

ELEVATE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 AUGUST 2017

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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Members

Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair (appointed 12 June 2017)
The Bishop of Whitby (appointed 12 June 2017)
Jenny Carpenter (appointed 12 June 2017)
Dame Reena Keeble (appointed 12 June 2017)
Jim Brown (appointed 12 June 2017)

Trustees

Nigel Ashley, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
David Blanchfield, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
John Westwood Brear, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
Dr Elizabeth June Foster, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
Katherine Mary Humpleby, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
Michael Graham Smit, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017, resigned 14 November 2017)
David John Tucker, Trustee (appointed 12 June 2017)
Alison Wilson, Trustee (appointed 20 July 2017)

Company registered number

10814201

Company name

Elevate Multi Academy Trust

Principal and registered office

Halfpenny Lane, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, HG50SL

Chief executive officer

Nigel Ashley

Senior management team

Rebecca Clark, Chief Financial Officer
Nigel Ashley, Chief Executive Officer
Annie Gregory, Meadowside Headteacher
Nick Long, Aspin Headteacher
Abi Clay, Topcliffe Headteacher

Independent auditors

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited, York House, Thornfield Business Park, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2XQ

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc, 8-11 Cambridge Crescent, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1PQ

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Advisers (continued)

Solicitors

Winckworth Sherwood, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London, SE1 9BB

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The company was incorporated on 12 June 2017, but commenced operations on 1 July 2017. During the period Elevate operated three primary academies in North Yorkshire, its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 742 and had a roll of 728 in the school census in October 2016.

Since the academy qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Objectives, strategies and activities

The core principle of Elevate Multi Academy Trust's is that every child will Keep Up, Not Catch Up.

This will be achieved through:

- Delivering educational excellence to support every child, by providing a broad holistic range of learning opportunities, so that children can achieve outstanding outcomes;
- Providing exemplary teaching in a safe and nurturing environment;
- Teachers being free to teach and sharing their expertise across Elevate;
- Freeing headteachers from bureaucratic jobs to focus on leading learning;
- Embedding the ethos of exceptional high standards for all, by all.
- Forging strong, meaningful partnerships rooted in a shared commitment to improving and supporting academies and the communities they serve;
- Championing a culture of continual professional development that thrives on positive challenge;
- Providing a high-quality fully inclusive academy for the local community;
- Being an academy which would follow the National Curriculum and give children the best chances of achieving their potential and competing in the local and wider jobs market;
- Providing personalised learning in order to develop young people for transition to secondary education and onwards into the world of work;
- Developing very close links with the local community so that mentoring and experience opportunities would be available for all our children.

Public Benefit

In setting the Trust's objectives and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Equal opportunities

The Trustees recognise that equal opportunities are an integral part of good practice within the workplace. The Trust aims to establish equal opportunity in all areas of its activities, including creating a working environment in which the contribution and needs of all people are fully valued.

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Disabled persons

The policy of the Trust is to support the employment of disabled persons both in recruitment and by retention of employees who become disabled whilst in the employment of the Trust, as well as generally through training and career development.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Key performance indicators

Elevate was successful in its bid for the primary phased Free school in Thirsk. The land is due to be handed over in May 2018, when building will commence with an anticipated opening date of September 2019.

At beginning of 2018 three more local primary schools are joining Elevate, with another primary school due to join in April 2018. Within a short space of time Elevate is growing in strength as schools aspire to be part of the doctrine of Keep Up Not Catch Up.

i. Financial

During the short financial year to 31 August 2017, Elevate has controlled and managed its expenditure to ensure that it operated within the funding available through the General Annual Grant and devolved funds as appropriate.

ii. Attainment and progress

Whilst two of the three Academies had strong SATs results, the third school did not quite reach the same level. Now they have joined Elevate they are embracing their doctrine of Keep Up Not Catch Up.

The school's priorities for 2017/18 are sharply focused on raising student achievement, with a particular focus on accelerating the progress of students.

Financial review

a. Going concern

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

b. Principal risks and uncertainties

The financial performance of the Trust is included in the financial statements below. This can be summarised as being total income (excluding donated assets) for the period being £592,538 and expenditure (excluding Actuarial Gains | Losses) as £590,514 for the same period.

