

Company Registration No. 08840094 (England and Wales)

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

P Golightly (Chair) (Appointed 10 January 2014)
K Daniell (Appointed 10 January 2014)
M Dixon-Teasdale (Appointed 10 January 2014)
L Hartley-Mussert (Appointed 10 January 2014)
D Maddison (Appointed 10 January 2014)
C Mease (Appointed 10 January 2014)
K Thompson (Appointed 10 January 2014)

Members

Southwell and Nottingham Diocese Board of Finance (1)
P Golightly
Ven. D Picken (from July 2014)
Ven. P Hill (until July 2014)

Senior management team

- Executive Headteacher	D Maddison
- Head of School (2)	K Watson
- Deputy Headteacher (3)	R Tomlinson
- Assistant Headteacher (3)	A Gibbens
- Business Manager (3)	L Hampson
- Finance Manager (2)	T Strutt

(1) representing the Diocesan Board of Finance, Southwell & Nottingham Diocese
(2) Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy, Aslockton.
(3) East Bridgford St. Peter's Church of England Academy

Company secretary

L Hampson

Clerk to the board of directors

A Urmston

Company registration number

08840094 (England and Wales)

Registered office

East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy
Kneeton Road
East Bridgford
Nottingham
NG13 8PG

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Academies operated	Location	Executive Headteacher
East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy	East Bridgford	D Maddison
Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy	Aslockton	D Maddison
Independent auditor	UHY Hacker Young 22 The Ropewalk Nottingham NG1 5DT	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 12 Eaton Place Bingham Nottingham NG13 8BD	
Solicitors	Nottinghamshire County Council Legal Services County Hall West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7QP	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and independent auditor's reports of the charitable company for the period 10 January 2014 to 31 August 2014. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Aspire MAT took over the operation of East Bridgford St. Peter's and Archbishop Cranmer, Aslockton primary schools on the schools' conversion to academy status on 1 February 2014. Since then the Aspire MAT's principal objective and activity has been to manage the school's provision of education to pupils between the ages of 4 and 11.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Multi-Academy Trust, hereinafter called the Aspire MAT, is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 5th January 2014, are the primary governing documents of the Aspire MAT.

The trustees of the Aspire MAT are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as the Aspire Multi-Academy Trust.

The Aspire MAT was granted its Certificate of Incorporation on 10th January 2014. The Aspire MAT became operational on 1st February 2014 when the two primary schools which constitute its primary business converted to Department for Education approved academies. The two academies are:

- East Bridgford St. Peter's Church of England Academy
formerly East Bridgford St. Peter's Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School
- Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy
formerly Archbishop Cranmer Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

Details of the trustees who served during the Period are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

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 they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member. The total number of members on 31 August 2014 was three.

Trustees' indemnities

The Aspire MAT maintains Governors' and Officers' liability insurance which gives appropriate cover for any legal action brought against its trustees. The Aspire MAT has also granted indemnities to each of its trustees and other officers to the extent permitted by law. Qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined by section 234 of the Companies Act 2006) were in force during the period and remain in force, in relation to certain losses and liabilities which the trustees or other officers may incur to third parties in the course of acting as trustees or officers of the Aspire MAT.

Details of the insurance cover are provided in note 9 to the financial statements.

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Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

Members of the company and trustees are appointed as set out in the Articles of Association.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Following appointment, election or co-option, new trustees are given a tour of each academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils, meet other trustees at full board meetings, and are given access to minutes of past Board meetings and policies. The Chair and Executive Headteacher have responsibility for induction and training.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure consists of four levels: Members, Directors (Trustees), Senior Leadership Team, and Local Governing Bodies of the two constituent academies. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

Members

Under the terms of its Articles the Members of the Company shall comprise:

- the signatories to the Memorandum, who shall be:
 - (i) the Diocesan Board of Finance ; and
 - (ii) the chairman of the Diocesan Board of Education
 - (iii) the chairman of the Directors; and
- any person appointed under Article 16 (no appointment currently made)

The Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) Member is not an appointment to a named individual.

Members are responsible for setting the constitution of the Aspire MAT and for appointing the Directors.

Directors (Trustees)

Under the terms of its Articles, the Aspire MAT shall have the following directors/trustees:

- A minimum of five appointed by the Members,
- One Staff trustee, who shall be the Executive Head of East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy, East Bridgford, Nottingham and Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy, Aslockton, Nottingham.

Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the two academies by the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the academies, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. They also set the powers of delegation to the Local Governing Bodies.

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Trustees are appointed/elected/co-opted for a period of four years. The chair and vice-chair are elected bi-annually. The trustees appoint an Executive Headteacher to take responsibility of the day-to-day management of the constituent academies. The trustees appoint a clerk who takes on the role of calling and recording meeting of the Board of Trustees.

No Parent Trustees have been appointed, in accordance with Article 56c, as parent representatives have been appointed to the Local Governing Bodies of both academies.

The total number of trustees appointed is seven. It has been agreed by the Members that the chairpersons of the two Local Governing Bodies will be appointed as trustees.

Local Governing Bodies (LGB), appointed by the trustees, have a wide range of delegated powers appropriate and specific for each academy in the Aspire MAT, including:

- approving and monitoring issues relating to routine finance and budgets.
- approving procurement within delegated financial limits.
- health and safety and site issues.
- teaching and non-teaching appointments.
- monitoring school performance against national and internal standards.
- facilitating school links with parents, local churches and local communities.
- pupil and personnel issues specific to each academy.
- ensuring implementation of Aspire MAT-wide policy set by Directors.

The levels of delegation are set out in the Aspire MAT's 'Scheme of Delegation' produced by trustees. The LGBs have a number of committees through which they undertake their roles at each constituent academy. These include Finance & General Purposes, Strategy & Standards, Pupil & Personnel, and Home-School (*East Bridgford St. Peter's only*).

