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Meeting of the Executive Committee December 2022

**Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

Commonwealth Foundation

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Legal and administrative information For the year ended 30 June 2022

International Organisation status

The Commonwealth Foundation (the Foundation) was established by Agreed Memorandum approved by the Commonwealth Heads of Government in London in 1966. It was originally registered as a charity under English law but was reconstituted as an International Organisation on 14 February 1983 under the Headquarters Agreement between the Foundation and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Cmnd.8675), as ratified by the Commonwealth Foundation Immunities and Privileges Order 1983 (SI 1983 No. 143).

The objective of the Foundation is to strengthen and mobilise civil society in support of Commonwealth principles and priorities.

Within this broad framework, the Foundation:

1. assists civil society organisations, including Commonwealth professional bodies and networks at the national, regional and Commonwealth level;
2. supports exchange between civil society organisations, including Commonwealth professional bodies and networks;
3. stimulates the flow of information between civil society organisations including Commonwealth professional bodies and networks and governments through Commonwealth processes; and
4. stimulates and supports any other activities which fall within the Foundation's strategic plan as approved by the Board of Governors.

The Foundation is governed in accordance with its Memorandum of Understanding.

Vision and Mission

The Foundation's vision is of a Commonwealth of equal, just and inclusive societies. Its mission is to contribute to that vision by:

1. supporting the active and constructive participation of Commonwealth citizens in all aspects of their governance
2. nurturing the growth of vibrant and free civil societies in all Commonwealth countries
3. advancing the principles and ideals of the Commonwealth

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Membership and governance

All 56 Commonwealth countries are eligible to become Members of the Commonwealth Foundation. Total membership as at June 2022 is 48 countries.

Associated states or overseas territories may apply for associate member status. Gibraltar is currently an Associate Member.

The Commonwealth Foundation is governed by a Chair and a Board of Governors. Each Member State is represented on the Board by a Governor. In addition, five Governors are selected to represent Civil Society. The Associate Member is represented on the Board by an observer.

Member States

Antigua & Barbuda	Malta
Australia	Mauritius
Bahamas	Mozambique
Bangladesh	Namibia
Barbados	New Zealand
Belize	Nigeria
Botswana	Pakistan
Brunei Darussalam	Papua New Guinea
Cameroon	Rwanda
Canada	Seychelles
Cyprus	Sierra Leone
Dominica	Solomon Islands
Ghana	South Africa
Grenada	Sri Lanka
Guyana	St Kitts and Nevis (joined June 2021)
India	St Lucia
Jamaica	St Vincent & the Grenadines
Kenya	Tonga
Kingdom of eSwatini (formerly Swaziland)	Trinidad & Tobago
Kiribati	Uganda
Lesotho	United Kingdom
Malawi	United Republic of Tanzania
Malaysia	Vanuatu (joined January 2018)
Maldives (rejoined April 2021)	Zambia

Associate Member

Gibraltar

Commonwealth Member States that are not part of the Commonwealth Foundation

Gabon	Singapore (withdrew Feb 2012)
Fiji Islands	The Gambia (withdrew Oct 2013)
Nauru	Togo
Samoa (withdrew May 2011)	Tuvalu

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Introduction from the Director-General For the year ended 30 June 2022

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2021-2022 Annual Financial Statements of the Commonwealth Foundation. The Foundation's reputation for careful and transparent use of public funds owes much to the diligent work of the finance team, led by our longest-serving staff member, Finance Manager Stephanie Song. My thanks to Stephanie and her team for supporting the Foundation through another challenging and exciting year – as well as to our auditors, who continue to provide excellent guidance to the Foundation during times of continuing change and uncertainty.

After two years of conducting the audit remotely, we were happy that circumstances once again permitted us to undertake the 2021-2022 audit in person. Like many other organisations, the Foundation has experienced remote work as a time of real innovation and growth. Our financial administration, for example, has been considerably streamlined with all management, payment and record systems now fully online. During this audit we continued to benefit from those changes, (for example, real-time sharing of documents), while also experiencing the substantial advantages that come with in-person working.

The Financial Statements confirm that the Foundation's current position is strong, with cash and cash equivalents at year-end revealing a healthy balance of £2,902,813 and an increase in our general reserves. This situation is a direct result of collected arrears, touched on further below.