The majority of the income for Elevate is in the form of grants provided for education from the Education Funding Agency and called General Annual Grant. This funding is used directly to provide education for the children of the Academies in Elevate. Additional types of funding also covering education include those for less advantaged children (Pupil Premium), Special Education Needs (SEN), funding for specialist provision, including the Enhanced Mainstream Provisions. These funding types are all expended covering the need for which they are granted.

Elevate received income in the year for Start up Grants from the Education Skills and Funding Agency for activities relating to converting new academies. Whilst these conversions have not yet been realised the conversion activities were already taking place and the income recognised in accordance with the SORP.

Income was generated for School-to-School support which was received from Local Authorities where

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mainstream schools required consultant services to improve teaching and learning. Grant funding was received to run North Star and additional funding was received for CPD.

Other additional sources of income for example for school dinners, letting's and wrap around care are all expended delivering those services. Any surplus generated through these activities is reinvested in teaching and learning in that particular Academy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks and uncertainties to which Elevate Academies maybe exposed.

During the financial year, particular attention was dedicated to addressing risks around new schools joining and due diligence information available in the time leading up to transition and providing appropriate central services. Key risks and uncertainties identified continue to include changes in funding for capital projects, uncertainties in funding due to plans for new funding formulae and uncertainty in the funding support for schools joining Elevate. Both the teachers and children in the Academies are embracing the Keep Up Not Catch Up doctrine which will enhance and benefit their educational experiences.

Elevate held a surplus fund balance, excluding pension deficits and fixed assets, £330,946. The pension deficit of £556,000 has been added to the restricted reserves. Elevate is holding a fixed asset reserve of £8,737,589, this is largely the donation of land and buildings. Total reserves held at the end of the period are £8,512,535.

The principal risks to Elevate and associated mitigation are summarised as below. Elevate does not view cash flow or liquidity to be a strategic risk.

Decline in the General Annual Grant

Any reduction in the rate of funding per child or in the overall number of children could constitute a significant risk to Elevate.

This is mitigated by ensuring Elevate has the appropriate tools to manage the Academies budgets and to establish positive marketing activities.

Growth - New Academies

Failure to convert new academies would constitute a significant risk. This would affect proposed economies of scale and efficiencies from the central support services in the medium term.

This is mitigated by significant activity by the CEO on engaging with schools who have expressed an interest in joining Elevate. However, robust due diligence on all aspects is carried out by Elevate to minimise any risk.

c. Reserves policy

The Trustees are developing a policy, based on operational needs, to review the reserve levels of Elevate. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

It is Elevate's policy not to carry deficits and if they arise actions would be put in place to recover these in the next period. Where unrestricted deficits exist these are also recovered in the following period, any surplus on unrestricted activities is reinvested in restricted reserves for the purposes of education.

d. Investments policy

Elevate aims to manage its cash balances to provide for the day to day working capital requirements of its operations. whilst protecting the real long term value of any surplus cash balances against inflation. Elevate does not consider the investment of funds as a primary activity, rather as a result of good stewardship as and when circumstances allow.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

The academy is a charitable company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity.

The charitable company's Trust deed is the primary governing document of the academy trust.

The Trustees of Elevate Multi Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law.

The charitable company is known as Elevate Multi Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served during the period are included in the Reference and administrative details on page 1.

The academy was incorporated on 1 June 2017 and commenced trading on that date.

The principal object of Elevate Multi Academy Trust is to embed the ethos of exceptionally high expectations for all, by all through the Keep Up Not Catch Up doctrine of education.

b. Members liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

c. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Articles of Association require the appointment of at least nine Trustees (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution), including the Chief Executive Officer. Three are appointed by the Members, one appointed by the Diocese of Leeds, one appointed by the Diocese of York and three appointed depending on their skills set.

The term of office for any Trustee shall be 4 years, subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee may be re appointed or re elected.

d. Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents so they may undertake their role as Trustees. A review of Trustees skills evidenced that there was a broad range of skills and experience that enabled the Board to appropriately delivery its responsibilities. Access to training during the period was through peer-to-peer support and mentoring and electronic communication through The Key for Governors.

