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For the year ended 31 July 2021

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WELCOME FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

On behalf of British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS), enclosed are the annual Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 July 2021.

It would be easy to say that we have faced more challenges than imagined this year. The league and knockout season was cancelled, and we were only able to run 17 of our usual 130 events this year. However, we must not dwell on the negatives. Whilst we may have lost competition, we have gained compassion, kindness and community. We are grateful for the personal and organisational support offered by our members across the year, and to the tireless efforts of the staff in the BUCS team who showed resilience, flexibility and innovation to enable us to continue delivering support throughout the year.

This was proved no more so than in the 150 nominations - and eventual 14 winners - of the 2021 BUCS Awards. Presented by Lord Sebastian Coe, alongside 13 other sporting stars, the Awards shone a light on the incredible efforts by staff and students to engage and support their university and local communities and the higher education sport sector during a challenging year. This helped us to reflect on just how far much the sector went to provide opportunities, build a positive culture, and make sure sport and physical activity remained at the very heart of the university experience.

We were also able to support universities and staff during the pandemic through delivering 31 webinars with over 2,200 attendees, upskilling members, and providing knowledge-sharing opportunities through Hot Topics sessions. Students were kept engaged and supported by numerous digital initiatives and employability opportunities, and we developed BUCS Challenges – a virtual activity platform engaging 100 universities and nearly 1,000 students. The introduction of several mental health and wellbeing initiatives for staff and students was widely appreciated, and the series of three 'Mental Health in Student Sport' webinars run in partnership with the charity Student Minds was attended by over 500 people.

Over the summer, we watched over 120 BUCS athletes and alumni take part in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. From Games debutants, to record breakers and medal winners, the success of these athletes culminated in 88 medals across both Games – if BUCS were a country, it would have been ranked 7th in the Olympic medal table, and 9th in the Paralympic medal table.

The success of BUCS athletes at Tokyo evidences the clear performance pathway that university sport provides. If you look at the sports of swimming, hockey, rowing and athletics in particular, the volume of athletes rising through BUCS and onto the international stage – let alone winning 88 medals – is nothing short of incredible.

We must also mention the hard work that is delivered behind the scenes by university staff and coaches to train and prepare Olympians. They have played such a key role in the huge success of the athletes. Additionally, the investment by universities in high-quality facilities that service the student athletes and provide many training bases for Team GB and Paralympics GB athletes, has played a key role in enabling athletes to be as well prepared for the Games as possible.

As we begin a new year, we are extremely excited at the prospect of students returning to sport, physical activity and development. Taking our learnings from the last year, we have come out wiser, stronger and more determined than ever to make the 2021-22 season the best ever BUCS season.

With best wishes

Vince Mayne

Vince Mayne Chief Executive Officer

1. GOVERNANCE

The Trustees of the charity are also directors under company law and are referred to as Directors throughout this report. The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2021.

1.1. Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Directors and Advisors

Details of the Charity's addresses, its Directors and advisors are given on page 3.

1.2. Objective of the Charitable Group and Principal Activities

The Group's objective is the advancement for the public benefit of physical education and sport development among students and in Universities and Colleges by promoting standards in sports administration and coaching and by the provision of events, activities and facilities.

In furtherance of this objective, the Group develops and arranges the following for members:

- Sporting activities and the organisation of league competitions and events between members
- Professional and sporting development events and services
- European sporting events organised by the European University Sports Association (EUSA)
- International sporting events organised by the Federation Internationale Du Sport Universitaire (FISU)

The key objectives of the charitable group are:

- The promotion of Higher Education Sport in the UK.
- The professional development of Higher Education sport staff in the UK.
- Improving the quality of the student experience through sport and physical activity.
- Provide opportunities for more students to play sport and take part in physical activity.

The BUCS Group includes a wholly owned trading subsidiary, BUCS Trading Limited. The principal activity of this company is to provide support to the charity through commercial activities. Under the terms of its Articles of Association, the whole taxable profit made by the company is paid to the charity.

In the current financial year, the Company made a small profit. The business plan associated with the digital investment shows profit levels to grow in the future. The governance of the Trading subsidiary was strengthened by the appointment of additional directors to the Trading Company Board this year.

1.3. Governing document

British Universities and Colleges Sport Limited is a company limited by guarantee (Company number 06483060) and has charitable status charity number 1126863 and SC041947. The charitable company is governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 June 2008 and updated 28 May 2021. British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited has a 100% subsidiary, BUCS Trading Limited (Company number 07125529).

1.4. Recruitment and appointment of Directors

The Memorandum and Articles state that the maximum number of Directors is eleven and the minimum number is four. The Directors shall comprise a Chair, up to two Student Directors, Chair of the Senior Managers' Executive Group and up to seven persons with specific responsibilities which are determined by a Nominations Committee prior to advertising the vacancies. Directors are appointed for a term of three years and may be reappointed after serving one term. The term of office as a director for the Chair is three years and may serve a maximum of two terms in office. The term of office as a director for the Student Director shall be two years. The role of Student Director is subject to annual election with one Student Director being elected each year for a two-year term. The Directors' appointment and reelection, if appropriate, is subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting by ordinary resolution.

1.5. Director induction and training

The Directors are made aware of and acknowledge a Code of Conduct based on the model code developed by the National Council of Voluntary Organisations and the DCMS Code of Governance. The Directors are made aware of the strategies and activities of the company during their induction.

All Directors receive summary information and reports covering all areas of the operation of the company on a quarterly basis. All Directors receive a Directors' handbook which provides information on the organisation and responsibilities of the Trustees, all Directors sign a fit and proper persons declaration, and receive the Articles of Association and the previous year's accounts.

1.6. Pay policy

Remuneration of senior members of staff is set having due regard to the pay ranges in place, the need to retain and/or attract the appropriate level of skills and attributes.

1.7. Related Party Interests

During the period BUCS had financial transactions with the following related parties where BUCS Directors were part of these organisations:

- University of the West of Scotland: Professor Craig Mahoney Principal and Vice Chancellor
- University of Bath: Professor Steve Egan CBE Vice-President (Implementation)
- University of York Students' Union: Madeleine Cannell Sport President
- Sheffield Hallam University: Madeleine Cannell Club and Performance Sport Administrator
- Hewitsons LLP: Benedict Moorhead Partner
- Northumbria University: Katy Storie Head of Sport and Exercise
- London Sport: Josef Baines Senior Insight Officer
- University of Stirling: Catherine Gallagher Executive Director of Sport
- Scottish Student Sport: Catherine Gallagher Member of Executive Council
- Lawn Tennis Association: Born Barikor Trustee
- Our Parks: Born Barikor Chief Executive Officer

1.8. Public Benefit

From the review of activities, the Directors feel that they have demonstrated how they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on the operation of the Charity for the Public Benefit.

The review of the activities undertaken in relation to the organisations purposes and objectives is detailed in the Section B - Review of the Year. These demonstrate how the organisation has achieved its objective of the advancement for the public benefit of physical education and sport development among students and in Universities and Colleges by promoting standards in sports administration and coaching and by the provision of events, activities and facilities.

1.9. Campaigning

As a non-political organisation, BUCS does not campaign in the political arena.

1.10. Organisational structure

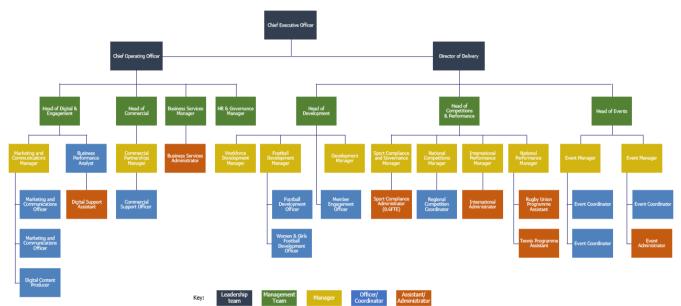
The strategic direction is reviewed by the Board in their quarterly meetings. The day-to-day decisionmaking process has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) within specific parameters. The CEO is supported by a Leadership Team, comprising the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Delivery. This is further supported by a Management Team, comprising of senior managers from the two directorates.

The Company prepares an annual budget, which is approved by the Board, and performance throughout the year is monitored against management accounts and forecasts. The Board and CEO are advised by

the Advisory Group, which comprises of two representatives from each of the nine regions in England; two from each of the other UK nations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland); four elected staff members; four elected students from BUCS member institutions and an elected chair.

1.11. Staff Structure

The below was the staff structure at 31 July 2021.