The audit report covers the first full year of the Foundation's Strategic Plan 2021-2026. The Plan, approved by Governors in June 2021, represented a significant shift in focus and direction. Our work is now organised under three themes: health; environment and climate; and freedom of expression and during 2021-2022 we increased the portion of our budget that is made available for grants to civil society organisations working in these areas. The Foundation has also sought to strengthen our own role as advocate and champion of Commonwealth values and aspirations. Our commitment to supporting civil society in small and vulnerable Commonwealth countries has been realised across all programmes.

The Foundation takes seriously its obligation to carefully and responsibly use the funds made available by Member States. We continue to improve our approach to monitoring and evaluation: combining a robust results-based management system with innovations that seek to give us the information needed to show the change that happening because of our work.

As an intergovernmental organisation the Foundation's financial health – and capacity to deliver on its strategic plan – is contingent on members' full and regular payment of their assessed contributions. In my introduction to last year's audit report, I expressed deep concern that the issue of arrears in assessed contributions was presenting serious challenges, noting that the group of member states in serious arrears is largely comprised of small and vulnerable Commonwealth States that would benefit enormously from full engagement with the Foundation.

I am most grateful to the Foundation's Board of Governors for agreeing, in June 2022, to my proposal for a 'recovery and re-set initiative'. Under this initiative, the debts of members in serious arrears will be considered fully discharged upon payment of the past two years' contribution and a commitment to full and timely payment of future contributions. I have already commenced discussions with all concerned High Commissioners and hope to be able to provide a positive report to the Board in June

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2023. There is, in the meantime, some important progress to report in relation to members that were in serious arrears. The United Republic of Tanzania cleared all outstanding arrears during the Financial Year covered by this audit. Papua New Guinea also cleared all outstanding arrears up to Financial Year 2020-2021; and Ghana has cleared a substantial part of their outstanding arrears.

The Foundation's member states are ultimately responsible for ensuring the long-term financial stability and sustainability of their organisation. I look forward to engaging closely with governors on this issue – while ensuring that, within the Foundation, we continue our strong record of prudence, transparency, and delivering exceptional value for money.