Elevate has engaged Academy consultants to advise and support both Trustees and local governors with training as required and on the structure and delivery of governance within Elevate.

e. Senior management team

Elevate's senior manager is the CEO, who is supported by the Chief Financial Officer, PA and Company Secretary. He leads and manages the Trust, setting strategy and implementing policy in conjunction with the Trustees. Head teachers lead and manage their Academies.

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f. Organisational structure

The governance of Elevate is defined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association together with the Funding Agreement with the Department of Education.

The Board of Trustees has established a number of committees to provide support and expertise in the areas of Finance and Standards, Policies, Pay Review, Church Scrutiny and Governance. Each individual Academy has its own Local Governing Body (LGB) which have some delegated responsibilities from the Trustees as set out in the Scheme of Delegation.

The Trustees are responsible for review of statutory policies and ensuring they are relevant and reflect practice. The annual and revised budgets are set and monitored by the Board of Trustees through the Resources Committee. The Trustees are also responsible for making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The Head Teacher's Partnership Board (HTPB) consists of the CEO and the Heads of each Academy within the trust. The work of the individual Academy Head teachers encompasses both day to day leadership and management of the Academy, which is supported by the strategic leadership through development planning by the HTPB. All members of the Academy leadership team will lead by example in all they do. In terms of teaching and learning there is an expectation that all lessons will be 'good or outstanding'.

g. Related party relationships

No Trustee received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year, nor for any other work undertaken on behalf of the Trust, Governors are from sponsoring organisations, employers, local authorities or other organisations some of which from time to time have dealings with the Trust in the course of their usual work. All transactions between these organisations and the Trust were carried out at arm's length and all material transactions were at standard rates.

North Star Teaching School Alliance

North Star is a collaboration of primary schools across North Yorkshire, led by Meadowside Academy in Knaresborough, and is a division of Elevate Multi Academy Trust. They were designated in Spring 2014 and are proud to support schools throughout the region and to provide high-quality initial teacher training through our successful School Direct programme.

North Star work with strategic partners including North Yorkshire Primary Teaching School Alliances (NYPSTA), the Local Authority, Leeds Trinity University, the Teaching Schools Council, the RSC, Carnegie Leaders in Learning, York St John University and others.

Their vision is to embed a culture of truly continual professional development for all teachers and TAs at every level. They are not a top-down school-improvement service but a facilitation service for schools and their staff to improve their own practice through collaboration and research. North Star's CPD offer is built on programmes that develop an individual's skills and practice over time and through working with others, complemented by bespoke short training courses that meet specific need. Their approach to each of the areas of focus (CPD, iTT, R&D, Leadership, School to School Support) is underpinned by this vision and they strive to make it relevant to all members from trainees taking their first steps in teaching to the most experienced Head Teachers.

h. Trustees' indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees, governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £10 million on any one claim.

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Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

Elevate is a mixed multi-academy trust comprising both Community and Church Schools. As an inclusive Trust it will embrace the diversity within the communities it serves.

For the future the Trust intends to grow and add capacity by attracting converter academies, which in turn will support further growth through the sponsorship of underperforming schools and opening of at least one Free School. There will be a balance of Good and Outstanding schools vs underperforming schools/new schools to ensure Trust stability.

The expanding MAT of this size will inspire greater collaboration and innovation; and built on current good practice.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' report was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 14 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 3 times during the period. Attendance during the period at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Nigel Ashley, Trustee	3	3
David Blanchfield, Trustee	2	3
John Westwood Brear, Trustee	3	3
Dr Elizabeth June Foster, Trustee	2	3
Katherine Mary Humpleby, Trustee	2	3
Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair, Trustee	3	3
Michael Graham Smit, Trustee	0	3
David John Tucker, Trustee	3	3
Alison Wilson, Trustee	0	0

Mike Smit resigned as a Trustee on 14th November 2017.

During the period under review there were 4 Resources Committee, 2 Standards Committee and 1 Chair of Governors Board meetings

The committees are Elevate Resources Committee, Elevate Standards Committee, Head teachers Partnership Board. Chair of Governors Committee, Head teacher performance review and CEO Performance Review and Pay committee and the Keeble Gateway Working party.