The Executive Headteacher's role is shared between the two academies (70% East Bridgford St. Peter's and 30% Archbishop Cranmer). The Executive Headteacher is also the appointed Accounting Officer for the Aspire MAT.

The Senior Leadership Team comprises the Executive Headteacher, Head of School (Archbishop Cranmer), Deputy Headteacher, (East Bridgford St. Peter's), Assistant Headteacher (St. Peter's) and, when appropriate, the Business/Finance Managers of the two Academies. These managers control the academies at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the trustees and reporting back to them through the Executive Headteacher. As a group the Senior Leadership Team are responsible for the authorisation of spending up to a level delegated to them within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, although appointment panels for most staff normally contain a Local School Governor.

Middle management

The Middle Leadership Team includes leaders of the key teams at each academy (these being the Standards, Care and Challenge Teams). Leadership in the area of special educational needs is also a part of this.

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Connected organisations including related party relationships

Aspire MAT has formed two Local Governing Bodies, acting as committees of the Trust (see above) in respect of its two constituent academies, East Bridgford St. Peter's Academy and Archbishop Cranmer Academy.

Whilst each academy has informal parent groups that support the school in terms of fundraising and social activity, neither academy has any constituted groups for this purpose.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objectives and aims of the Aspire MAT, as set out previously, are to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and which shall include Church of England schools designated as such which shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship, and having regard to any advice issued by the Diocesan Board of Education.

Objectives, strategies and activities

There were no significantly linked charitable activities.

Key strategic areas were the creation and substantiation of Aspire MAT based policy and approach towards:

- Finance, staffing, safeguarding and appraisal.
- The shared development of our new 'Active Curriculum', including common approaches to literacy, numeracy and R.E.
- The development of raised standards and aspiration towards academic attainment and progress (including 'disadvantaged children'), including the establishment of Aspire MAT 'non-negotiables'.
- Developing an active collaboration which brings together in effective partnership a church Voluntary Controlled and church Voluntary Aided school in the context of a MAT, sustaining and developing church school distinctiveness within this partnership, defining and driving the partnership through a common set of values based on the 'profound personal development' of all children.

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Public benefit

East Bridgford St. Peter's and Archbishop Cranmer are academy converters catering for children aged four to eleven which strive to promote and support the advancement of education within the St. Peter's and Archbishop Cranmer catchment areas. The schools provide an extensive programme of educational and recreational activity - all designed to contribute to the overall education ('learning and growing') of our students in areas such as academic distinction, music, the arts, sport, citizenship and overall personal development. For example the MAT works with:

- Nottingham and Southwell Diocese (St. Peter's and St. Thomas's Churches)
- East Bridgford and Aslockton Pre-Schools
- Aslockton Before and After School Club (St. Peter's version is in-house)
- Toot Hill Secondary Academy and the related Torch Teaching School (sitting on the Strategic Management Board)
- The Rushcliffe School Sports Partnership
- The Nottingham Sycamore Table Tennis Academy
- Nottinghamshire Local Authority (Education), providing other school support where required.

Wherever possible the schools also aim to contribute to the benefit of the wider public, by making available the premises to third parties for the provision of educational and other opportunities (at minimum cost). For example:

- East Bridgford Brownies
- Aslockton Cubs
- Aslockton Pre-School
- Aslockton School Club
- East Bridgford Taekwondo Club
- Aslockton Adult Netball Club
- East Bridgford Dance Classes (children)
- Community and Church use as required/requested

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The trustees believe that the Aspire MAT's aims, together with the activities outlined above, are demonstrably to the public benefit.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The advancement of education is maintained by offering a varied curriculum resulting in high attainment at all levels.

KS2 SATs results for 2014

	East Bridgford St Peter's		Archbishop Cranmer	
	2014 prediction	2014 actual	2014 prediction	2014 actual
KS2 Combined English & Mathematics	94% L4+ 68%	100% L4+ 74% L5+	92% L4 +*** 73% L5+	92% L4+ 73% L5+
KS2 Progress "NC levels in English"	94% 51%	100% 59% 15% L6**	92% 50%	96% 50%
KS2 Progress "NC levels in Mathematics"	94% 51%	100% 59% 15% L6	96% 62%	96% 62% 8% L6
Attendance	4.1	3.5	4.1	3.5

KS1 SATs results for 2014

KS1 Reading L2+	95%	97.5% 17.6	100%	95%* 16.6
KS1 Writing L2+	95%	95% 16.5	100%	91%* 16.7
KS1 Mathematics L2+	95%	97.5% 17.2	100%	95%* 16.4
KS1 Reading L3	29%	34%	26%	24%
KS1 Writing L3	16%	16%	26%	24%
KS1 Mathematics L3	23%	26%	31%	29%

- * 1 child entered the school during Y2 who was not able to make L2. Without this all APS would be 17+.
- ** Writing was externally moderated in both academies by the STA.
- *** 2 children were absent for the reading test and 1 did not attend for any SAT
- All children throughout Aspire made at least expected progress at KS2/Y6, with a minimum of 30% making beyond expected progress (this despite the considerable number of L3's awarded to pupils now in Y6 in 2010 in Reading, which proved a virtually unachievable test to pass at Level 6, only 12 in all of Nottinghamshire and 0% passes recorded nationally).
- Value Added was at least 101 across Aspire, with Archbishop achieving a higher VA than St. Peter's, but St. Peter's achieving higher overall results (including 73% and 81%+ average in reading and maths respectively across the whole cohort).
- The Archbishop Y6 results should be viewed as even more outstanding by the fact that 5 pupils were granted 'Special Consideration' status for significant emotional trauma.