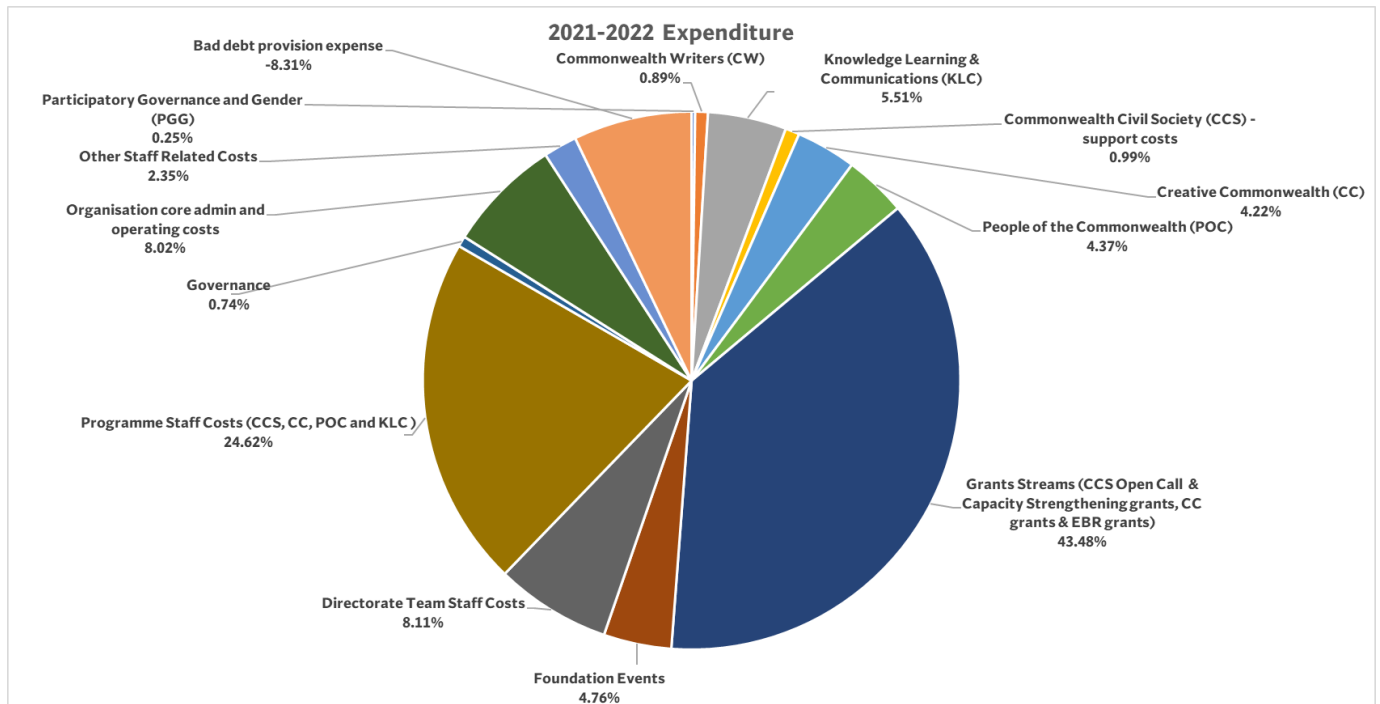
Dr Anne T Gallagher AO
Director-General

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Financial review For the year ended 30 June 2022

For the year ended 30 June 2022, the Foundation recognised income of £3,305,780 (2021: £3,601,781) and expenditure of £3,232,420 (2021: £3,636,736). Reserves increased by £73,360 (2021: decreased £34,955) resulting in reserves carried forward as at 30 June 2022 of £1,375,872 (2021: £1,302,512).

A summary of the Foundation's expenditure for the year is provided below:



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Statement of Board of Governors' responsibilities For the year ended 30 June 2022

The Board of Governors is entrusted by Member States with responsibility for and oversight of the Foundation's policies, programmes, priorities and approval of the annual budget and for ensuring that these are in accordance with the strategic plan of the Foundation.

The Memorandum of Understanding requires the Board of Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Commonwealth Foundation and of its result for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Governors is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Commonwealth Foundation will continue to operate; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board of Governors is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Commonwealth Foundation. The Board of Governors is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Commonwealth Foundation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

To assist the Board in the execution of these duties, the Memorandum of Understanding provides for the appointment of a Director-General. The Foundation is represented by the Director-General and as such the Director-General authorises the financial statements and associated reports on behalf of the Board of Governors and the Commonwealth Foundation.

The Board of Governors is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Foundation and financial information included on the Foundation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board of Governors on 17 November 2022 by:



Dr Anne T Gallagher AO
Director-General

**Independent auditors' report to the Board of Governors
For the year ended 30 June 2022**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Commonwealth Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the Statement of income and expenditure, the Statement of financial position, Statement of cash flows 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 Foundation's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and its result for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for 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 Foundation 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 Board of Governors' 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 Foundation'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 Board of Governors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Board of Governors is 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 other information and 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

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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.

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Board of Governors' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the Board of Governors is 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 Board of Governors determines 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 Board of Governors is responsible for assessing the Foundation'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 Board of Governors either intend to liquidate the Foundation 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the Foundation's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with informed management, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the Foundation by discussions with management and updating our understanding of the sector in which the Foundation operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the Foundation include the Commonwealth Foundation Immunities and Privileges Order 1983 (SI 1983 No. 143) under which the Foundation is constituted, and UK Tax legislation.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement

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disclosures. We reviewed the Foundation's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the Foundation's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

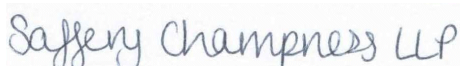
During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Board of Governors, as a body, in accordance with the engagement letter dated 23 July 2021. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Governors 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 Foundation and Board of Governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 17 November 2022

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Statement of income and expenditure For the year ended 30 June 2022