1.12. Strategy

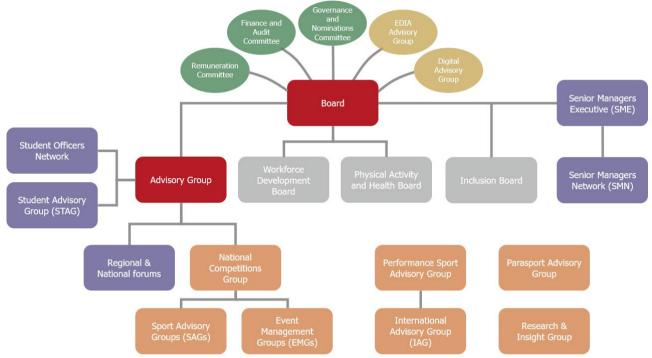
We are in the final year of our 2017-21 company strategy, which is accompanied by an additional shortterm plan in place to help us navigate the Coronavirus pandemic. The current strategy is centred on the vision of putting sport and physical activity at the very heart of the student experience, providing world class competition and participation opportunities. Work to achieve this vision is focussed across the following seven strands:

- Physical Activity and Health To inspire and enable our students, staff and wider community to become more active more often.
- Social and Recreational Sport To engage with students and staff across the HE sector to highlight the value participating and volunteering in social and recreational sport can play in enhancing their university experience.
- Inter-University Competition To deliver a visionary plan, identifying opportunities that will lead to the delivery of a modernised, sustainable, and student-focussed interuniversity competition programme which offers students a positive sporting experience.
- Performance Sport To support an environment for performance athletes to develop whilst in Higher Education and contribute to enhancing BUCS and the HE sector's reputation and profile domestically and internationally.
- Professional and Workforce Development To provide increased professional development opportunities for staff members and student officers within the BUCS membership and the wider workforce that supports student sport.
- Inclusion To creating conditions across higher education which make inclusion and accessibility the norm for everyone taking part in sport and physical activity.
- Profile and Influence To raise the profile of BUCS within the sporting landscape and wider British
 community and develop strategic relationships with key stakeholders and influencers, to recognise
 and highlight the impact of the sector and in turn secure current and attract sustainable investment
 for BUCS and its members.

A new strategy is being written and will be launched in 2022.

1.13. Member Engagement and Representation

BUCS has a regional and member engagement structure, with a range of groups, boards and networks that guide, shape and advise on the organisational strategic direction and support BUCS staff. See diagram below.



The groups enable a flow of information and feedback from members into BUCS strategic and advisory groups through to the BUCS Board.

Each strategy strand has a chair who feeds into the Senior Managers Executive, who have a representative on the BUCS Board.

Each regional and national forum has a staff and student chair who sit on the national Advisory Group, enabling regional views to be discussed at national level.

A representative from each region and devolved nation also attends national Competitions Group, a forum which reports into Advisory Group.

1.14. Risk management

Risks are reviewed by the Board of Directors regularly and any major strategic business or operational risks to which the company could be exposed are identified, reviewed and minimised where possible. Current business risks include:

Area	Risk	Mitigation
Member affiliation income	Decline in services provided or a reduction in ability of members to provide funds.	Programme delivery and resource attributed would be scaled back across the business.

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Area	Risk	Mitigation
Team entry income	Reduction in offering from BUCS or in the ability or desire of members to enter teams.	Delivery would be reduced across the business, especially in engagement.
Event entry income	Reduction in offering from BUCS or in the ability or desire of members to enter students into events.	Programme delivery and resource allocated would be scaled back.
Sport England and NGB funding	Reduction in funding.	Programme delivery and resource allocated would be reduced.
Commercial revenue	Reduction in income.	Delivery would be reduced across the business, especially in engagement.
Covid-19	Reduction in members' ability to fulfil commitments or in BUCS ability to organise activity.	Programme delivery and resource attributed would be scaled back across the business.

2. **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

The 2020-21 season challenged us to think beyond our regular sport and competition offering. Our goal is to deliver the best student sport experience, so, whilst physical sport was unable to take place for the majority of the year, we continued to prioritise physical and mental health, delivering virtual activity and other opportunities for students to engage with BUCS and have a positive higher education experience.

2.1. Digital Engagement and Profile

The virtual environment played a big part in our sport and physical activity. BUCS Challenges – such as The Great BUCS Run, Tour de BUCS and BUCS Bunny 10k – were launched on the BUCS Play app. These engaged nearly 1,000 students from 96 institutions over six months, providing important opportunities to maintaining physical activity during a challenging time.

To grow our profile in a year without sport, we focussed on improving our involvement in social change campaigns. We delivered three Mental Health in Student Sport webinars in partnership with charity partner Student Minds, placing a focus on open and honest conversations within sports clubs. Speakers included current and past BUCS competitors, sports psychologists and Olympians.

On International Women's Day, we showcased the 30% growth in female sport in BUCS over the last eight years, highlighting a rise from 1,643 to 2,132 in women's teams, and from 9,500 to 12,500 in participants in individual sports. These increases the HE sector provide significant evidence of the progression that women's sport has made in recent years, and we are proud to play a significant part in it.

Our diversity and inclusion efforts grew over the last year, with regular campaigns for black heritage students, and recognising LGBTQIA+ athletes during Pride Month. These campaigns involved several students and clubs sharing their own experiences and providing tips on how to be a good ally in sport. This will be something we build on even further next year as diversity, inclusion and anti-racism become a key part of our engagement strategy.

Opportunities were provided for students to engage in leadership development programmes and careerfocussed webinars and initiatives. The 'BUCS Sporting Leaders' webinar series, which was delivered in collaboration with various brands such as the British Army, ICG and EY, attracted over 1,000 students, with 90% of students saying that they are more likely to apply for graduate roles from a company endorsed by BUCS.

2.2. Commercial Partners

In the 2020-21 season, BUCS worked with 17 commercial partners, continuing our strong relationship with long-standing partners Technogym, ICG, and Oxbridge. We secured eight new partners, growing our presence in the student recruitment and employability space with brands such as EY, NatWest and Teach First, integrating them into key parts of our digital activity.

2.3. International Competition

Although international competition was postponed this past year, we have seen many of our BUCS athletes dominating on the world stage, none more so than in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. Over 120 current BUCS athletes and alumni competed, with 89% of the women's and men's GB hockey team coming through BUCS. The selection of athletes for Team GB and Paralympics GB across sports from judo, archery and athletics to swimming, rowing and rugby are a great reminder of what an important pathway university sport provides to elite level competition.

An incredible 88 medals were won by BUCS athletes, and if BUCS was a country, we would have been 7th on the Olympic medal table, and 9th in the Paralympic medal table. We had Olympic and Paralympic debutants, history breakers, world record makers and many athletes fulfilling their dreams of competing at the greatest show on earth. We are delighted that, through our members, we have been able to play a part in creating these stars on the international stage.

2.4. Development

We continued our strong relationships with national governing bodies, receiving funding from the RFU (Rugby Football Union) to support BUCS Super Rugby and the Women's National League. We also received funding from the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) to provide ongoing support for the domestic performance programme and international performance programme, raising the profile and influence of university tennis.

As we move to digitise our UNIversal Gym offer, the utilisation of Sport England funding will go towards streamlining both the user journey and the institutional experience that administer the facility usage. The aim will be to recruit as many as possible of our 165 members to become part of the scheme to enable staff and students to be active all year round.

Funding from Sport England enabled us to continue BUCS Active 3 and create BUCS Active 4; the latter engaging over 2000 participants across 19 universities. These allowed us to tackle the inactivity in female students; use physical activity to approach mental health issues; and increase the number of students from lower socio-economic backgrounds engaging in sport and physical activity.

The University of Wolverhampton has been selected as a delivery partner for our Race and Equality Research. Funded by Sport England, this research will look at the barriers to sport for non-White British participants. Three pieces of football related research also went out to tender, thanks to support and funding from the FA. These will examine the impact of Covid 19 on the higher education football landscape; race and equality throughout the university football workforce; and the motivations behind participants engagements in BUCS activity.

Through FA funding, nine football projects were supported, and 63 universities remain accredited and continue to collaborate with BUCS for the 2021-22 season. The flagship BUCS and FA Women's Leadership Programme successfully navigated it's second cohort through three virtual residentials, and the programme has been nominated for a FISU Gender Equality Award.

2.5. National Competition

To fit in with localised restrictions, regional leagues and fixtures were offered at the start of the 2020-21 season. Unfortunately, due to the national lockdown, in January the 2020-21 league and knockout season was cancelled, to ensure the safety of students and staff.

The outdoor cricket season was able to take place, with 187 men's and women's teams participating and Cardiff UCCE (Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University and University of South Wales) winning the men's championship.

A large part of our events programme, which in a normal year has around 130 events, was unable to take place due to ongoing restrictions. However, after a lot of planning from the events team, 17 events from 10 different sports were able to take place from April onwards, including Duathlon, Canoe Polo and Regatta. We also held the inaugural BUCS Wheelchair Tennis Championships – a big step forward in our push towards increasing our offering for disability sport.

Our premier event of the reduced BUCS events season – Regatta – saw 2,000 students from 59 institutions compete at Holme Pierrepoint in Nottingham, with Oxford Brookes University being awarded the overall Victor Ludorum trophy. Due to the significantly reduced nature of the season, BUCS Points were not awarded, and no institution was crowned BUCS Champion.

3. 2021-22

In the coming year we will hopefully see a return to a good degree of normality in the competition sphere as we move out of the worst of the pandemic. As we transition from the current 2017-21 strategy to a new strategy, we are working from a short-term action plan to guide the recovery from the pandemic.

3.1. Competition

A full league, knockout and event programme is planned, and will include the new sports of baseball, dodgeball, softball, and our first para disability team sport, wheelchair basketball. We aim to reinstate promotion and relegation and increase the amount and number of sports that are available to stream live.

We intend to deliver over 120 events across 50 sports including two major multisport events across the season. As part of our drive to provide a more inclusive offering, we will implement more para-sport opportunities to students across several sports, and develop event management groups to help us improve our current event delivery.

We will remain flexible, and acknowledge that we will have to navigate the continuing impact of COVID-19 and ensure plans are in place to do so.

2021-22 also brings the return of a full international programme containing more competition than usual, due to the delay of various events as a result of the pandemic. The Winter World University Games will be held in Lucerne in December; the Summer games in Chengdu in June; the European University Games in July in Lodz; and a number of additional World University Championships and University World Cups will take place throughout the year.