Attendance at meetings in the period was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Nigel Ashley	7	7
David Blanchfield	3	7
John Westwood Brear	3	7
Dr Elizabeth June Foster	2	7
Katherine Mary Humpleby	3	7
Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair	1	7
Michael Graham Smit	0	7
David John Tucker	4	7
Alison Wilson	2	7

REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

As Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for ensuring that the academy delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the academy's use of its resources has provided good value for money

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during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for Elevate will deliver improved value for money during the academic year.

Within the 2 month period the senior management team have been pooling resources to gain efficiencies and economies of scale.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Elevate Multi Academy Trust for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks, that has been in place for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

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

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint as internal auditor.

During the period Armstrong Watson Audit Limited will provide services based on assessing the risks to Elevate and will perform internal audits in agreement with the Trustees on these risks. Reports and recommendations following any audit are received by Elevate Resources Committee at the next meeting.

On a quarterly basis, the internal auditor reports to the board of trustees through the Elevate Resources Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

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

- the work of the internal auditor;

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- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Elevate Resource Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 14 December 2017 and signed on their behalf, by:

Rev Nigel Sinclair
Chair of Trustees

Nigel Ashley
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Elevate Multi Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

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

Nigel Ashley
Accounting Officer

Date: 14/12/17

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 14 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair, Trustee
Chair of Trustees

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
ELEVATE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Elevate Multi Academy Trust for the period ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS OF OPINION

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 academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the academy's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

OPINION 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 Trustees' report for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, 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 academy'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 academy's or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
ELEVATE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**

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.

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

Joanna Gray FCCA ACA DCha (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants

Northallerton

Date:

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ELEVATE
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 31 August 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Elevate Multi Academy Trust during the period 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELEVATE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND
THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Elevate Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 31 August 2017, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2016, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

APPROACH

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the

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expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Joanna Gray FCCA ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants

Northallerton

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Note				
INCOME FROM:				
Transfer from local authority on conversion	2	353,188	(497,000)	8,737,589
Charitable activities	3	-	473,129	-
Other trading activities	4	27,858	53,268	-
Bank interest		15	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		381,061	29,397	8,737,589
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds		-	38,600	-
Charitable activities		85,674	466,238	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5	85,674	504,838	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES				
		295,387	(475,441)	8,737,589
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	(45,000)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		295,387	(520,441)	8,737,589
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		295,387	(520,441)	8,737,589

All of the academy's activities derive from acquisitions in the current financial period.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	£	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13		8,736,664
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	542,257	
Cash at bank and in hand		374,507	
		916,764	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(565,618)	
		351,146	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			351,146
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			9,087,810
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	21		(575,275)
			8,512,535
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY			
Restricted income funds:			
Restricted income funds	16	21,559	
Restricted fixed asset funds	16	8,737,589	
		8,759,148	
Restricted income funds excluding pension liability		8,759,148	
Pension reserve		(542,000)	
		8,217,148	
Total restricted income funds			8,217,148
Unrestricted income funds	16		295,387
			8,512,535
TOTAL FUNDS			

The financial statements on pages 19 to 38 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 14 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:

Rev Nigel Craig Sinclair
Chair of Trustees

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by operating activities	18	<u>9,112,096</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Schools tangible fixed assets		(16,809)
Transfer of land and buildings		<u>(8,720,780)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(8,737,589)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period		374,507
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	19	<u><u>374,507</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from acquisitions in the current financial period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Elevate Multi Academy Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the academy to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

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

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

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the academy's educational operations, including support costs and those costs relating to the governance of the academy appointed to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account and carried forward in the Balance sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

School land and buildings	-	Depreciated over 50 years straight line
Office equipment	-	4 year straight line

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

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the academy anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The academy only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised costs as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instruments. Amounts due to the academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

1.10 Taxation

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

1.11 Pensions

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Governments Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 21, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Conversion to an academy trust

The conversion from a state maintained school to an academy trust involved the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £NIL consideration. The substance of the transfer is that of a gift and it has been accounted for on that basis as set out below.