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Other academic achievements

Both academies continue to seek to provide a broad range of opportunity to a high level. It is a key element of making the Aspire MAT's value driven ethos meaningful and effective. Seeking to provide equality of challenge, to ensure equality of opportunity is delivered for all and that each academy offers a wide variety of provision so that all children's aptitudes and interests can be discovered and served, allowing us the opportunity to develop their self-esteem and self-belief, thus fulfilling our stated ethos which is to seek children's 'Profound Personal Development' ('Life in all its fullness' John 10:10), within an active 'Take Care' value system which following Aspire's 'Beyond Expectation' school teaching and development model, seeks to help children (and staff) discover 'not just who they are, but who they might be.' This also includes a broader definition of 'vulnerability', driven by the Care Teams, so that all children in need are catered and cared for, a commitment within this to 'healing the gap' (rather than simply 'closing the gap') and the re-defining of 'Gifted and Talented' as 'Aptitude', driven by the Challenge Team, to include more children in this high challenge group. This also includes a commitment to what Aspire defines as 'inclusion with the opportunity to be excellent' (and includes the use of external as well as internal expertise e.g. sports coaches, musicians, artists).

All of this is there to integrate our practice across the Aspire MAT, build confidence/self-belief and motivate children to succeed at high academic and progress levels. This all embracing, child-centred, personal value driven approach is very clever in its conception, takes a high degree of professional understanding and commitment to deliver and works.

Whilst academic results and progress (incl. Value Added) demonstrates this, below are just a few examples of the outcome of the above approach in other areas:

Sporting achievements

Archbishop Cranmer:

- Overall Girls' and Boys' County Cross Country Champions
- Area Athletics Runner-Up
- Boccia Area Champions and Notts Schools' Games Bronze Medalists

St. Peter's:

- County Girls' Cross Country Champions and Notts AAA's Runners-Up
- Boys' Hockey County Runners-Up and Midland Finalists
- Mixed Hockey Area Champions
- Girls' Table Tennis County Champions
- Boys' Table Tennis County Runners-Up
- Regional Lacrosse Champions and National Finalists

Others notable events

Archbishop Cranmer:

- Chosen to sing at the Nottingham Royal Concert Hall
- Performance of Midsummer Nights Dream

St. Peter's:

- Represented Nottinghamshire in the National Rock Challenge Dance Competition in Lincolnshire then at the York Barbican, receiving two national commendations.
- Year 2 performed their version of The Merchant of Venice.
- KS2 performed The Jungle Book.

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Key performance indicators

The Governors consider that the following are key performance indicators for the Aspire MAT:

- Outstanding Value Added Scores across both Academies at Y6
- 100% expected progress and outstanding beyond expected progress achieved across Aspire
- Academies operating successfully (including with staffing cost at over 90% of budget allocation) with very low AWPU allocations of only £3,300 and £3,700, St. Peter's and Archbishop respectively.
- St. Peter's has been able to achieve significant capital improvements to the Foundation Stage Learning Areas (indoor and outdoor), which has helped to sustain high levels of achievement/progress and 'outstanding' performance judgements. Archbishop Cranmer has been able to improve the external environment in terms of children's play and learning and the internal environment in terms of adult toilets (the school only had one) and space provision for special needs, especially children with emotional needs.
- Both academies continue to sustain and build on 'outstanding' Ofsted and SIAMS judgements (both still justified against results and internal and external monitoring).

The Directors have been pleased that expectations for all key performance indicators listed have been successfully met during the period.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Aspire MAT 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 accounts. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the statement of accounting policies.

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Financial review

During the period the Academy Trust inherited the assets and liabilities in hand on 1st February 2014, the date of conversion to academy status. A net donation of £5,212,768, which includes a valuation of land and buildings, is included within income in the Statement of Financial Activities, in accordance with the EFA Accounts Direction. Fixed assets inherited are included in the Restricted Fixed Asset Fund; all other assets and liabilities, excluding the opening Local Government Pension Scheme position, are shown as a net donation into unrestricted funds. The opening Local Government Pension Scheme liability is shown within Restricted Funds.

Most of the Academy's recurrent income is obtained from the EFA in the form of grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the EFA during the period ended 31 August 2014 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities. The Trust also generates additional income through its catering operations and the out of school club provision at St Peter's. The revenue funding is used to employ educational staff and procure educational resources for the schools and their pupils.

The Trust is carrying a net deficit of £43,041 being restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) of £9,867 surplus, plus the balance of unrestricted funds of £52,908 deficit. This is due to the fall in pupil numbers at Archbishop Cranmer Academy and the need to reduce the staffing compliment. This has been addressed, staffing reductions have been made and the new leadership structure has been implemented from September 2014. This resulted in a significant redundancy cost, which when added to the one off conversion costs the Trust incurred (that exceed the start-up grant funding) caused a deficit in the accounts. With the new structure in place the Trust is planning on recovering the deficit by August 2015.

At 31 August 2014, the net book value of fixed assets was £3,948,146 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 10 to the financial statements. During the period the assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

Reserves policy

As mentioned under the financial review the net deficit is being addressed by the new staffing structure and other cost reductions.

The objective of the Aspire Trust is to build up sufficient funds to meet the long term objectives of the Trust whilst ensuring this does not affect current operational activities. This is to be achieved through cost reductions and income generation without compromising the educational needs and opportunities for pupils. The aim is to ensure that a minimum of £30,000 of funding is retained as reserves. Due to the current deficit the Trust is aiming to achieve this level of reserves over the next 24 month period if not sooner.

Under FRS17 projected deficits on the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) provided for non-teaching staff have to be charged to a specific restricted reserve. As at 31st August 2014 the deficit on this reserve was £435,000. This does not have an impact on cash flow. Contributions to the pension scheme are being increased over the next few years in order to help reduce the deficit.

