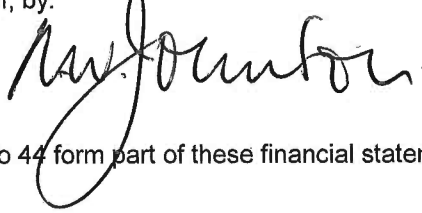
ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust
(A company limited by guarantee)
Registered number: 08718062

Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16		**9,139,678**		9,344,082
Current assets					
Stocks	17	**34,313**		5,162	
Debtors	18	**864,243**		630,769	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,778,972**		832,023	
		2,677,528		1,467,954	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	**(1,072,033)**		(927,927)	
Net current assets			**1,605,495**		540,027
Total assets less current liabilities			**10,745,173**		9,884,109
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		**(1,863,000)**		(1,578,000)
Net assets including pension scheme liability			**8,882,173**		8,306,109
Funds of the academy					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	20	**413,366**		288,150	
Restricted fixed asset funds	20	**10,165,307**		9,422,406	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		**10,578,673**		9,710,556	
Pension reserve		**(1,863,000)**		(1,578,000)	
Total restricted funds			**8,715,673**		8,132,556
Unrestricted funds	20		**166,500**		173,553
Total funds			**8,882,173**		8,306,109

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 11 December 2015 and are signed on their behalf, by:

Mr N W Johnson
Chair of Trustees



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ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust
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Cash Flow Statement
For the year ended 31 August 2015

	Note	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	22	**646,948**	819,828
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	23	**1,250**	834
Capital expenditure and financial investment	23	**298,751**	(52,920)
Cash transferred on conversion to an academy trust		**-**	64,281
Increase in cash in the year		**946,949**	832,023

Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Funds
For the year ended 31 August 2015

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Increase in cash in the year	**946,949**	832,023
Movement in net funds in the year	**946,949**	832,023
Net funds at 1 September 2014	**832,023**	-
Net funds at 31 August 2015	**1,778,972**	832,023

The notes on pages 22 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005, the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the academy to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the academy has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the year for which it is receivable and any unspent amount is reflected as a balance in the restricted general fund.

Capital grants are recognised when receivable and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Sponsorship income provided to the academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable, where there is certainty of receipt and it is measurable.

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the academy are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the academy can be reliably measured. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure under the relevant heading in the Statement of financial activities, except where the gift in kind was a fixed asset in which case the amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy's policies.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be reliably measured.

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities are costs incurred in the academy's educational operations.

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the academy's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from Education Funding Agency.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities and are carried forward in the Balance sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in Statement of financial activities.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold land	-	125 years straight line
Long-term leasehold property	-	50 years straight line
Plant and machinery	-	5 years straight line
Motor vehicles	-	5 years straight line
Furniture and equipment	-	5 years straight line
Computer equipment	-	5 years straight line

The long term leasehold land and buildings within the accounts relates to the academy premises which were donated to the academy on conversion on a 125 year lease from the Borough Council of Bolton. The leasehold land and buildings were valued using the EFA valuation. These are being depreciated in accordance with the depreciation policies set out above. No annual charge is made for the use of the land and buildings under the terms of the lease.

1.7 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.9 Taxation

The academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.10 Pensions

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the academy.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in note 25, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the academy is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and gains and losses on the settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of financial activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Transfer from local authority on conversion	-	-	-	8,789,467
Donations	-	-	-	94,429
Voluntary income	-	-	-	8,883,896

3. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Sports centre	-	165,340	165,340	87,189
Catering income	171,851	-	171,851	77,040
Other income	28,795	-	28,795	36,814
Recharges	119,455	-	119,455	-
	320,101	165,340	485,441	201,043

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Investment income	**1,250**	**-**	**1,250**	834