The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from North Yorkshire County Council to an academy trust have been valued at their fair value. The fair value has been derived based on that of equivalent items. The amounts have been recognised under the appropriate balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in Donations - transfer from local authority on conversion in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account and analysed under unrestricted funds, restricted general funds and restricted fixed asset funds.

Further details of the transaction are set out in note 20.

1.13 Fund accounting

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

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder and include grants from the Department for Education.

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The academy trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 August 2017 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Transferred from local authority	353,188	8,240,589	8,593,777

3. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
DfE/ESFA grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	395,508	395,508
Conversion Grants	-	56,850	56,850
UISFM	-	20,771	20,771
	<u>-</u>	<u>473,129</u>	<u>473,129</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Letting income	3,396	-	3,396
Catering income	1,037	-	1,037
Other income	23,425	1,718	25,143
National Leader Funding	-	51,550	51,550
	<u>27,858</u>	<u>53,268</u>	<u>81,126</u>

5. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs 2017 £	Premises 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £
Expenditure on raising voluntary income	-	-	38,600	38,600
Educational operations:				
Direct costs	339,053	-	61,387	400,440
Support costs	88,162	-	62,557	150,719
Other staff costs	-	-	753	753
	<u>427,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,297</u>	<u>590,512</u>

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6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2017 £	Support costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £
Educational operations -Direct costs	<u>387,193</u>	<u>150,719</u>	<u>537,912</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Educational operations £	Total 2017 £
Staff costs	88,162	88,162
Depreciation	925	925
Bank charges	4	4
Insurance	7,809	7,809
Water charges	965	965
Heat and light	1,124	1,124
Maintenance of premises and equipment	22,417	22,417
Management and administrative costs	7,692	7,692
Professional fees	15,953	15,953
Support activities - Travel and subsistence	63	63
Support Costs- payroll services	5,605	5,605
	<u>150,719</u>	<u>150,719</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2017 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	925
Auditors' remuneration - audit	<u>5,000</u>

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8. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017
	£
Wages and salaries	385,935
Social security costs	26,648
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	14,632
	427,215
	427,215

The average number of persons employed by the academy during the period was as follows:

	2017
	No.
Support Staff All costs were recharged to the schools and apportioned equally to reflect number of schools within the academy for the given period.	4
Teachers	30
Teaching Assistants	20
	54
	54

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2017
	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2

Senior management team comprises 5 members who received remuneration during the period totalling £34,617.

9. CENTRAL SERVICES

All costs were recharged to the schools and apportioned equally to reflect number of schools within the academy for the given period

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10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

		2017 £
Nigel Ashley	Remuneration	10,000-15,000
	Pension contributions paid	0-5,000

During the period ended 31 August 2017, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses.

11. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim.

12. OTHER FINANCE INCOME

	2017 £
Interest income on pension scheme assets	3,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(5,000)
	(2,000)
	(2,000)

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Additions	8,720,780	16,809	8,737,589
At 31 August 2017	8,720,780	16,809	8,737,589
Depreciation			
Charge for the period	-	925	925
At 31 August 2017	-	925	925
Net book value			
At 31 August 2017	8,720,780	15,884	8,736,664

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

The buildings were value is on the basis of remaining useful asset life and existing use.

Buildings includes:	2017 £
School buildings	8,720,780

The Academy occupies the land and buildings under a mere licence to occupy and can be given 2 years notice under the terms of the Diocese agreement with the Secretary of State. The buildings are capitalised and depreciated on the expectation that the academy will continue to occupy them for their useful life.

14. DEBTORS

	2017 £
Trade debtors	50,785
VAT repayable	22,603
Other debtors	20,749
Prepayments and accrued income	448,120
	542,257

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £
Trade creditors	182,419
Other taxation and social security	40,896
Other creditors	59
Accruals and deferred income	342,244
	565,618

16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 July 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	-	381,061	(85,674)	-	295,387
	-	381,061	(85,674)	-	295,387

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Restricted funds

General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	373,950	(373,950)	-	-
Conversion Grant	-	78,407	(56,848)	-	21,559
UFSM	-	20,771	(20,771)	-	-
Other activities	-	53,269	(53,269)	-	-
Pension reserve	-	(497,000)	-	(45,000)	(542,000)
	-	29,397	(504,838)	(45,000)	(520,441)

Restricted fixed asset funds

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds - all funds	-	8,737,589	-	-	8,737,589
Total restricted funds	-	8,766,986	(504,838)	(45,000)	8,217,148
Total of funds	-	9,148,047	(590,512)	(45,000)	8,512,535

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

Unrestricted funds include income and expenditure for lettings and bank interest.