Investment policy and powers

No investments are held by the Aspire MAT.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Aspire MAT is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Aspire MAT, and its finances. The trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the schools face, especially in operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety) and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced internal financial controls (see below) in order to manage risk and will be introducing further systems, including operational procedures. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Aspire MAT has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

Principal risks

The Aspire MAT does not use complex financial instruments. It manages its activities using cash and various items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the Aspire MAT to a number of financial risks which are described in more detail below. The main risks arising from the Trust's financial instruments are liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk.

- Liquidity risk - The Trust manages its cash resources, including sufficient working capital, so that all its operating needs are met without the need for short-term borrowing.
- Interest rate risk - The Trust earns interest on cash deposits. With interest rates currently low, the Directors will consider action to increase the income from these deposits, provided it does not jeopardise the liquidity or security of the Trust's assets.

Credit risk arises from the possibility that amounts owed to the Trust will not be repaid. The Trust does not undertake credit activities so it is only exposed to credit risk as it arises from normal business. Credit risk is managed through the use of approved banks and the prompt collection of amounts due.

The main risks that the Aspire MAT is exposed to are summarised below. For each of these risks the probability, impact and seriousness have been considered together with appropriate action and management plans:

- Operational and reputational - this covers risks to the running of the Academies (including the capacity of staff and buildings to meet the needs of pupils) and its performance in delivering the curriculum.
- Financial - covering risks to the Aspire MAT's financial position, including revenue streams, cost control and cash management.

The risks to which the Aspire MAT is exposed arise both internally and externally. External risks include those in respect of future funding levels, competition, changes to rules and regulations, and the financial position of the staff pension schemes.

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Information is still awaited on future funding from 2015 onwards. The impact of national funding spending cuts and of redirected funding streams into the pupil premium, for example, may have an adverse effect on grant funding. The trustees are fully aware of this and will ensure that predicted changes are factored into future budget forecasts and spending decisions.

The financial structure operated by the Aspire MAT also enables trustees to allocate money to the two academies in such a way that they support each other and this goes some way to alleviating risks that would be even greater if they were operating as independent academies. As an example of this strategy, the trustees have put in place a structured plan to address a short-term deficit and cash flow situation in one academy, due to a planned redundancy, to be supported by the other academy in the Aspire MAT.

Plans for future periods

Informed by an evaluation of the impact of 2013/14 development plans and the longer-term intentions for the organisation, The Aspire MAT is setting its priorities for the 2014/15 period which both reflect and inform those of the two constituents academies.

- Ensure high-level academic outcomes.
- Ensure the quality provision of 'personal development and pupil well-being' remains as the Aspire MAT's core purpose (particularly with reference to the emphasis within the Ofsted Framework due to be introduced in 2015).
- Continue to develop Aspire's 'Active Curriculum', ensuring the education on offer remains broad and balanced and driven through a clear sense of 'active value', helping prepare children to be shapers of life in the 21st Century.
- Ensure the supply of high quality staff.
- Ensure the provision of value-for-money services.
- Ensure the effective disbursement and proper management of funds.
- Remain forward thinking and ensure the beneficial development of the organisation.
- Ensure the Aspire MAT is organised, orientated and run to allow other schools to become part of the MAT if they so wish.

The 2014-15 Trustees Report from the Aspire MAT will report progress against the key deliverables associated with each of the priorities.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Not applicable.

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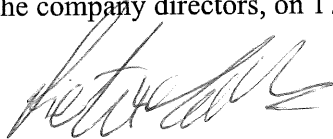
Auditor

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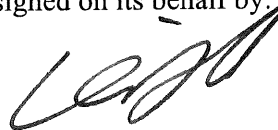
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

A resolution proposing that UHY Hacker Young be reappointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put to the members.

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 17 December 2014 and signed on its behalf by:



P Golightly
Chair



K Daniell
Trustee

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

Scope of responsibility

As trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Aspire MAT 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 the Executive Headteacher, as accounting officer, 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 Aspire 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 3 times during the Period. Attendance during the Period at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
P Golightly (Chair) (Appointed 10 January 2014)	3	3
K Daniell (Appointed 10 January 2014)	3	3
M Dixon-Teasdale (Appointed 10 January 2014)	3	3
L Hartley-Mussert (Appointed 10 January 2014)	2	3
D Maddison (Appointed 10 January 2014)	3	3
C Mease (Appointed 10 January 2014)	3	3
K Thompson (Appointed 10 January 2014)	3	3

Governance reviews

No evaluation of performance of the Board of Trustees has been deemed necessary for the seven months since it was established. Trustees are planning to undertake a review of governance arrangements, the roles of the Board of Trustees and the roles, delegated powers and structures of the two Local Governing Bodies during 2014/15.

A Finance & Audit Committee is to be established as a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees in 2014/15. Its purpose will be to plan and monitor the financial and other resources of the Aspire MAT effectively, and to ensure the academies provide a safe educational environment. One of the Committee's responsibilities will be routine budget setting and monitoring.

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 on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of 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 Aspire MAT for the period 10 January 2014 to 31 August 2014 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the 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 academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 10 January 2014 to 31 August 2014 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The risk and control framework

The academy trust's 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 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.

Some of these controls will be delegated to the Finance & Audit Committee when established.

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 Mrs V Lievesley of Schools and Academies Finance Limited as responsible officer (RO).

The RO's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Aspire MAT's financial systems. On a termly basis, the RO reports to the board of trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the financial responsibilities of the board of trustees.

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer the Executive Headteacher 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 responsible officer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the managers within the Aspire MAT who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the board of trustees and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 December 2014 and signed on its behalf by:



**P Golightly
Chair**



**D Maddison
Accounting officer**

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

As accounting officer of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the 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 academy trust and 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 academy trust's board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook.