3.2. Physical Activity and Development

UNIversal gym will move to a digital platform in November 2021, streamlining the user journey for users and facility managers. The recently launched Coach Parker initiative aims to train 1,250 students to deliver outdoor exercise on campuses and the surrounding communities.

Sport England funding will facilitate the continuation of the BUCS Active Programme, with the aim of engaging over 7,000 students in the three key areas detailed previously. Working with the University of Wolverhampton, we will publish the findings and associated tool kit of our commissioned Race and Equality Research, to deliver what we hope will be sector-leading insight into addressing the barriers to

physical activity for students from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Continued funding from The FA will allow us to work with institutions to deliver football development projects, the BUCS Women's Leadership Programme, club committee leaders training and the BUCS Football Accreditation model, as well as allowing us to undertake football specific race and equality research.

3.3. Engagement

We will reunite staff from the HE sport sector for an in-person programme, focussing on professional development and information and learning exchange. This will begin with the Back to BUCS event for sabbatical officers and new staff in September and, pandemic restrictions permitting, continue with Winter Seminar, and culminate in the annual BUCS Conference in the summer.

Building on the success of the Sporting Leaders series, we will work with our graduate recruitment partners to illustrate the skills that engaging in sport and physical activity provide students after university. This will include the BUCS Sporting Leaders Festival, and the newly created BUCS and EY 94 Network, which will promote the success of female BUCS athletes in the workplace.

We will also build on our social change activity from the last 12 months, and grow campaigns centred around Black Heritage athletes, mental health, and LGBTQIA+. Fresh from the success of BUCS athletes and alumni in the Olympics and Paralympics, we will expand the BUCS Hall of Fame, recognising and celebrating the significant achievements and contributions of athletes to higher education sport.

4. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

For the year ending 31 July 2021, the Group incurred a net loss of £130k, including a deficit of £88k in unrestricted funds. The Charity incurred an operating loss of £166k, while the Trading company made a surplus of £36k.

4.1. Income

Income for the Group for the year was £2.3m. The principal funding sources are:

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	ZK
Affiliation fees	1,163
Grants from Sport England	306
Grants from NGBs	283
Commercial partners	135
Entry fees for events	125

The above amounts were significantly below budget, due to the league and knockout season being cancelled due to the pandemic, and the inability to hold the vast majority of events. Commercial income was $\pounds 28k$ (25%) above budget, as a result of an increased ability to monetise our digital engagement.

4.2. Expenditure

Expenditure for the Group for the year totalled £2.5m and was fully applied in accordance with the organisation's primary objective of providing a wide range of sporting opportunities in higher education. Principal areas of expenditure include:

	£k
Staff costs	1,407
Direct delivery costs	523
Operations and overheads	399

Again, these values are significantly reduced due to costs not incurred as a result of the majority of events not being held.

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4.3. Balance sheet

Funds employed at the Group balance sheet at 31 July 2021 totalled £1.7m, as shown below.

Total funds	1,707
General	464
Designated – other	2
Designated – property	1,226
Unrestricted funds	
Restricted funds	15
	£k

Funds of £15k were held in restricted funds; £1,226k in a designated property fund maintained to ensure the organisation can continue to be accommodated; £2k in other designated funds associated with specific delivery such as LUSL; and £464k in general reserves.

4.4. Reserves policy

The reserves policy was set in 2019. At that time the reasonably assured membership income (\pounds 3.4m/72% in 2019) and the valuation of the property (\pounds 1.4m in 2014), a minimum of \pounds 300,000 was considered a prudent amount to maintain as free reserves for general operations. This is to absorb setbacks and manage change, should a major income stream fail. Currently there is uncertainty around the level of entry fee income to be received. A Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan has been received to help mitigate against this and the minimum level of \pounds 300,000 is still considered prudent. The level of free reserves at 31 July 2021 was \pounds 190k as shown below and will be built up to the minimum of \pounds 300k.

Free reserves	190
Less fixed assets, excl. investments	(1,502)
Unrestricted funds	1,692
Less restricted funds	(15)
Total funds	1,707
	£k

Other reserves could be maintained for specific projects, such as replacement of IT infrastructure or the development of new technologies. In the short term, any funds for this purpose would be included within free reserves. Once a proposal is more likely and costs can be forecast, funds would be designated.

4.5. Investment policy and performance

There is no restriction on the company's power to invest. The investment policy is to use stable investments to protect capital and income from inflation over the long-term. The target for return is above inflation. The performance of investments is closely monitored by the Directors on a quarterly basis. Investments are currently held in two funds in the Charities Organisation Investment Fund (COIF), with a policy of low to medium risk over a short to medium term.

Over the last ten years, the Investment Fund has delivered annualised performance of 10.93% after fees, with a balance at 31 July 2021 of £347k. The Property Fund has returned 7.48% annualised after fees over the same period, with a year-end balance of £52k. The 12-month performance to 31 July 2021 after fees saw the Investment Fund rise by 19.75% and the Property Fund rise by 11.65%. The investments have increased following the recovery from the pandemic.

4.6. BUCS Trading Limited

The directors of the charity will continue to offer support to its trading subsidiary, BUCS Trading Ltd in the form of a letter of comfort confirming that the charity will not demand settlement of the intercompany balance due to BUCS for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Historical and current support to BUCS Trading Ltd was made for the sole reason to be of benefit to BUCS over the medium to long term and thus its charitable aims. The support was needed to invest in the necessary digital platforms to create a strong viable trading income stream for BUCS Trading Ltd with the intention that that income stream is remitted to BUCS in the medium term including and over and above the initial support.

BUCS Trading Ltd has recovered well from the one-off detrimental effect of Covid-19 restrictions and has produced a surplus for FY21 of \pm 36k (FY20 deficit of \pm 308k). The forecasts for FY22 and FY23 and beyond show a healthy surplus for BUCS Trading Ltd and the directors are therefore confident that the support currently given by BUCS will be not needed in the medium future and a return on that support will be given back to BUCS to support its charitable activities.

A letter of comfort has been provided by the Charity to confirm that BUCS will provide ongoing support to the Trading Company for at least 12 months from date of signing the financial statements and that the intercompany balance will not be recalled.

4.7. Statement as to the disclosure of information to Auditor

The Directors who were in office on the date of the approval of these financial statements have confirmed that as far as they are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. Each of the Directors has confirmed that they have taken all steps they ought to have taken as Directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

4.8. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees – who are also Directors of British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited for the purposes of company law – are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, 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 financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and

detection of fraud and other irregularities.

4.9. Auditor

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. This report is prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemptions.

Approved by the Directors onand signed by:

Director

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of British Universities and Colleges Sport (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise the Consolidated and Parent Charity Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account, the Consolidated and Parent Charity Balance Sheets, the Group and Parent Charity Company Cash Flow Statements and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2021; and of the group's and the parent charitable company's incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, section 152 of the Charities Act 2011 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is

materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report, prepared for the purposes of company law and included within the trustees' annual report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report, included within the trustees' annual report, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report, included within the trustees' annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient, adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
 regime and take advantage of the small companies exemptions in preparing the directors' report included
 within the trustees' annual report, and from the requirements to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out on page 15 the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise

from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the group audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory framework that the group and parent charitable company operate in and how the group and parent charitable company are complying with the legal and regulatory framework;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the parent charitable company's governing document. We performed audit procedures to detect noncompliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing the financial statements including the Trustees' Report, remaining alert to new or unusual transactions which may not be in accordance with the governing documents.

The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are those in relation to General Data Protection Regulations. We performed audit procedures to inquire of management whether the group is in compliance with these law and regulations.

The group audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments, evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business and challenging judgments and estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <u>http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</u>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made exclusively to the members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members and the charitable company's trustees 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, its members as a body, and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

KERRY GALLAGHER (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants Davidson House Forbury Square Reading Berkshire RG1 3EU

Date:

RSM UK AUDIT LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 July 2021

For the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income					
Income from charitable activities	5	1,377,834	10,902	593,668	1,982,404
Trading activities					
Fundraising		134,643	-	-	134,643
Interest and investment income	8	20,384	-	-	20,384
Other income	7	136,235			136,235
Total income		1,669,096	10,902	593,668	2,273,666
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	9	1,597,462	58,608	602,284	2,258,354
Raising funds	9	200,011	-	-	200,011
Total Expenditure		1,797,473	58,608	602,284	2,458,365
Net (expenditure) /income and net movement in funds in the year before transfers and gains on investments		(128,377)	(47,706)	(8,616)	(184,699)
Gains on investments	14a	54,541	-	-	54,541
Transfer of funds	21,22,23	(13,948)	(6,721)	20,669	-
Net (expenditure) / income		(87,784)	(54,427)	12,053	(130,158)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		551,721	1,281,910	3,300	1,836,931
Total funds carried forward		463,937	1,227,483	15,353	1,706,773