5. Funding for Academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
DfE/EFA revenue grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	**-**	**6,643,441**	**6,643,441**	4,707,650
Start up grants	**-**	**-**	**-**	25,000
Capital grants	**-**	**970,900**	**970,900**	25,465
Other DfE/EFA grants	**-**	**108,680**	**108,680**	76,376
Pupil premium	**-**	**528,921**	**528,921**	366,499
	-	**8,251,942**	**8,251,942**	5,200,990
Other government grants				
Local Authority grants	**-**	**90,752**	**90,752**	83,836
	-	**90,752**	**90,752**	83,836
Other funding				
Trip income	**-**	**80,029**	**80,029**	120,403
Teach First	**-**	**14,900**	**14,900**	2,500
Other grants	**-**	**15,423**	**15,423**	6,833
	-	**110,352**	**110,352**	129,736
	-	**8,453,046**	**8,453,046**	5,414,562

6. Resources expended

	Staff costs	Non Pay Expenditure Other costs	Total	Total
	2015 £	2015 £	2015 £	2014 £
Costs of generating voluntary income	127,793	154,492	282,285	133,284
Costs of generating funds	127,793	154,492	282,285	133,284
Direct costs	5,156,644	784,154	5,940,798	4,135,238
Support costs	1,029,995	916,352	1,946,347	1,340,265
Charitable activities	6,186,639	1,700,506	7,887,145	5,475,503
Governance	-	54,243	54,243	57,439
	6,314,432	1,909,241	8,223,673	5,666,226

7. Costs of generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Sports centre running costs	-	128,902	128,902	58,401
Cleaning costs	25,590	-	25,590	-
Staff costs - sports centre	-	105,369	105,369	74,883
Staff costs - caretaking	22,424	-	22,424	-
	48,014	234,271	282,285	133,284

8. Charitable activities

	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Direct costs - educational operations		
Wages and salaries	**4,205,698**	2,776,667
National insurance	**311,675**	211,049
Pension cost	**639,271**	400,781
Depreciation	**258,391**	173,772
Technology costs	**52,578**	92,796
Educational supplies	**164,644**	147,060
Examination fees	**87,370**	73,419
Staff development	**57,485**	23,487
Educational consultancy	**102,021**	112,384
Other direct costs	**61,665**	123,823
	5,940,798	4,135,238
Support costs - educational operations		
Wages and salaries	**822,434**	517,325
National insurance	**37,878**	22,788
Pension cost	**169,683**	78,242
Depreciation	**2,586**	2,789
LGPS net finance cost	**14,000**	8,000
Technology costs	**265**	8,510
Recruitment and support	**20,015**	14,363
Maintenance of premises and equipment	**174,590**	154,879
Cleaning	**138,677**	122,745
Rent and rates	**81,429**	52,000
Energy Costs	**83,062**	103,272
Insurance	**33,054**	56,447
Security and transport	**14,246**	10,808
Catering	**133,438**	75,838
Bank interest and charges	**76**	384
Other support costs	**220,914**	111,875
	1,946,347	1,340,265
	7,887,145	5,475,503

9. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Auditors' remuneration	-	**11,944**	**11,944**	11,451
Auditors' non audit costs	-	**16,164**	**16,164**	4,401
Trustee expenses reimbursed	-	-	-	129
Legal and professional fees	-	**4,679**	**4,679**	22,015
Support costs	-	**4,586**	**4,586**	3,555
Consultancy costs	-	**16,870**	**16,870**	15,888
	-	**54,243**	**54,243**	57,439

10. Net incoming / (outgoing) resources

This is stated after charging:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	**260,977**	176,561
Auditors' remuneration	**11,944**	11,451
Operating lease rentals:		
- other operating leases	**22,360**	-

11. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Wages and salaries	**4,815,937**	3,235,208
Social security costs	**354,230**	236,890
Other pension costs (Note 25)	**820,998**	488,634
	5,991,165	3,960,732
Supply teacher costs	**83,704**	116,099
Compensation payments	**239,563**	4,904
	6,314,432	4,081,735

b. Staff severance payments

Included in compensation payments above are non-contractual severance payments totalling £239,563 (2014 - £4,904). Individually the payments were: £26,560, £7,490, £21,573, £21,128, £22,048, £9,768, £15,222, £21,647, £40,903, £17,258, £1,096, £6,374, £1,200, £5,781, £2,626, £1,064, £1,315, £8,182, £5,260 and £3,068.

c. Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	31 August 2015 No.	Period ended 31 August 2014 No.
Teachers	**81**	77
Support	**62**	64
Management	**12**	12
	155	153

11. Staff (continued)

d. Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	31 August 2015 No.	Period ended 31 August 2014 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	4	3
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	0
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	1

Five (2014 - Four) of the above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the year employer's pension contributions for these staff amounted to £47,570 (2014 - £26,338).