I confirm that, except for the matters listed below, 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.

- Since conversion the monthly bank reconciliations have not been reviewed and authorised. This matter has been addressed in the current year.
- A formal risk register was not in place during the period and, as such, there was no programme of work to tackle those areas where action is required. This matter will be addressed in the current year.
- The annual declarations of interests have not been completed since February 2013, however this will be reviewed early in the Spring term.
- The PIN number for the charge card is known by several staff members so a new PIN number is going to be requested.
- No purchase orders were raised for the expenses on the Headteacher's charge card which results in purchases being made before being approved. However, purchases are no longer made without prior order requisitions.

Approved on 17 December 2014 and signed by:



D Maddison
Accounting Officer

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who also act as governors for Aspire Multi-Academy Trust and are also the directors of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts 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 accounts for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:

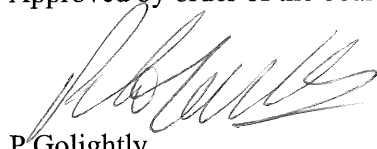
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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 that grants received from the 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 accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 December 2014 and signed on its behalf by:



P Golightly
Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

We have audited the accounts of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust for the Period ended 31 August 2014 set out on pages 24 to 49. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2013 to 2014 issued by the EFA.

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 19, the trustees, who are also the directors of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts 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 accounts

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company'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 accounts. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounts 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 accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2014 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the Period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2013 to 2014 issued by the EFA.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial Period for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts.

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 accounts 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.

Elizabeth Searby

Elizabeth Searby BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
UHY Hacker Young

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
22 The Ropewalk
Nottingham
NG1 5DT

Dated: *17 December 2014*

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 24 October 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2013 to 2014, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Aspire Multi-Academy Trust during the period 10 January 2014 to 31 August 2014 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 Aspire Multi-Academy Trust and the EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Aspire Multi-Academy Trust and the 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 the Aspire Multi-Academy Trust and the EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Aspire Multi-Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 5 January 2014 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 2013 to 2014. 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 period 10 January 2014 to 31 August 2014 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 issued by the 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 trust's income and expenditure.

**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON
REGULARITY TO ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION
FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Planned our assurance procedures including identifying key risks,
- Carried out sample testing of controls,
- Carried out substantive testing including analytical review, and
- Concluded on procedures carried out.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters listed below, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 10 January 2014 to 31 August 2014 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

- During the period none of the multi academy trust's monthly bank reconciliations were reviewed or authorised by the Accounting Officer. The academy is aware of the importance of this control and has already addressed the matter in the 2014/15 financial year.
- At Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy we noted that there was no formal risk register in place and, as such, there was no programme of work to tackle those areas where action is required. This matter will be addressed in the 2014/15 financial year
- At Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy the annual declarations of interests have not been completed since February 2013 which could lead to related party transactions being undetected. This matter is going to be address early in the Spring term.
- At Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy we noted that the PIN number for the charge card is known by several staff members. This is a weakening of the security control and could lead to purchases being made that are not in the best interests of the school. A new PIN number is going to be requested.
- At St Peter's Church of England Academy we noticed that no purchase orders were raised for the expenses on the Executive Headteacher's charge card which results in purchases being made before they are approved. The academy is aware of the importance of this control and has already addressed the matter in the 2014/15 financial year.

Elizabeth Searby

Elizabeth Searby BSc FCA
Reporting Accountant
UHY Hacker Young

Dated: *17 December 2014*

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Fixed Asset fund £	Total 2014 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Resources from generated funds</i>					
- Inherited on conversion	23	56,734	(332,574)	5,488,608	5,212,768
- Activities for generating funds	2	93,693	101,635	-	195,328
- Investment income	3	60	-	-	60
<i>Resources from charitable activities</i>					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	934,312	37,908	972,220
Total incoming resources		<u>150,487</u>	<u>703,373</u>	<u>5,526,516</u>	<u>6,380,376</u>
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
- Educational operations	6	50,498	1,084,961	25,791	1,161,250
Governance costs	7	-	97,413	-	97,413
Total resources expended	5	<u>50,498</u>	<u>1,182,374</u>	<u>25,791</u>	<u>1,258,663</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		99,989	(479,001)	5,500,725	5,121,713
Gross transfers between funds		(152,897)	124,868	28,029	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the Period		<u>(52,908)</u>	<u>(354,133)</u>	<u>5,528,754</u>	<u>5,121,713</u>
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	17	-	(71,000)	-	(71,000)
Revaluation of fixed assets	10	-	-	(1,580,608)	(1,580,608)
Net movement in funds		<u>(52,908)</u>	<u>(425,133)</u>	<u>3,948,146</u>	<u>3,470,105</u>
Fund balances at 10 January 2014		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 August 2014		<u><u>(52,908)</u></u>	<u><u>(425,133)</u></u>	<u><u>3,948,146</u></u>	<u><u>3,470,105</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. A statement of total recognised gains and losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

All of the academy's activities derive from continuing operations during the financial period above.

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

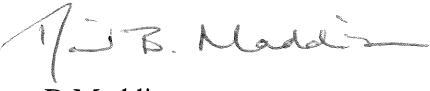
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2014

	Notes	2014	
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10		3,948,146
Current assets			
Stocks	11	4,610	
Debtors	12	63,652	
Cash at bank and in hand		45,474	
		<u>113,736</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(156,777)	
Net current assets			<u>(43,041)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,905,105</u>
Defined benefit pension liability	17	(435,000)	
Net assets			<u><u>3,470,105</u></u>
Funds of the academy trust:			
Restricted income funds	15		
- Fixed asset funds			3,948,146
- General funds			9,867
- Pension reserve			(435,000)
Total restricted funds			<u>3,523,013</u>
Unrestricted funds	15		<u>(52,908)</u>
Total funds			<u><u>3,470,105</u></u>

The accounts were approved by order of the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17 December 2014.