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 July 2021

Comparatives for the year ended 31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income					
Donations and legacies					
Donations		5,972	-	1,000	6,972
Value in kind	4	26,941	-	-	26,941
Income from charitable activities	5	2,661,330	91,053	859,044	3,611,427
Trading activities					
Fundraising		136,914	-	-	136,914
Interest and investment income	8	17,206	-	-	17,206
Other income	7	103,909	-	-	103,909
Total income		2,952,272	91,053	860,044	3,903,369
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	9	2,490,708	75,442	860,346	3,426,496
Raising funds	9	418,621	-	-	418,621
Total Expenditure		2,909,329	75,442	860,346	3,845,117
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds in the year before transfers and gains on investments		42,943	15,611	(302)	58,252
(Loss) on investments	14a	(5,022)	-	-	(5,022)
Transfer of funds	21,22,23	(608,751)	607,751	1,000	-
Net (expenditure) / income		(570,830)	623,362	698	53,230
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,122,551	658,548	2,602	1,783,701
Total funds carried forward		551,721	1,281,910	3,300	1,836,931

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Company number: 06483060 for the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		2	L
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,233,929	1,257,735
Intangible assets	13	236,454	274,144
Investments	14	413,629	362,646
Trophies	15	31,915	32,754
		1,915,927	1,927,279
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	265,086	82,154
Cash at bank and in hand		1,009,914	594,015
		1,275,000	676,169
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(1,226,478)	(715,734)
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		48,522	(39,565)
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(220,833)	-
Provision for liabilities	18	(36,843)	(50,783)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,706,773	1,836,931
Funds			
Restricted goods	21	15,353	3,300
Unrestricted goods:			
General - other	22	463,937	551,721
Designated - property	23	1,226,289	1,240,398
Designated - regional	23	1,194	41,512
		1,706,773	1,836,931

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The financial statements on pages 20 to 53 were approved by the Board and authorised for issue and signed on its behalf by:

Director

Date:

CHARITY ONLY - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income					
Income from charitable activities	5	1,368,334	10,902	593,668	1,972,904
Interest and investment income	8	15,984	-	-	15,984
Other income	7	136,235	-	-	136,235
Total income		1,520,553	10,902	593,668	2,125,123
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	9	1,526,335	58,608	602,284	2,187,227
Raising funds	9	158,127			158,127
Total Expenditure		1,684,462	58,608	602,284	2,345,354
Net (expenditure) and net movement in funds in the year before transfers and gains on investment		(163,909)	(47,706)	(8,616)	(220,231)
Gains on investments	14a	54,541	-	-	54,541
Transfer of funds	21,22,23	(13,948)	(6,721)	20,669	
Net (expenditure)/income		(123,316)	(54,427)	12,053	(165,690)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		897,763	1,281,910	3,300	2,182,973
Total funds carried forward		774,447	1,227,483	15,353	2,017,283

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CHARITY ONLY - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Comparatives for the year ended 31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income					
Donations and Legacies					
Donations		5,972	-	1,000	6,972
Value in Kind	4	26,941	-	-	26,941
Income from charitable activities	5	2,653,328	91,053	859,044	3,603,425
Trading activities					
Income from fundraising		7,850	-	-	7,850
Interest and investment income	8	17,206	-	-	17,206
Other income	7	103,909	-	-	103,909
Total income		2,815,206	91,053	860,044	3,766,303
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	9	2,461,096	75,442	860,346	3,396,884
Raising funds	9	3,324		-	3,324
Total Expenditure		2,464,420	75,442	860,346	3,400,208
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds in the year before transfers and gains on investment		350,786	15,611	(302)	366,095
(Loss) on investments	14a	(5,022)	-	-	(5,022)
Transfer of funds	21,22,23	(608,751)	607,751	1,000	-
Net (expenditure)/income		(262,987)	623,362	698	361,073
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,160,750	658,548	2,602	1,821,900
Total funds carried forward		897,763	1,281,910	3,300	2,182,973

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CHARITY ONLY – BALANCE SHEET

Company number: 06483060 for the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,233,929	1,257,928
Intangible assets	13	113,244	144,896
Investments	14	413,729	362,746
Trophies	15	31,915	32,724
	-	1,792,817	1,797,694
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	645,536	500,869
Cash at bank and in hand		933,992	591,851
	-	1,579,528	1,092,720
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(1,097,386)	(656,658)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		482,142	436,062
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(220,833)	-
Provision for liabilities	18 _	(36,843)	(50,783)
Total assets less current liabilities	-	2,017,283	2,182,973
Funds:			
Restricted goods	21	15,353	3,300
Unrestricted goods:			
General funds	22	774,447	897,763
Designated - property Designated - regional	23 23	1,226,289	1,240,398
	23 -	1,194	41,512
	_	2,017,283	2,182,973

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The financial statements on pages 20 to 53 were approved by the Board and authorised for issue and signed on its behalf by:

Director

Date:

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 July 2021

	Group		Charit	1
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Operating activities	£	£	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the year				
Net income for the year as per SOFA	(130,158)	53,230	(165,690)	361,073
Adjustment for:				
Depreciation and amortisation charges Impairment of intangibles	104,066	136,180 159,356	64,892	68,229
(Gains)/loss on investments	(54,541)	8,346	(54,541)	8,346
Dividends, interest and rents from investment	(20,384)	(17,206)	(15,984)	(17,206)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(182,932)	131,721	(144,667)	(74,734)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	481,577	(188,699)	411,561	(52,128)
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	(13,940)	20,466	(13,940)	20,466
Net cash generated from operating activities	183,688	303,394	81,631	314,046
activities				
Investing activities Dividends, interest and rent from investment	20,384	17,206	15,984	17,206
Investment manager fees	3,558		3,558	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(41,731)	(118,273)	(9,032)	(42,270)
Disposal of investment	-	109,105	-	109,105
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(17,789)	8,038	10,510	84,041
Cash flow from financing activities			252.000	
New loan	250,000	-	250,000	-
Cash generated from financing activities	250,000	-	250,000	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash	415,899	311,432	342,141	398,087
Cash and cash equivalents at the				
beginning of the year	594,015	282,583	591,851	193,764
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,009,914	594,015	933,992	591,851
Consolidated analysis of net cash and cash equivalents:	At 1 August 2020	Cash flow	At 31 July 2021	
Cash at bank and in hand	594,015	415,899	1,009,914	
Bank loan due within 1 year	-	(29,167)	(29,167)	
Bank loan due after 1 year	-	(220,833)	(220,833)	
Total cash and cash equivalents	594,015	165,899	759,914	
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 July 2021

1 General information

The Charity is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The registered office is 20-24 King's Bench Street, London SE1 OQX. The Charity is registered under the following: Charity number 1126863, Charity number 06483060, Scottish Charity number SC041947.

The financial statements have been presented in Pounds Sterling, as this is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the charity operates and are rounded to the nearest pound.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition – effective 1 January 2019, the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015 and the Companies Act 2006.

British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the charity's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate those of British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited and its subsidiary undertaking, BUCS Trading Limited for the year. All financial statements consist of the year to 31 July 2021.

BUCS holds 23% (2020: 23%) of the shares of Bench Freehold Limited but Bench Freehold Limited has not been treated as an associate in these accounts. Accounting for this as an associate would not have a material effect on the holding as Bench Freehold Limited had very limited trading in the year.

Going concern

The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan (CBILS) obtained in December 2020 will be retained in the business and converted to a fixed rate loan with repayments over five years, thus providing an additional level of comfort.

The Directors will continue to provide the support of BUCS to BUCS Trading for at least 12 months from date of approval of the financial statements, not calling in the amount owed by BUCS Trading until the company is in a position to do so. BUCS Trading made a surplus in year ended 31 July 2021, despite the impact of Covid-19 on commercial revenue.

Historical and current support to BUCS Trading Ltd was made for the sole reason to be of benefit to BUCS over the medium to long term and thus its charitable aims. The support was needed to invest in the necessary digital platforms to create a strong viable trading income stream for BUCS Trading Ltd with the intention that that income stream is remitted to BUCS in the medium term including and over and above the initial support. BUCS Trading Ltd has recovered well from the one-off detrimental effect of Covid-19 restrictions and has produced a surplus for the year ended 31 July 2021 of £41,535 (2020: deficit £308,014). The forecasts for the financial years ended 31 July 2022, 31 July 2023 and beyond show a healthy surplus for BUCS Trading Ltd and the Directors are therefore confident that the support currently given by BUCS will be not needed in the medium future and a return on that support will be

given back to BUCS to support its charitable activities.

The work undertaken to continue to deliver member services during this time and the cost saving measures implemented, provides reassurance to the Directors that the Group has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future.

The Directors have considered the Group and Charity's cash flow requirements for the 12-month period from the date of approval of these financial statements and believe that they will be able to pay their debts as they fall due for at least that period. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income, including government grants, is included in the income and expenditure account when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Interest on funds held on deposit included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is usually upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category, it includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- Cost of raising funds are those costs incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs in the delivery of activities and services for its beneficiaries and include directly allocated costs and an apportionment of support costs.
- Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated based on direct costs, as set out in Note 8.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside the control of the charity.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. The other designated funds have arisen based on timing differences across years and these are expected to be fully utilised in the coming year for their designated purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets in order to reduce by annual instalments the value of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is provided for using the straight-line method at the following rates:

Leasehold buildings:	over the life of the lease
Computer equipment:	over 3 years
Fixtures and fittings:	over 6 years
Office equipment:	over 10 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Intangible fixed assets and depreciation

Intangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Costs relating to development of the items are capitalised. Research costs are not capitalised.