12. Central services

The academy has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- Educational support services
- Financial services

The academy charges for these services on the following basis:

A 3% charge is levied on GAG income (excluding rates income).

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	31 August 2015 £
Smithills School	197,970

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and other staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as Trustees, The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Mr A T Cottrill, Principal of Smithills School	**85,000-90,000**	55,000-60,000
Mr A T Cottrill - employers pension contributions	**10,000-15,000**	5,000-10,000

During the year ended 31 August 2015, expenses totalling £306 (2014 - £129) were reimbursed to 3 Trustees (2014 - 2).

14. Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £1,354 (2014 - £4,187). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

15. Other finance income

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Expected return on pension scheme assets	**143,000**	90,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	**(157,000)**	(98,000)
	(14,000)	(8,000)

16. Tangible fixed assets

	Leashold land and buildings £	Assets under construction £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £
Cost				
At 1 September 2014	9,209,566	-	2,480	23,000
Additions	-	23,595	3,268	-
At 31 August 2015	9,209,566	23,595	5,748	23,000
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2014	110,842	-	1,653	3,067
Charge for the year	166,264	-	881	4,600
At 31 August 2015	277,106	-	2,534	7,667
Net book value				
At 31 August 2015	8,932,460	23,595	3,214	15,333
At 31 August 2014	9,098,724	-	827	19,933

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2014	96,081	189,515	9,520,642
Additions	4,702	25,008	56,573
At 31 August 2015	100,783	214,523	9,577,215
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2014	29,565	31,433	176,560
Charge for the year	32,785	56,447	260,977
At 31 August 2015	62,350	87,880	437,537
Net book value			
At 31 August 2015	38,433	126,643	9,139,678
At 31 August 2014	66,516	158,082	9,344,082

17. Stocks

	2015	2014
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	**34,313**	5,162

18. Debtors

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	**1,685**	-
VAT repayable	**35,201**	88,543
Other debtors	**3,440**	5,033
Prepayments and accrued income	**823,917**	537,193
	864,243	630,769

19. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade creditors	**286,151**	221,903
Other creditors	**478,141**	497,686
Accruals and deferred income	**307,741**	208,338
	1,072,033	927,927

Deferred income	£
Deferred income at 1 September 2014	**16,589**
Amounts released from previous years	**(16,589)**
Deferred income at 31 August 2015	-

Deferred income relates to rates income received in advance relating to the 2015/16 academic year.

20. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds	173,553	321,351	(328,404)	-	-	166,500
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	241,376	6,643,441	(6,434,815)	(117,838)	-	332,164
Other DfE/ EFA grants	-	637,601	(637,601)	-	-	-
Other government grants	-	105,652	(105,652)	-	-	-
Trip income	10,598	80,029	(69,759)	-	-	20,868
Sports centre	36,176	165,340	(234,271)	84,860	-	52,105
Other grants	-	15,423	(7,194)	-	-	8,229
Pension reserve	(1,578,000)	-	(145,000)	-	(140,000)	(1,863,000)
	(1,289,850)	7,647,486	(7,634,292)	(32,978)	(140,000)	(1,449,634)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Devolved Formula Capital grant	78,324	23,861	-	-	-	102,185
Capital expenditure from GAG	74,476	-	(18,562)	32,978	-	88,892
Donated assets on conversion	9,269,606	-	(242,415)	-	-	9,027,191
Conditions improvement fund	-	947,039	-	-	-	947,039
	9,422,406	970,900	(260,977)	32,978	-	10,165,307
Total restricted funds	8,132,556	8,618,386	(7,895,269)	-	(140,000)	8,715,673
Total of funds	8,306,109	8,939,737	(8,223,673)	-	(140,000)	8,882,173

20. Statement of funds (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Unrestricted funds

This fund represents those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted general funds

The restricted general funds represents grants received for the Academy's operational activities and development, restricted trip income and other restricted income.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve represents the Academy's share of the pension liability arising on the LGPS pension fund.