General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the nominal running costs of the Academy.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

Other activities includes income and expenditure for trips, exams and courses.

The pension reserve relates to the Charitable Company's share of the deficit of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY FUND BALANCE

Fund balances at 31 August 2017 were allocated as follows:

	Total 2017 £
Meadowside Academy	66,115
Aspin Park Academy	78,138
Topcliffe CofE Academy	68,603
North Star Teaching Alliance	144,575
Elevate	(9,676)
Pension Expense	(14,000)
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	333,755
Restricted fixed asset fund	8,737,589
Pension reserve	(542,000)
Total	8,529,344

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY COST

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Total 2017 £
Meadowside Academy	100,571	19,764	120,335
Aspin Park Academy	182,461	27,885	210,346
Topcliffe CofE Academy	27,370	10,647	38,017
Elevate Multi Academy Trust	16,652	-	16,652
North Star Training Alliance	-	26,770	26,770
	<u>327,054</u>	<u>85,066</u>	<u>412,120</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	(924)	-	8,737,589	8,736,665
Current assets	895,206	21,558	-	916,764
Creditors due within one year	(565,619)	-	-	(565,619)
Pension liability	(19,275)	(556,000)	-	(575,275)
	<u>295,387</u>	<u>(520,441)</u>	<u>8,737,589</u>	<u>8,512,535</u>

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18. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2017 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	8,557,535
Adjustment for:	
Depreciation charges	925
Increase in debtors	(542,257)
Increase in creditors	565,618
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation inherited	575,275
Defined benefit pension scheme actuarial loss	(45,000)
	9,112,096
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,112,096

19. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017 £
Cash in hand	374,507
Total	374,507

20. CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY TRUST

On 1 July 2017 Aspin Park Primary School and Meadowside Community Primary School, and on 1 August 2017 Topcliffe Church of England Primary School converted to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Elevate Multi Academy Trust from North Yorkshire County Council for £NIL consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account as Donations - transfer from local authority on conversion

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Freehold/leasehold land and buildings	-	-	8,729,780	8,729,780
	-	-	8,729,780	8,729,780

21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

As described in note 20 the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the academy trust, who were the

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the 1 July 2017. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the academy trust at the balance sheet date.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 August 2017.

Contributions amounting to £19,275 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

During the previous year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £25,013.

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx).

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the period ended 31 August 2017 was £27,000, of which employer's contributions totalled £21,000. and employees' contributions totalled £6,000.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	2017
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.50 %
Expected return on scheme assets at 31 August	3.10 %
Rate of increase in salaries	2.00 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.00 %

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

	2017
Retiring today	
Males	22.8
Females	26.3
Retiring in 20 years	
Males	25
Females	28.6

The academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £
Equities	436,254
Gilts	84,224
Corporate bonds	19,740
Property	53,298
Cash and other liquid assets	3,290
Other	61,194
 Total market value of assets	 658,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £21,000.

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account are as follows:

	2017 £
Current service cost	(33,000)
Interest income	3,000
Interest cost	(5,000)
	(35,000)
Total	(35,000)

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

	2017 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	1,009,000
Current service cost	33,000
Interest cost	5,000
Employee contributions	6,000
Actuarial losses	63,000
Benefits paid	(1,000)
Net increase in liabilities from acquisitions	99,000
	1,214,000
Closing defined benefit obligation	1,214,000

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

	2017 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	571,000
Interest income	3,000
Actuarial losses	18,000
Employer contributions	21,000
Employee contributions	6,000
Benefits paid	(1,000)
Net increase in assets from acquisitions	40,000
	658,000
Closing fair value of scheme assets	658,000

22. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

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23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.