At each reporting date the charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

All intangible fixed assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years. Amortisation is provided on all intangible fixed assets in order to reduce by annual instalments the value of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Digital systems3 - 5 years, straight lineAssets under constructionnot amortised until brought into use

Trophies

Trophies are items which are in the possession of the charity and were created for use in sporting activities and continue to be used for this purpose. The charity maintains stewardship by keeping a full inventory and has no intention of disposing of any of the trophies so long as this use continues. The trophies are valued at cost less accumulated depreciation. The trophies are considered for impairment on a regular basis and any impairment is charged to the income and expenditure account. Depreciation has been applied over a period of 50 years.

Investments

Investments are recognised at fair value which is measured at market value at the balance sheet date. The income and expenditure account includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. Investment manager fees are taken directly from the Funds and capital values are net of fees. The investment manager fees have not been grossed up in these accounts. The fees for Investment Fund are 0.6% and for Property Fund are 0.65%.

Investment in subsidiary and unlisted investments are held at cost and are reviewed for impairment annually, with any impairment taken to the income and expenditure account.

BUCS holds shares of Bench Freehold Limited but Bench Freehold Limited has not been treated as an associate in these accounts. Accounting for this as an associate would not have a material effect on the holding as Bench Freehold Limited had very limited trading in the year.

BUCS Trading Ltd holds 15 shares and 15% in National Students e-Sports Limited. No payment has been made for the investment in this company and the value of the investment is valued at \pm nil in these financial statements. No indicative market value of the investment and the directors believe is \pm nil value is appropriate based on the early stage of the investment.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial instruments

The charity only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the charity would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial instruments classified as equity instruments are recorded at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of transaction costs, unless the equity instruments are issued to extinguish a financial liability due to a shareholder or a party under common control, or in accordance with the original terms of the financial liability.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are included at the rate of exchange prevailing at the date they occurred. All differences are taken to the Income and expenditure account.

Pension costs

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The charity contributes to employees' individual personal pension schemes, a variable group pension plan with the National Provident Institution on a defined contribution basis and to the Universities Superannuation Scheme ("USS"), which is a defined benefit scheme.

Contributions to all schemes are charged on the basis of the amount the charity has agreed to contribute in the year.

The institution participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS). With effect from 1 October 2016, the scheme changed from a defined benefit only pension scheme to a hybrid pension scheme, providing defined benefits (for all members), as well as defined contribution benefits. The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee administered fund. Because of the mutual nature of the scheme, the assets are not attributed to individual institutions and a scheme-wide contribution rate is set. The institution is therefore exposed to actuarial risks associated with other institutions' employees and is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. As required by Section 28 of FRS102 'Employee benefits', the institution therefore accounts for the scheme as if it were a wholly defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to the scheme. Since the institution has entered into an agreement (the Recovery Plan) that determines how each employer within the scheme will fund the overall deficit, the institution recognises a liability for the contributions payable that arise from the agreement (to the extent that they relate to the deficit) and therefore an expense is recognised.

Valuation of donated services

Pro bono services received are recorded as income at estimated market value and included under the relevant expense heading in the Income and expenditure account. These are recognised when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from these by the Charity of the item is probable and economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain the services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market, a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

3 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In applying the charity's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The directors make such decisions on the basis of the most relevant and reliable evidence available at the time, which may include factors such as historical experience. Due to the inherent subjectivity involved in making such judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and are also applied to future periods where it is appropriate to do so.

The Directors do not consider that any of the judgements which they have made in the preparation of these financial statements are key to the financial statements overall.

Estimates and assumptions which the Directors have made which are key to the financial statements are discussed below.

Recoverability of debtors

The charity establishes a provision for debtors that are estimated not to be recoverable. When assessing recoverability, the trustees consider factors such as the aging of debtors, past experience of recoverability, and the credit profile of individual or groups of customers.

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4 Value in kind

GROU	JP	CHARITY		
Year ended 31 July 2021	Year ended 31 July 2020	Year ended 31 July 2021	Year ended 31 July 2020	
£	£	£	£	
-	6,965	-	6,965	
-	19,976	-	19,976	
	26,941		26,941	
	Year ended 31 July 2021 £ -	July 31 July 2021 2020 £ £ - 6,965 - 19,976	Year ended 31Year ended 31 July 2021Year ended 31 July 2020Year ended 31 July 2021£££-6,96519,976-	

5 Income from charitable activities

GROUP

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 total funds
	£	£	£	£
Domestic programmes	170,895	-	46,507	217,372
Development	16,539	-	306,158	322,697
Football development	4,800	-	236,881	241,681
Affiliation fees	1,162,551	-	-	1,162,551
Non-BUCS affiliation fees	-	8,982	-	8,982
Other income	23,079	1,920	4,122	29,121
	1,377,834	10,902	593,668	1,982,404

GROUP

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 total funds
	£	£	£	£
Domestic programmes	1,450,799	-	55,217	1,506,016
International programmes	3,378	-	25,495	28,873
Development	15,013	-	179,769	194,782
Football development	-	-	585,196	585,196
Hockey development	11,569	-	13,367	24,936
Affiliation fees	1,129,201	-	-	1,129,201
Non-BUCS affiliation fees	-	34,070	-	34,070
Other income	51,370	56,983	-	108,353
	2,661,330	91,053	859,044	3,611,427

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5 Income from charitable activities (continued)

CHARITY					
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 total funds	
	£	£	£	£	
Domestic programmes	170,895	-	46,507	217,372	
Development	12,739	-	306,158	318,897	
Football development	4,800	-	236,881	241,681	
Affiliation fees	1,162,551	-	-	1,162,551	
Non-BUCS affiliation fees	-	8,982	-	8,982	
Other income	17,379	1,920	4,122	23,421	
	1,368,334	10,902	593,668	1,972,904	

CHARITY

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 total funds	
	£	£	£	£	
Domestic programmes	1,450,799	-	55,217	1,506,016	
International programmes	3,378	-	25,495	28,873	
Development	8,941	-	179,769	188,710	
Football development	-	-	585,196	585,196	
Hockey development	11,569	-	13,367	24,936	
Affiliation fees	1,129,201	-	-	1,129,201	
Non-BUCS affiliation fees	-	34,070	-	34,070	
Other income	49,440	56,983	-	106,423	
	2,653,328	91,053	859,044	3,603,425	

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6 Grant income

	GROUP AND CHARITY		
	Year ended	Year ended	
	31 July 2021	31 July 2020	
	£	£	
British Curling	-	9,090	
British Universities Ice Hockey	-	9,090	
England Athletics	-	460	
England Basketball	-	5,400	
Lawn Tennis Association	11,570	-	
National Ice-Skating	-	565	
R&A Foundation	13,858	18,145	
Rugby Football Union	11,182	15,318	
Scottish Athletics	-	230	
Sport England	306,158	193,136	
Tennis foundation	9,897	22,413	
The Football Association	236,881	585,196	
	589,546	859,043	

All of the above grants were received to support sporting activities and there were no unfulfilled conditions relating to these grants at either year end. These grants are included within income from charitable activities.

7 Other income

Included in other income on the Statement of Financial Activities, is Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme income of \pounds 136,235 (2020: \pounds 103,909). There are no unfulfilled conditions relating to this grant income at either year end.

8 Interest and investment income

	GRO	DUP	CHARITY		
	Year ended 31 July 2021 £	Year ended 31 July 2020 £	Year ended 31 July 2021 £	Year ended 31 July 2020 £	
Bank interest, dividends and other income	11,817	17,206	11,817	17,206	
Interest on CBILS loan NSE royalties	4,167 4,400	-	4,167	-	
	20,384	17,206	15,984	17,206	

The charity has also received a \pounds 250,000 Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan which is interest free for the first 12 months. Notional interest of \pounds 4,166 has been recognised in the year (2020: \pounds nil). There are no unfulfilled conditions relating to this loan at 31 July 2021.

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9 Expenditure

GROUP	Direct costs	Support costs	Year ended 31 July 2021	Direct costs	Support costs	Year ended 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds						
Commercial activities	88,311	108,142	196,453	109,077	349,660	458,737
Conference	-	-	-	(10,329)	(33,111)	(43,440)
Investment manager fees	3,558	-	3,558	3,324		3,324
Total raising funds	91,869	108,142	200,011	102,072	316,549	418,621
Charitable activities						
Domestic programmes	540,320	473,667	1,013,987	1,378,589	618,033	1,996,622
International programmes	59,216	51,912	111,128	92,789	41,531	134,320
Development	344,399	301,914	646,313	215,775	114,898	330,673
Football development	171,406	150,262	321,668	527,884	236,263	764,147
Hockey development	-	-	-	28,753	12,868	41,621
Member support	17,349	15,209	32,558	35,406	15,845	51,251
Other expenditure	70,712	61,988	132,700	72,337	35,525	107,862
Total expenditure	1,295,271	1,163,094	2,458,365	2,453,605	1,391,512	3,845,117

Support costs – group	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	695,689	695,058
Staff related costs	26,487	26,329
Information communication technology	137,422	158,700
Marketing, PR and media	14,152	36,497
Office costs	60,286	63,520
Accounting fees	54,802	86,444
Bad debts	1,267	(33,491)
Depreciation and amortisation	104,066	136,179
Impairment of intangible assets	-	159,356
Interest paid	4,167	-
Other costs	8,341	12,859
Insurance	12,423	15,616
Governance costs	43,992	34,445
Total expenditure	1,163,094	1,391,512

Support costs are allocated based on a percentage of direct costs.