Restricted fixed asset funds

The restricted fixed asset fund relates to grant funding received from the EFA to carry out works of a capital nature, capital expenditure from GAG, and also the donation of the assets from the local authority on conversion.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2015.

Analysis of academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2015 were allocated as follows:

	Total £
Smithills School	**534,414**
Central services	**45,452**
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	**579,866**
Restricted fixed asset fund	**10,165,307**
Pension reserve	**(1,863,000)**
Total	**8,882,173**

20. Statement of funds (continued)

Analysis of academies by cost

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding dep'n £	Total £
Smithills School	5,156,644	1,157,788	157,450	1,315,982	7,787,864
Central services	-	-	-	174,832	174,832
	5,156,644	1,157,788	157,450	1,490,814	7,962,696

Summary of funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
General funds	173,553	321,351	(328,404)	-	-	166,500
Restricted funds	(1,289,850)	7,647,486	(7,634,292)	(32,978)	(140,000)	(1,449,634)
Restricted fixed asset funds	9,422,406	970,900	(260,977)	32,978	-	10,165,307
	8,306,109	8,939,737	(8,223,673)	-	(140,000)	8,882,173

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds year ended 2015 £	Total funds period ended 2014 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	9,139,678	9,139,678	9,344,082
Current assets	166,500	1,485,399	1,025,629	2,677,528	1,467,953
Creditors due within one year	-	(1,072,033)	-	(1,072,033)	(927,926)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(1,863,000)	-	(1,863,000)	(1,578,000)
	166,500	(1,449,634)	10,165,307	8,882,173	8,306,109

22. Net cash flow from operations

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Net incoming resources	**716,064**	8,834,109
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	**(1,250)**	(834)
Assets from local authority on conversion	**-**	(8,789,467)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**260,977**	176,561
Capital grants from DfE	**(355,324)**	(25,465)
Increase in stocks	**(29,151)**	(800)
Increase in debtors	**(233,474)**	(230,597)
Increase in creditors	**144,106**	804,321
FRS 17 adjustments	**145,000**	52,000
Net cash inflow from operations	**646,948**	819,828

23. Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in cash flow statement

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	**1,250**	834

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(56,573)**	(78,385)
Capital grants from DfE	**355,324**	25,465
Net cash inflow/(outflow) capital expenditure	**298,751**	(52,920)

24. Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2014 £	Cash flow £	31 August 2015 £
Cash at bank and in hand:	**832,023**	**946,949**	**1,778,972**
Net funds	**832,023**	**946,949**	**1,778,972**

25. Pension commitments

The academy's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teacher's Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Greater Manchester Pension Fund. Both are defined benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2013.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%);
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2016, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £367,424 (2014: £338,634).

25. Pension commitments (continued)

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The academy has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £198,000, of which employer's contributions totalled £150,000 and employees' contributions totalled £48,000. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.5% to 20.2% for employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

The academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were:

	Expected return at 31 August 2015 %	**Fair value at 31 August 2015 £**	Expected return at 31 August 2014 %	Fair value at 31 August 2014 £
Equities	**3.70**	**2,025,000**	6.30	1,730,000
Bonds	**3.70**	**506,000**	3.20	439,000
Property	**3.70**	**169,000**	4.50	146,000
Cash	**3.70**	**112,000**	3.30	122,000
Total market value of assets		**2,812,000**		2,437,000
Present value of scheme liabilities		**(4,675,000)**		(4,015,000)
Deficit in the scheme		**(1,863,000)**		(1,578,000)

The amounts recognised in the Balance sheet are as follows:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Present value of funded obligations	**(4,675,000)**	(4,015,000)
Fair value of scheme assets	**2,812,000**	2,437,000
Net liability	**(1,863,000)**	(1,578,000)

25. Pension commitments (continued)

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Current service cost	**(394,000)**	(194,000)
Interest on obligation	**(157,000)**	(98,000)
Expected return on scheme assets	**143,000**	90,000
Past service cost	**(30,000)**	-
Total	**(438,000)**	(202,000)
Actual return on scheme assets	**59,000**	127,000