P Golightly
Chair


D Maddison
Accounting officer

Company Number 08840094

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

		31 August 2014 £
	Notes	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	18	(5,384)
Cash funds transferred on conversion		78,827
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Investment income		60
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Net cash inflow/(outflow) from returns on investments and servicing of finance		60
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		73,503
Capital expenditure and financial investments		
Capital grants received		37,908
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(65,937)
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Net cash flow from capital activities		(28,029)
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Increase/(decrease) in cash	19	45,474
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ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, the Charity Commission 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities' ('SORP 2005'), the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

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 company 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 accounts.

1.3 Conversion to an academy trust

The conversion from a state maintained school to an academy trust, involved the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £nil consideration and has been accounted for under the acquisition accounting method.

The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from the maintained school to an academy trust have been valued at their fair value being a reasonable estimate of the current market values that the trustees would expect to pay in an open market for an equivalent item. Their fair value is in accordance with the accounting policies set out for Aspire Multi-Academy Trust. The amounts have been recognised under the appropriate balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in voluntary income as a gift in the SOFA and analysed under unrestricted, restricted general and restricted fixed assets funds.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised when the academy trust has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants receivable

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 Period 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.

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust 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 the value of the donation is measurable.

Donations

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

Other income

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

Donated services and gifts in kind

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the academy trust are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the academy trust 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 trust's policies.

1.5 Resources expended

All 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

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

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the academy trust's educational operations.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the academy trust'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.

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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 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 trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	50 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	10 years

1.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.8 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock.

1.9 Taxation

The academy trust 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 trust 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 benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust 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 trust.

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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 trust 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 17, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the academy trust 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 are recognised as they are paid each Period.

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust 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 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 until 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.

1.11 Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education Funding Agency/Department for Education/sponsor/other 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 the Education Funding Agency/Department for Education.

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

2 Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £
Lettings income	5,696	-	5,696
Catering income	-	52,946	52,946
Music tuition	-	7,951	7,951
Trip income	-	40,738	40,738
Club income	61,157	-	61,157
Other income	26,840	-	26,840
	<u>93,693</u>	<u>101,635</u>	<u>195,328</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £
Short term deposits	60	-	60
	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>

4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £
DfE / EFA grants			
General annual grant (GAG)	-	822,157	822,157
Start up grants	-	50,000	50,000
Capital grants	-	37,908	37,908
Other DfE / EFA grants	-	50,533	50,533
	<u>-</u>	<u>960,598</u>	<u>960,598</u>
Other government grants			
Other grants	-	11,622	11,622
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,622</u>	<u>11,622</u>
Total funding	<u>-</u>	<u>972,220</u>	<u>972,220</u>

ASPIRE MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

5 Resources expended	Staff costs & £	Premises & equipment £	Other costs £	Total 2014 £
Academy's educational operations				
- Direct costs	677,516	-	90,468	767,984
- Allocated support costs	213,786	52,201	127,279	393,266
	<u>891,302</u>	<u>52,201</u>	<u>217,747</u>	<u>1,161,250</u>
Other expenditure				
Governance costs	-	-	97,413	97,413
	<u>891,302</u>	<u>52,201</u>	<u>315,160</u>	<u>1,258,663</u>
Total expenditure				
	<u>891,302</u>	<u>52,201</u>	<u>315,160</u>	<u>1,258,663</u>
Incoming/outgoing resources for the year include:				2014 £
Operating leases				
- Other				2,980
Fees payable to auditor				
- Audit				8,850
				<u>8,850</u>

Central services

No central services were provided by the academy trust to its academies during the Period and no central charges arose.

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6 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £
Direct costs			
Teaching and educational support staff costs	-	671,255	671,255
Technology costs	-	18,680	18,680
Educational supplies and services	-	20,526	20,526
Staff development	-	6,261	6,261
Other direct costs	-	51,262	51,262
	-	767,984	767,984
Allocated support costs			
Support staff costs	43,056	170,730	213,786
Depreciation	-	25,791	25,791
Technology costs	-	5,343	5,343
Maintenance of premises and equipment	-	26,410	26,410
Cleaning	-	4,363	4,363
Energy costs	-	15,248	15,248
Rent and rates	-	9,686	9,686
Insurance	-	15,992	15,992
Security and transport	-	1,401	1,401
Catering	2,653	33,422	36,075
Interest and finance costs	-	6,000	6,000
Other support costs	4,789	28,382	33,171
	50,498	342,768	393,266
Total costs	50,498	1,110,752	1,161,250

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7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £
Legal and professional fees	-	88,563	88,563
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of financial statements	-	8,850	8,850
	<u>-</u>	<u>97,413</u>	<u>97,413</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>97,413</u>	<u>97,413</u>

8 Staff costs

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the academy trust during the Period expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2014 Number
Teachers	20
Administration and support	18
Management	2
	<u>40</u>
	<u>40</u>

Costs included within the accounts:

	2014 £
Wages and salaries	671,267
Social security costs	43,702
Other pension costs	110,785
	<u>825,754</u>
Supply teacher costs	24,715
Compensation payments	34,572
Staff development and other staff costs	6,261
	<u>891,302</u>
Total staff costs	<u>891,302</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more due to the fact these financial statements cover a 7 month period.

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9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Executive Headteacher and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Executive Headteacher and staff, and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the academy trust in respect of their role as trustees. There were no expenses paid to the trustees during the period.

The value of trustees' remuneration, including pension, was as follows:

D Maddison (Head and trustee) (Executive Headteacher) £40,000 - £45,000

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out within the related parties note.

Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the Period ended 31 August 2014 was £308.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 10 January 2014	-	-	-	-
Additions	5,498,024	26,938	29,583	5,554,545
Revaluation	(1,580,608)	-	-	(1,580,608)
At 31 August 2014	<u>3,917,416</u>	<u>26,938</u>	<u>29,583</u>	<u>3,973,937</u>
Depreciation				
At 10 January 2014	-	-	-	-
Charge for the Period	19,575	4,490	1,726	25,791
At 31 August 2014	<u>19,575</u>	<u>4,490</u>	<u>1,726</u>	<u>25,791</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2014	<u><u>3,897,841</u></u>	<u><u>22,448</u></u>	<u><u>27,857</u></u>	<u><u>3,948,146</u></u>

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10 Tangible fixed assets

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Included in additions is £5,488,608 for land and buildings that were received as part of the transfer on conversion.

The land and buildings at both sites covered areas owned by Nottinghamshire County Council ("NCC") and the Board of Finance of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. The leasehold of the interest held by NCC was transferred to Aspire Multi-Academy Trust (The "Trust") on conversion to academy status. The remainder of the sites are occupied under Church Supplemental Agreements between the Trust, the Secretary of State for Education and the Board of Finance of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. The amounts shown in the balance sheet represent the valuation of the land and buildings which are occupied under the terms of the lease and the Church Supplemental Agreements.

The leasehold properties were transferred from Nottinghamshire County Council ("NCC") at 1 February 2014, together with diocesan land, at their net book value of £5,488,608, which had been subject to an internal valuation at NCC which followed their own 'componentisation' policy; a policy not deemed appropriate in Academy accounting. In March 2014, the property was subject to a desktop valuation by a professional valuer, recommended by the Education Funding Agency, and subsequently revalued at the depreciated replacement cost of £3,908,000.

Included in long leasehold land and buildings is land amounting to £1,659,000 that has not been depreciated.

Transactions relating to land and buildings during the Period include:

- playground improvements amounting to £29,583
- staff facility improvements amounting to £9,416

11	Stocks	2014
		£
	Other stock	4,610
		<u>4,610</u>
12	Debtors	2014
		£
	VAT recoverable	1,969
	Prepayments and accrued income	61,683
		<u>63,652</u>
		<u>63,652</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2014
	£
Trade creditors	2,795
Other creditors	51,049
Accruals	20,292
Deferred income	82,641
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	156,777
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14 Deferred income	2014
	£
Deferred income is included within:	
Creditors due within one year	82,641
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Total deferred income at 10 January 2014	-
Amounts credited to the statement of financial activities	-
Amounts deferred in the Period	82,641
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Total deferred income at 31 August 2014	82,641
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15 Funds

	Balance at 10 January 2014	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 August 2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant	-	822,157	(947,025)	124,868	-
Start up grants	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Other DfE / EFA grants	-	50,533	(50,533)	-	-
Other government grants	-	11,622	(11,622)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	117,061	(107,194)	-	9,867
	-	1,051,373	(1,166,374)	124,868	9,867
Funds excluding pensions	-	1,051,373	(1,166,374)	124,868	9,867
Pension reserve	-	(348,000)	(16,000)	(71,000)	(435,000)
	-	703,373	(1,182,374)	53,868	(425,133)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE / EFA capital grants	-	5,526,516	(25,791)	(1,552,579)	3,948,146
	-	5,526,516	(25,791)	(1,552,579)	3,948,146
Total restricted funds	-	6,229,889	(1,208,165)	(1,498,711)	3,523,013
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	-	150,487	(50,498)	(152,897)	(52,908)
Total funds	-	6,380,376	(1,258,663)	(1,651,608)	3,470,105

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

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education Funding Agency, Department for Education or other 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 the Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education.

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15 Funds

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Analysis of academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2014 were allocated as follows:

	Total £
East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy	20,533
Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy	(63,574)
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Funds excluding fixed asset fund and pensions reserve	(43,041)
Restricted fixed asset fund	3,948,146
Pension reserve	(435,000)
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Total funds	<u><u>3,470,105</u></u>

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 depreciation £	Total £
East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy	380,729	143,940	29,222	179,167	733,058
Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy	290,526	76,107	9,986	123,195	499,814
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	<u><u>671,255</u></u>	<u><u>220,047</u></u>	<u><u>39,208</u></u>	<u><u>302,362</u></u>	<u><u>1,232,872</u></u>

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2014 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	3,948,146	3,948,146
Current assets	(52,908)	166,644	-	113,736
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	(156,777)	-	(156,777)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(435,000)	-	(435,000)
	<u>(52,908)</u>	<u>(425,133)</u>	<u>3,948,146</u>	<u>3,470,105</u>

17 Pensions and similar obligations

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Nottinghamshire County Council. 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 2014 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.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations require an annual account to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pensions increases). From 1 April 2001, the account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

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17 Pensions and similar obligations

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Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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 for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets of £176,600 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million; and
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations.

The new employer contribution rate is applicable from 1 April 2015 and will be implemented for the TPS from September 2015.

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme changes

Lord Hutton made recommendations in 2011 about how pensions can be made sustainable and affordable, whilst remaining fair to the workforce and the taxpayer. The Government accepted Lord Hutton's recommendations as the basis for consultation with trade unions and other representative bodies. In March 2012 the Department for Education published proposals for the design for a reformed TPS.

The key provisions of the reformed scheme include: a pension based on career average earnings; an accrual rate of 1/57th; and a Normal Pension Age equal to State Pension Age, but with options to enable members to retire earlier or later than their Normal Pension Age. Pension benefits built up before 1 April 2015 will be fully protected.