Governance costs – group	2021 £	2020 £
Audit fees	30,660	29,310
Trustee expenses	-	1,213
Other governance costs	13,332	3,922
Total governance costs	43,992	34,445

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9 Expenditure (continued)

CHARITY	Direct costs	Support costs	Year ended 31 July 2021	Direct costs	Support costs	Year ended 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds						
Commercial activities	83,443	71,126	154,569	-	-	-
Conference	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment manager fees	3,558	-	3,558	3,324	-	3,324
Total raising funds	87,001	71,126	158,127	3,324	-	3,324
Charitable activities						
Domestic programmes	540,320	441,732	982,052	1,378,202	618,644	1,996,846
International programmes	59,216	48,412	107,628	92,787	41,650	134,437
Development	344,399	281,559	625,958	209,129	93,873	303,002
Football development	171,406	140,131	311,537	527,879	236,953	764,832
Hockey development	-	-	-	28,753	12,907	41,660
Member support	17,349	14,183	31,532	35,406	15,893	51,299
Other expenditure	70,711	57,809	128,520	72,336	32,472	104,808
Total expenditure	1,290,402	1,054,952	2,345,354	2,347,816	1,052,392	3,400,208

Support costs – charity	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	695,689	695,038
Staff related costs	26,487	25,439
Information communication technology	97,124	104,816
Marketing, PR and media	10,392	8,802
Office costs	60,260	60,017
Accounting fees	41,443	61,856
Bad debts	1,104	(25,874)
Depreciation and amortisation	64,892	68,228
Interest paid	4,166	-
Other costs	7,963	8,262
Insurance	12,423	15,125
Governance costs	33,009	30,682
Total expenditure	1,054,952	1,052,392

Support costs are allocated based on a percentage of direct costs.

Governance costs – charity	2021	2020
	£	£
Audit fees	19,500	25,560
Trustee expenses	-	1,213
Other governance costs	13,509	3,909
Total governance costs	33,009	30,682

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10 Staff costs

Total staff casts comprise the following:	31 July 2021 £	31 July 2020 £
Total staff costs comprise the following: Wages and salaries	1,219,081	1,277,849
Social security costs Pension costs	115,155 72,467	124,287 91,506
	1,406,703	1,493,642
	No.	No.
The monthly average number of employees in the year was:	_	-
Leadership team Other staff	3 33	3 34
The number of employees whose emoluments for the year (including benefits in kind but excluding pension contributions) fell		
within the following bands were:	No.	No.
Between £70,001-£80,000	1	1
Between £80,001-£90,000 Between £90,001-£100,000	1	- 1

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Delivery. These three roles form the Leadership Team. The total employee benefits of the Leadership Team of the charity were \pounds 224,146 (2020: \pounds 225,669) and the employers national insurance contribution in relation to these employees were \pounds 24,947 (2020: \pounds 25,554). The employer pension contributions related to these employees were \pounds 35,131 (2020: \pounds 35,036).

The key management personnel of the group are those of the charity and the key management personnel of its wholly owned subsidiary BUCS Trading Limited. There are no additional staff within BUCS Trading Limited.

The Charity's directors were not paid remuneration from the Charity during either year. During the year, no (zero) (2020: 4) directors were reimbursed for travel expenses amounting to $\pounds 0$ (2020: $\pounds 1,554$).

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11 Grants paid

Institution	Purpose of grant	2021 £	2020 £
Grassroots Hub Grant			
Bournemouth University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	4,500
Canterbury Christchurch University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	2,000
Durham University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	18,000
Loughborough University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	18,000
Manchester Metropolitan University (Manc)	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	18,000
Middlesex University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,000
Northumbria University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	17,500
Queen Mary, University of London	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
Royal Holloway, University of London	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
Sheffield Hallam University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	17,500
Teesside University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
University of Bedfordshire	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
University of Birmingham	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	17,500
University of Bristol	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
University of Central Lancashire	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	17,500
University of East Anglia	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	2,000
University of Gloucestershire	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	17,500
University of Hull	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	18,000
University of Leeds	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
University of Liverpool	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
University of Manchester	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	18,000
University of Nottingham	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	18,000
University of Portsmouth	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	14,000
University of Warwick	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	17,500
Wolverhampton University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
Worcester University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	4,500
De Montfort University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	14,250
Hertfordshire Sports Village	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
Nottingham consultants	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	3,500
Solent University	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	12,000
University of Essex	Grassroots Hub Grant	-	10,000
Total Grassroots Hub Grant		-	314,250
Active Project			
Manchester Metropolitan University	Active Project Grant	6,535	6,525
University of Leicester	Active Project Grant	5,130	5,130
Northumbria university	Active Project Grant	5,150	2,973
University of Nottingham	Active Project Grant	7 /20	7,438
	,	7,438	
Nottingham Trent university Nottingham Consultants	Active Project Grant	- 2 500	2,500
5	Active Project Grant	2,500	- 7,123
University of East Anglia (UEA) Anglia Ruskin University	Active Project Grant	- 2 04E	
-	Active Project Grant	2,945	2,945
Bournemouth University	Active Project Grant	-	3,030
Creative Midfield	Active Project Grant	-	2,280
FFTL MIND Updateout	Active Project Grant	-	9,220
MIND Hackney	Active Project Grant	-	510
Royal Holloway University of London	Active Project Grant	8,715	8,715
St Mary's University, Twickenham	Active Project Grant	5,440	5,440

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TOTAL GRANTS PAID	_	117,970	425,076
	_		
Total Other Grants		40,000	750
University of Hull	Development project	5,000	-
University of Hull	Specialist Hubs Innovation fund	-	750
University of Essex	Development project	2,500	-
University of Brighton	Development project	15,000	-
Union of Brunel students	Development project	2,500	-
Teesside University	Development project	2,500	-
Surrey sports Ltd	Development project	2,500	-
Queen Mary students Union	Development project	2,500	-
Plymouth Marjon University	Development project	2,500	-
Manchester Metropolitan University	Development project	5,000	-
Other grants			
Total Active Project Grant		77,970	110,076
UEA Sport	Active Project Grant	7,122	-
University of West London	Active Project Grant	6,000	6,000
University of Manchester	Active Project Grant	200	-
University of Exeter	Active Project Grant	6,091	6,091
University of East London	Active Project Grant	6,542	6,543
University of Essex	Active Project Grant	648	-
University of Brighton	Active Project Grant	2,787	2,787
University of Chester	Active Project Grant	200	-
UK Active	Active Project Grant	-	7,200
Surrey Sports Park Ltd	Active Project Grant	3,430	3,430
Students' Union UCL	Active Project Grant	6,247	6,196
Street Games UK	Active Project Grant	-	8,000

All grants paid are to intuitions and no grants have been paid to individuals.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

GROUP	Long Leasehold £	Fixtures and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Opening balance 1 August 2020 Additions	1,368,602	183,607 1,592	1,552,209 1,592
At 31 July 2021	1,368,602	185,199	1,553,801
Depreciation			
Opening balance 1 August 2020	128,204	166,270	294,474
Charge for the year	14,109	11,289	25,398
At 31 July 2021	142,313	177,559	319,872
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2021	1,226,289	7,640	1,233,929
At 31 July 2020	1,240,398	17,337	1,257,735
CHARITY	Long Leasehold £	Fixtures and equipment £	Total £
Cost		-	
Opening balance 1 August 2020 Additions	1,368,602 -	182,295 1,592	1,550,897 1,592

At 31 July 2021	1,368,602	183,887	1,552,489
Depreciation			
Opening balance 1 August 2020	128,204	165,395	293,599
Charge for the year	14,109	10,852	24,961
At 31 July 2021	142,313	176,247	318,560
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2021	1,226,289	7,640	1,233,929
At 31 July 2020	1,240,398	16,900	1,257,298

The long leasehold property was revalued at 1 August 2014 by TSP to a value of £1,325,000.

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13 Intangible fixed assets

	Digital systems £
Cost	2
Opening balance 1 August 2020	544,546
Additions	40,139
At 31 July 2021	584,685
Amortisation	
Opening balance 1 August 2020	270,402
Charge for the year	77,829
At 31 July 2021	348,231
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2021	236,454
At 31 July 2020	274,144
CHARITY	Digital systems
Cost	£
Cost Opening balance 1 August 2020	_
	186,341
Opening balance 1 August 2020	186,341 7,440
Opening balance 1 August 2020 Additions	186,341 7,440
Opening balance 1 August 2020 Additions At 31 July 2021	186,341 7,440 193,781
Opening balance 1 August 2020 Additions At 31 July 2021 Amortisation	£ 186,341 7,440 193,781 41,445 39,092

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 July 2021	113,244
At 31 July 2020	144,896

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14 Investments

	GROU	Ρ	CHARITY	,
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Listed Investments (note 13a)	£ 398,629	£ 347,646	£ 398,629	£ 347,646
Investment in subsidiary (note 13b)	-	-	100	100
Unlisted Investment (note 13c)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	413,629	362,646	413,629	362,746

14a – Listed investments	GROU	IP	CHARITY	,
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance 1 August 2020	347,646	465,097	347,646	465,097
Disposals	-	(109,105)	-	(109,105)
Investment manager fees	(3,558)	(3,324)	(3,558)	(3,324)
Unreleased investment gain/(loss)	54,541	(5,022)	54,541	(5,022)
Closing balance 31 July 2021	398,629	347,646	398,629	347,646
Historical cost	189,133	189,133	189,133	189,133

Investments are UK investments and are held in COIF Charities Investment Fund Units, primarily to provide an investment return.