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	**4,015,000**	3,129,000
Current service cost	**394,000**	194,000
Interest cost	**157,000**	98,000
Contributions by scheme participants	**83,000**	48,000
Actuarial Losses	**56,000**	564,000
Past service costs	**30,000**	-
Benefits paid	**(60,000)**	(18,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	**4,675,000**	4,015,000

25. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in the fair value of the academy's share of scheme assets:

	31 August 2015 £	Period ended 31 August 2014 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	**2,437,000**	2,131,000
Expected return on assets	**143,000**	90,000
Actuarial (losses)/ gains	**(84,000)**	36,000
Contributions by employer	**293,000**	150,000
Contributions by employees	**83,000**	48,000
Benefits paid	**(60,000)**	(18,000)
	2,812,000	2,437,000

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses was £668,000 (2014 - £528,000).

The academy expects to contribute £262,000 to its Defined benefit pension scheme in 2016.

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	2015	2014
Equities	**72.00 %**	71.00 %
Bonds	**18.00 %**	18.00 %
Property	**6.00 %**	6.00 %
Cash	**4.00 %**	5.00 %

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2015	2014
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	**3.70 %**	3.70 %
Expected return on scheme assets at 31 August	**3.70 %**	5.50 %
Rate of increase in salaries	**3.80 %**	3.70 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	**2.60 %**	2.60 %

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2015	2014
Retiring today		
Males	**21.4**	21.4
Females	**24**	24
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	**24**	24
Females	**26.6**	26.6

25. Pension commitments (continued)

Amounts for the current and previous period are as follows:

Defined benefit pension schemes

	2015 £	2014 £
Defined benefit obligation	**(4,675,000)**	(4,015,000)
Scheme assets	**2,812,000**	2,437,000
Deficit	**(1,863,000)**	(1,578,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	**(84,000)**	36,000

26. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2015 the academy had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2015 £	2014 £	**2015** £	2014 £
Expiry date:				
Within 1 year	**-**	-	**22,765**	22,360

27. Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

28. Controlling party

The Trust is controlled by ConcertEd Academies Trust.

29. Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which a trustee has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

The following transactions and balances with connected parties occurred during the period:

Applied Thinking Limited - A company for which L Guest (member of ConcertEd Academies Trust until 22 October 2014) is a Director:

Consultancy and administrative support services totalling £12,850 (2014 - £27,624) have been charged during the period. At the balance sheet date the Trust owed the company £nil (2014 - £2,605).

The trust made the purchase at arms' length following a tendering exercise, where required, in accordance with its financial regulations, which L Guest neither participated in, nor influenced.

In entering into the transaction the trust has complied with the requirements of the EFA's Academies Financial Handbook.

Different Class Solutions Limited - A company for which the spouse of L Guest is a Director:

The Trust paid rent, consultancy, stationary and reimbursed IT equipment purchased on behalf of the Trust of £10,617 (2014 - £43,919). At the balance sheet date the Trust owed the company £nil (2014 - £11,687).

The trust made the purchase at arms' length following a tendering exercise, where required, in accordance with its financial regulations, which L Guest neither participated in, nor influenced.

In entering into the transaction the trust has complied with the requirements of the EFA's Academies Financial Handbook.

Learning Leading Limited - A company for which I Boneham (member of ConcertEd Academies Trust until 22 October 2014) is a Director:

Consultancy services totalling £8,047 (2014 - £44,628) have been charged during the period. At the balance sheet date the Trust owed the company £nil (2014 - £1,592).

The trust made the purchase at arms' length following a tendering exercise, where required, in accordance with its financial regulations, which I Boneham neither participated in, nor influenced.

In entering into the transaction the trust has complied with the requirements of the EFA's Academies Financial Handbook.

ConcertEd Academies Trust - the corporate member of ConcertEd Multi Academy Trust:

Donations of £nil (2014 - £55,500) have been received from ConcertEd Academies Trust during the period. At the balance sheet date there were no amounts owing from ConcertEd Academies Trust.

During the year, the Trust has incurred audit and accountancy fees on behalf of ConcertEd Academies Trust totalling £4,850 (2014 - £nil).