In addition, the proposed final agreement includes a Government commitment that those within 10 years of Normal Pension Age on 1 April 2012 will see no change to the age at which they can retire, and no decrease in the amount of pension they receive when they retire. There will also be further transitional protection, tapered over a three and a half year period, for people who would fall up to three and a half years outside of the 10 year protection.

In his interim report of October 2010, Lord Hutton recommended that short-term savings were also required, and that the only realistic way of achieving these was to increase member contributions. At the Spending Review 2010 the Government announced an average increase of 3.2 percentage points on the contribution rates by 2014-15. The increases have been phased in since April 2012 on a 40:80:100 percent basis.

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17 Pensions and similar obligations

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The Department for Education has continued to work closely with trade unions and other representatives bodies to develop the reformatted Teachers' Pension Scheme, and regulations giving effect to it came into force on 1 April 2014. Communications are being rolled out and the reformatted scheme will commence on 1 April 2015.

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. Accordingly, the academy trust has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 17 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18 per cent for employers and between 5 and 8 per cent for employees. The estimated value of employer contributions for the forthcoming year is £73000.

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.

	2014
	£
Employer's contributions	43,000
Employees' contributions	14,000
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Total contributions	57,000
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Principal actuarial assumptions

	2014
	%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.5
Rate of increase for pensions in payment	2.7
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.0
Inflation assumption (RPI)	3.5
CPI increases	2.7
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17 Pensions and similar obligations

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

	2014 Years
Retiring today	
- Males	22
- Females	25
Retiring in 20 years	
- Males	24
- Females	27

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

	2014 Expected return %	2014 Fair value £
Equities	6.5	368,000
Bonds	3.6	36,000
Gilts	3.0	30,000
Cash	2.9	22,000
Property	5.5	58,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total market value of assets		514,000
Present value of scheme liabilities - funded		(949,000)
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Net pension asset / (liability)		(435,000)
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The liability is split between East Bridgford St Peters Church of England Academy of £241,000 (on conversion £190,000) and Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy of £194,000 (on conversion of £158,000).

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17 Pensions and similar obligations

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Operating costs and income recognised in the statement of financial activities

**2014
£**

Financial expenditure/(income)

Expected return on pension scheme assets

(16,000)

Interest on pension liabilities

22,000

6,000

Other expenditure/(income)

Current service cost

53,000

Past service cost

-

53,000

Total operating charge/(income)

59,000

Actuarial gains and losses recognised in the statement of financial activities

**2014
£**

Actuarial (gains)/losses on assets: actual return less expected

(14,000)

Experience (gains)/losses on liabilities

-

(Gains)/losses arising from changes in assumptions

85,000

Total (gains)/losses

71,000

Cumulative (gains)/losses to date

71,000

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17 Pensions and similar obligations

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

	2014
	£
Opening defined benefit obligations	(775,000)
Current service cost	(53,000)
Interest cost	(22,000)
Contributions by employees	(14,000)
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(85,000)
	<u>(949,000)</u>

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

	2014
	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	427,000
Expected return on assets	16,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	14,000
Contributions by employers	43,000
Contributions by employees	14,000
	<u>514,000</u>

History of experience gains and losses:

	2014
	£
Present value of defined benefit obligations	(949,000)
Fair value of share of scheme assets	514,000
	<u>(435,000)</u>
Experience adjustment on scheme liabilities	(85,000)
Experience adjustment on scheme assets	14,000
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18 Reconciliation of net income to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	2014
	£
Net income	5,121,713
Capital grants and similar income	(37,908)
Net deficit/(surplus) transferred on conversion	(5,212,768)
Net current assets other than cash transferred on conversion	(6,667)
Investment income	(60)
FRS17 pension costs less contributions payable	10,000
FRS17 pension finance costs	6,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	25,791
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(4,610)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(63,652)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	156,777
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Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(5,384)
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19 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	2014
	£
Increase/(decrease) in cash	45,474
Net funds at 10 January 2014	-
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Net funds at 31 August 2014	45,474
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20 Analysis of net funds					
	At 10	Transferred	Cash flows	Non-cash	At 31 August
	January 2014	on		changes	2014
		conversion			
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	-	78,827	(33,353)	-	45,474
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21 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2014 the academy trust had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2014
	£
Expiry date:	
- Within one year	344
- Between two and five years	13,998
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	14,342
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22 Related parties

Owing to the nature of the academy trust'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 the academy trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

There were no related party transactions during the period.

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23 Conversion to an academy

On 1 February 2014 the East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy and the Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Aspire Multi-Academy Trust from the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Authority for £nil consideration. The precise arrangements for the transfer of the land and buildings are set out in more detail in note 10.

The transfer has been accounted for using the acquisition method. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as net incoming resources in the statement of financial activities as inherited on conversion.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the statement of financial activities.

Academy	Location	Date of conversion		
East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy	East Bridgford	1 February 2014		
Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy	Aslockton	1 February 2014		

Funds surplus/(deficit) transferred:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Fixed asset funds	Total 2014
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets funds	-	-	5,488,608	5,488,608
LGPS pension funds	-	(348,000)	-	(348,000)
Other funds	56,734	15,426	-	72,160
	<u>56,734</u>	<u>(332,574)</u>	<u>5,488,608</u>	<u>5,212,768</u>
	<u><u>56,734</u></u>	<u><u>(332,574)</u></u>	<u><u>5,488,608</u></u>	<u><u>5,212,768</u></u>

Net assets transferred:	£
Long leasehold land and buildings	4,671,156
Tangible fixed assets apart from land and buildings	817,452
Cash	78,827
Borrowing obligations	(6,667)
Pension surplus/(deficit)	(348,000)
	<u>5,212,768</u>
	<u><u>5,212,768</u></u>

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24 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 or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.