14b – Investment in subsidiary	GROUP		C	CHARITY
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
BUCS Trading Ltd	-		-	100 100

BUCS Trading Limited was incorporated in England in January 2010 and BUCS owns 100% of the issued share capital. The purpose of the company is to develop commercial opportunities and income.

14c – Unlisted investment	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Bench Freehold Ltd	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000

Bench Freehold Limited acquired the Freehold title to 20-23 King's Bench Street during the year to 31 July 2010. BUCS, in common with other tenants of the building, hold ordinary shares in proportion to their leasehold interest. This company collects ground rents, builds reserves and distributes dividends.

BUCS holds 23% (2020: 23%) of the shares of Bench Freehold Limited but Bench Freehold Limited has not been treated as an associate in these accounts. Accounting for this as an associate would not have a material effect on the holding as Bench Freehold Limited had very limited trading in the year. For the year ended 30 April 2020, the company made a profit in the year of £13,158 and had aggregate share capital and reserves of £209,938 as at 30 April 2020. The financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2021 are not yet available. The registered office address of Bench Freehold Limited is 8 The Bench, 22 Kings Bench Street, London, SE1 0QX.

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14d – Investment in National Students Esports Limited

BUCS Trading Ltd holds 15 shares and 15% in National Students Esports Limited (NSE). No payment has been made for the investment in this company and the value of the investment is valued at £nil in these financial statements. No indicative market value of the investment and the directors believe is £nil value is appropriate based on the early stage of the investment. For the year ended 30 June 2020, the company made a loss in the year of £362,751 and had aggregate share capital and negative reserves of (£835,848) as at 30 June 2020. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 are not yet available. The registered office address of NSE is 110 High Holborn, 5th Floor, London, England, WC1V 6JS. During the year, BUCS Trading Limited received royalties of £4,400 (2020: £nil).

15 Trophies

	GROUP AND CHARITY	
	2021	2020
	£	£
COST		
Opening balance at 1 August 2020	32,754	33,593
Depreciation	(839)	(839)
Closing balance 31 July 2021	31,915	32,754

16 Debtors

	GROUP		CHARIT	Y
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	140,057	20,874	49,456	16,143
Prepayment and accrued income	125,029	45,541	125,029	41,043
Amount due from subsidiary	-	-	471,051	427,944
Other debtors	-	9,003	-	9,003
Other taxation	-	6,736	-	6,736
_	265,086	82,154	645,536	500,869

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17 Creditors

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	29,167	-	29,167	
Trade creditors	112,584	48,252	104,826	32,424
Other taxation and social security costs	43,337	186,760	43,337	186,760
Accruals and deferred income	968,483	396,036	847,149	354,408
Other creditors	72,907	84,686	72,907	83,066
	1,226,478	715,734	1,097,386	656,658
	GR	OUP	с	HARITY
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income comprises:				
Deferred income at 1 August 2020	287,843	216,435	259,906	194,764

Released in the year	(287,843)	(216,435)	(259,906)	(194,764)
Deferred income at 31 July 2021	788,496	287,843	678,389	259,906

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678,389

259,906

Deferred income relates to grant income received in advance and is expected to be released in full in the next financial year.

18 Provision for pension funds deficit

Deferred in the year

GROUP AND CHARITY	2021 £	2020 £
As at 1 August 2020	50,783	29,455
Charged to the SOFA	(13,940)	21,338
As at 31 July 2021	36,843	50,783
Payable by instalments		
Within one year	4,665	2,439
1 to 2 years	5,772	2,534
2 to 5 years	18,376	8,196
After 5 years	8,030	37,614
	36,843	50,783

British Universities & Colleges Sport Limited has been notified by Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) of their allocation of the overall deficit of the USS pension scheme (see Note 26).

Contributions of 2.1% are being made towards the scheme deficit for 14 years to March 2031 included in note 26.

19 Creditors: amount due after more than one year

GROUP AND CHARITY	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loan – long term portion	220,833	
As at 31 July 2021	220,833	-

The bank loan relates to Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) the charity received during the year. The loan is interest free for the first 12 months and subsequently subject to an interest rate of 2.17%pa above base rate and is repayable from December 2021 in monthly instalments for 5 years.

20 Loans

GROUP AND CHARITY	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts failing due within 1 year	29,167	-
Amounts falling due within 1-2 years	50,000	-
Amounts falling due within 2-5 years	170,833	-
As at 31 July 2021	250,000	-

21 Restricted funds

GROUP AND CHARITY	1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 July 2021 £
Chris Potter Award Fund	1,002	-	-	-	1,002
The Football Association	-	236,881	(236,881)	-	-
Volleyball	2,298	-	-	-	2,298
R&A Foundation	-	13,858	(13,858)	-	-
Sport England	-	306,158	(306,158)	-	-
Tennis Foundation	-	9,897	(9,897)	-	-
Lawn Tennis Association	-	11,570	(11,570)	-	-
Rugby Football Union	-	11,182	(11,182)	-	-
English Universities		4,122	(12,738)	20,669	12,053
Total	3,300	593,668	(602,284)	20,669	15,353

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GROUP AND CHARITY	1 August 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 July 2020 £
Chris Potter Award Fund	304	1,000	(1,302)	1,000	1,002
The Football Association	-	585,197	(585,197)	-	-
Volleyball	2,298	-	-	-	2,298
R&A Foundation	-	18,145	(18,145)	-	-
Sport England	-	193,136	(193,136)	-	-
Tennis Foundation	-	22,413	(22,413)	-	-
Lawn Tennis Association	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Football Union	-	15,318	(15,318)	-	-
England Athletics	-	460	(460)	-	-
England Basketball	-	5,400	(5,400)	-	-
Hockey Association	-	9,090	(9,090)	-	-
British Curling	-	9,090	(9,090)	-	-
National Ice-Skating Association	-	565	(565)	-	-
Scottish Athletica	-	230	(230)	-	-
Total	2,602	860,044	(860,346)	1,000	3,300

- (i) The Chris Potter Award Fund was transferred from British Universities Sports Association to provide an annual award of £500 and associated costs to one or more students during undergraduate and postgraduate study. The student should be selected each year by the executive board based on the student's commitments to BUCS activities. In the year ended, a transfer of £1,000 was made from unrestricted funds to this restricted fund to match the donation received in the year. No similar transfer has been made in the current year.
- (ii) The Football Association is a grant specifically for the development of football within universities and higher education.
- (iii) Volleyball funds represent a proportion of the affiliation fees which is retained by BUCS for expenditure relating to volleyball within further education.
- (iv) The Royal & Ancient Golf Club provide a grant to BUCS to develop golf within the Higher Education Sector.
- (v) Sport England have provided funding to support sport in England.
- (vi) Funding from the Tennis Foundation is for the Tennis Administrator Post who oversees the delivery of our National Tennis Programme.
- (vii) Lawn Tennis Association have provided funding to support future sport in England.
- (viii) Rugby Football Union This is funding for the Rugby Union Programme Administrator post who supports the delivery of our National Rugby Union Programme, including BUCS Super Rugby.
- (ix) English Universities BUCS overseas operations for students from English Universities competing in competitions against other home nations. During the year, $\pounds 20,669$ has been transferred from designated funds to a restricted fund in accordance with the Service Level Agreement agreed during the year.
- (x) England Athletics have provided funding to support athletics.
- (xi) England Basketball have provided funding to support basketball.
- (xii) British Universities Ice Hockey Association have provided funding to support ice hockey.
- (xiii) British Curling have provided funding to support curling.
- (xiv) National Ice-Skating Association have provided funding to support ice skating.
- (xv) Other restricted funds relates to smaller donations which were received for a particular purpose and spent in full in the year for the purpose for which they were intended.

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22 Unrestricted funds - General

GROUP	1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain on investment £	Transfers £	31 July 2021 £
General funds Revaluation reserve	551,721 -	1,669,096 -	(1,797,473) -	54,541 -	(13,948) -	463,937 -
Total	551,721	1,669,096	(1,797,473)	54,541	(13,948)	463,937
GROUP	1 August 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	(Loss) on investment £	Transfers £	31 July 2020 £
General funds Revaluation reserve	451,881 670,670	2,952,272 -	(2,909,329) -	(5,022)	61,919 (670,670)	551,721 -
Total	1,122,551	2,952,272	(2,909,329)	(5,022)	(608,751)	551,721
CHARITY	1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain on investment £	Transfers £	31 July 2021 £
General funds Revaluation reserve	-		(1,684,462)	_	_	
Total	897,763	1,520,553	(1,684,462)	54,541	(13,948)	774,447
CHARITY	1 August 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	(Loss) on investment £	Transfers £	31 July 2020 £
General funds Revaluation reserve	490,080 670,670	2,815,206 -	(2,464,420)	(5,022) -	61,919 (670,670)	897,763 -

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company.

In the year ended 31 July 2020, a transfer of £607,751 has been made from unrestricted to the designated property fund. There were historically two separate funds for the same property, one of which was held in unrestricted funds. A decision was made during the financial year ended 31 July 2020 to transfer this to designated funds so that the balance on the designated fund at 31 July 2020 matched the net book value of the property.

During the year, a transfer of \pounds 13,948 was made from general funds to designated funds to be used for LUSL activities.

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23 Unrestricted funds – Designated

GROUP AND CHARITY	1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Property fund	1,240,398	-	(14,109)	-	1,226,289
LUSL	19,649	10,902	(44,499)	13,948	-
English Universities	20,669	-	-	(20,669)	-
Yorkshire Region	1,194	-	-	-	1,194
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Total	1,281,910	10,902	(54,608)	(6,721)	1,227,483
GROUP AND CHARITY	1 August 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Property fund	646,756	-	(14,109)	607,751	1,240,398
LUSL	8,805	65,271	(54,427)	-	19,649
English Universities	(200)	25,782	(4,913)	-	20,669
Yorkshire Region	3,187	-	(1,993)	-	1,194
Total	658,548	91,053	(75,442)	607,751	1,281,910

(i) The Property fund represents the net book value of the leasehold property. In the year ended 31 July 2020, a transfer of £607,751 has been made from unrestricted to the designated property fund. There were historically two separate funds for the same property, one of which was held in unrestricted funds. A decision was made during the financial year ended 31 July 2020 to transfer this to designated funds so that the balance on the designated fund at 31 July 2020 matched the net book value of the property.

(ii) LUSL – BUCS manages competitions and events for students at London-based HE institutions During the year, a transfer of £13,948 was made from general funds to designated funds to be used for LUSL activities.

(iii) English Universities – BUCS oversees operations for students from English Universities competing in competitions against other home nations. During the year, £20,669 has been transferred from designated funds to a restricted fund in accordance with the Service Level Agreement agreed during the year.

(iv) Yorkshire Region – oversees the use of funds for professional development activities for staff in HE institutions based in Yorkshire, one of the 12 BUCS regions and nations.

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24 Analysis of net assets between funds

GROUP	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Fund balances at 31 July 2021 are represented	£	£	£	£
by:				
Tangible fixed assets	7,640	1,226,289	-	1,233,929
Intangible assets	236,454	-	-	236,454
Investments	413,629	-	-	413,629
Trophies	31,915	-	-	31,915
Net current assets	31,975	1,194	15,353	48,522
Loan	(220,833)	-	-	(220,833)
Provision for pension deficit	(36,843)	-	-	(36,843)
Total	463,937	1,277,483	15,353	1,706,773

GROUP	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 July 2020 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	17,337	1,240,398	-	1,257,735
Intangible assets	274,144	-	-	274,144
Investments	362,646	-	-	362,646
Trophies	32,754	-	-	32,754
Net current (liabilities)/assets	(84,377)	41,512	3,300	(39,565)
Provision for pension deficit	(50,783)	-	-	(50,783)
Total	551,721	1,281,910	3,300	1,836,931

CHARITY	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 July 2021 are represented				
by:				
Tangible fixed assets	7,640	1,226,289	-	1,233,929
Intangible assets	113,244	-	-	113,244
Investments	413,729	-	-	413,729
Trophies	31,915	-	-	31,915
Net current assets/(liabilities)	465,595	1,194	15,353	482,142
Loan	(220,833)	-	-	(220,833)
Provision for pension deficit	(36,843)	-	-	(36,843)
Total	774,447	1,227,483	15,353	2,017,283

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CHARITY	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Fund halances at 21 July 2020 are represented	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 July 2020 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	16,900	1,240,398	-	1,257,298
Intangible assets	144,896	-	-	144,896
Investments	362,746	-	-	362,746
Trophies	32,754	-	-	32,754
Net current assets	391,250	41,512	3,300	436,062
Provision for pension deficit	(50,783)	-	-	(50,783)
Total	897,763	1,281,910	3,300	2,182,973

25 Operating leases

During the year, operating leases of £529 (2020: £1,686) were paid.

The charity has the following total operating lease commitments in place at the year end:

	Plant and	Plant and
	Equipment	Equipment
	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	-	529
Between one and five years	-	-
	-	529

26 Pension commitments

The total cost charged to the income and expenditure account is £27,575 (2020: £27,475).

The latest available full actuarial valuation of the scheme was at 31 March 2018 (the valuation date), which was carried out using the monitoring basis.

Since the institution cannot identify its share of scheme assets and liabilities, the following disclosures reflect those relevant for the scheme as a whole.

The 2018 valuation was the fourth valuation for USS under the scheme-specific funding regime introduced by the Pensions Act 2004, which requires schemes to adopt a statutory funding objective, which is to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover their technical provisions. At the valuation date, the value of the assets of the scheme was £63.7 billion and the value of the scheme's technical provisions was £67.3 billion indicating a shortfall of £3.6 billion. The assets therefore were sufficient to cover 95% of the benefits which had accrued to members after allowing the expected future increase in earnings.

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Defined benefit liability numbers for the scheme have been produced using the following assumptions:

	2021	2020
Discount rate	2.15%	2.55%
Pensionable salary growth	n/a	n/a
Pensions increases (CPI)	2.50%	2.05%

The main demographic assumptions used relates to the mortality assumptions. These assumptions have been updated for the 31 March 2020 accounting position, based on updated analysis of the Scheme's experience carried out as part of the actuarial valuation. The mortality assumptions used are as follows:

	2021	2020
Mortality base table	Pre-retirement	Pre-retirement
	71% of AMC00 (duration 0) for males	71% of AMC00 (duration 0) for males and
	and 112% of AMC00 (duration 0) for	112% of AMC00 (duration 0) for females
	females	
	Post retirement	Post retirement
	97.6% of SAPS S1NMA "light" for males	97.6% of SAPS S1NMA "light" for males
	and 102.7% of RFV00 for females	and 102.7% of RFV00 for females
Future improvements to	CMI_2017 with a smoothing parameter	CMI_2016 with a smoothing parameter of
mortality	of 8.5 and a long-term improvement	8.5 and a long-term improvement rate of
	rate of 1.8% pa for males and 1.6% pa	1.8% pa for males and 1.6% pa for
	for females	females

Use of these mortality tables reasonable reflects the actual USS experience. The current life expectancies on retirement at age 65 are:

Life expectancy:	2021	2020
Males aged 65	24.4	24.4
Females aged 65	25.9	25.9
Males aged 45	26.3	26.3
Females aged 45	27.7	27.7
	2021	2020
Scheme assets	£80.6bn	£63.7bn
Total scheme liabilities	£95.8bn	£67.3bn
FRS102 total scheme deficit	£15.2bn	£3.6bn
FRS102 total funding level	84%	95%
	2020	2020
	2020 £	2020 £
Pension scheme deficit at year end	36,843	50,783

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27 Related party transactions

During the year the group had the following transactions with related parties:

			2021		
Institution	Trustee	Income	Expenditure	Debtor	Creditor
		£	£	£	£
University of the West of Scotland	Prof Craig Mahoney	4,952	-	-	(1,326)
University of Bath	Prof Steve Egan	21,513	-	-	(3,426)
Sheffield Hallam	Madeleine Cannell	9,531	1,500	-	(5,514)
Hewitsons LLP	Benedict Moorhead	-	2,592	-	-
Northumbria University	Katy Storie	10,776	-	-	(520)
London Sport	Josef Baines	-	-	-	-
University of Sterling	Catherine Gallagher	17,125	-	-	(450)
Scottish Student Support	Catherine Gallagher	-	16,300	-	-
Lawn Tennis Association	Born Barikor	32,500	-	-	-
Our parks	Born Barikor	30,000	-	-	-
University of York Students Union		1,500	-	-	-
National Students e-Sports Limited	Duncan Jones	4,400	-	-	-

			2020		
Institution	Trustee	Income	Expenditure	Debtor	Creditor
		£	£	£	£
Edinburgh College	Prof Sir Ian	376	-	-	-
	Diamond				
University of Aberdeen	Prof Sir Ian	14,668	-	461	-
	Diamond				
University of Bath	Prof Steve Egan	51,622	727	-	-
Bench Freehold Limited	-	1,500	-	-	-
National Students e-Sports Limited	Duncan Jones	-	-	-	-
University of the West of Scotland	Prof Craig Mahoney	8,862	-	-	-
Northumbria University	Katy Storie	20,537	20,473	-	(448)
Hewitsons LLP	Benedict Moorhead	4,750	-	-	(690)
Lawn Tennis Association	Born Barikor	57,879	-	-	-
Scottish Student Support	Catherine Gallagher	45,941	-	-	-
University of Sterling	Catherine Gallagher	26,644	5,130	-	-
University of Leicester Students Union	Mia Nembhard	34,200	-	-	-
University of York Students Union	Madeleine Cannell	-	6,715	-	-
London Sport	Josef Baines	-	404	-	-

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28 SUBSIDIARY – BUCS TRADING LIMITED

The below results of BUCS Trading Limited have been consolidated into these accounts.

BUCS Trading Limited is incorporated in England, Company number 07125529. The address of its registered office is 20-24 King's Bench Street, London, SE1 0QX, United Kingdom.

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit and loss account extract: Turnover Cost of sales	148,543 -	137,065 (10,953)
Gross profit	148,543	126,112
Operating costs	(113,008)	(434,126)
Operating (loss)/profit for the financial year	35,535	(308,014)
Assets Liabilities	290,977 (601,553)	140,910 (487,021)
Funds	(310,576)	(346,111)

During the year, the charity recharged BUCs Trading Limited £nil (2020: £11,258) for overheads and £nil (2020: £87,171) for salary and staff related costs. £51,000 (£2020: £130,000) of cash as short term informal support on which no interest is charged was also transferred to BUCS Trading during the year. BUCS Trading paid £51,000 (2020: £nil) to the charity during the year and no interest was charged. The charity received £24,734 (2020: £29,861) of VAT from HMRC during the year. These were recharged under normal commercial terms. At the year end BUCS Trading Limited owed the charity £471,051 (2020: £427,944).