		2022				2021
		General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Notes						
Income from						
Assessed contributions	5	3,294,967	-	-	3,294,967	3,283,087
Grants and voluntary Donations	5	-	-	-	-	315,862
Other income	5	10,813	-	-	10,813	2,832
Total income		3,305,780	-	-	3,305,780	3,601,781
Expenditure on						
Programmes						
- Direct programme costs	6	482,384	42,602	-	524,986	436,871
- Programme grants payable	7	1,162,026	2,157	241,240	1,405,423	1,451,740
- Foundation events	8	-	153,903	-	153,903	92,209
- Staff and related costs	9	770,064	-	25,598	795,662	827,810
		2,414,474	198,662	266,838	2,879,974	2,808,630
Directorate						
- Strategic development		-	-	-	-	48,602
- Governance		23,879	-	-	23,879	8,712
- Organisation core admin and operating costs		259,327	-	-	259,327	263,500
- Staff and related costs	9	338,004	-	-	338,004	362,633
		621,210	-	-	621,210	683,447
Bad debt expense	5	(268,764)	-	-	(268,764)	144,659
Total expenditure	10	2,766,920	198,662	266,838	3,232,420	3,636,736
Net income/ (expenditure) for the financial year		538,860	(198,662)	(266,838)	73,360	(34,955)
Transfers between funds	10	(25,435)	25,435	-	-	-
Reserves brought forward		693,294	293,356	315,862	1,302,512	1,337,467
Reserves carried forward		1,206,719	120,129	49,024	1,375,872	1,302,512

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Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		22,931		4,383
Current assets					
Debtors	12	563,331		383,096	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,902,813</u>		<u>2,645,172</u>	
		3,466,144		3,028,268	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(2,113,203)</u>		<u>(1,730,139)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,352,941</u>		<u>1,298,129</u>
Net assets			<u>1,375,872</u>		<u>1,302,512</u>
Reserves					
General fund			1,206,719		693,294
Designated fund			120,129		293,356
Restricted funds			<u>49,024</u>		<u>315,862</u>
Total reserves	10		<u>1,375,872</u>		<u>1,302,512</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small entities' regime.

The accounts were approved on 17 November 2022 and signed on behalf of the Board of Governors by:



Dr Anne T Gallagher AO
Director-General

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Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities (see below)		<u>287,556</u>	<u>207,296</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(30,830)	-
Interest income		<u>915</u>	<u>2,832</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>(29,915)</u>	<u>2,832</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		257,641	210,128
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>2,645,172</u>	<u>2,435,044</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u><u>2,902,813</u></u>	<u><u>2,645,172</u></u>
Reconciliation of net income to cash flows from operating activities		2022 £	2022 £
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		73,360	(34,955)
Depreciation charges		12,282	2,237
(Increase) / decrease in debtors		(180,235)	31,966
Increase in creditors		383,064	210,880
Interest income		<u>(915)</u>	<u>(2,832)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u><u>287,556</u></u>	<u><u>207,296</u></u>

Note: Analysis of changes in net funds:

	At 1 July 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2022 £
Cash	<u><u>2,645,172</u></u>	<u><u>275,641</u></u>	<u><u>2,902,813</u></u>

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2022

1. Statutory information

The Commonwealth Foundation is an International Organisation. The registered office is Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5HY, United Kingdom.

2. Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) for small entities (FRS 102 Section 1A). There were no material departures from that standard.

3. Accounting policies

The financial statements are presented in the currency of the United Kingdom. Monetary amounts in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest whole £.

The Commonwealth Foundation constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the organisation's financial statements.

3.1 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of income and expenditure when the Foundation is entitled to the income and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Assessed contributions are recognised in the year to which the contribution relates. Interest is recognised when earned. Grants received by the Foundation are recognised over the periods to which they relate.

3.2 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is allocated to the different headings on the statement of income and expenditure on a basis that is consistent with the use of the resources.

3.3 Fixed assets

Fixed assets greater than £500 are capitalised at cost, which includes the purchase price and directly attributable costs to bring the asset into functional use.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20% per annum
Equipment	33% per annum

3.4 Debtors

Debtors are stated at net realisable value. A provision for loss is established based on a review of outstanding amounts at the reporting date.

Provision is normally made against amounts due from Member States that are more than two years overdue, as well as any debts owed by former members of the Foundation.

3.5 Financial instruments

Financial instruments primarily include financial assets and liabilities such as cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables. The Commonwealth Foundation has not entered into any derivative financial instrument transactions at the reporting date. Interest relating to financial instruments is reported in the statement of income and expenditure.

Financial assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value as at the reporting date.

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Foundation's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

3.6 Cash and cash equivalents

The Commonwealth Foundation considers cash in hand, amounts due from banks and short-term deposits with banks to be cash and cash equivalents.

3.7 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Commonwealth Foundation has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past transactions, when it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle that obligation, and when an estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

3.8 Foreign currency transactions

All assessed contributions are payable in sterling. Voluntary contributions are accepted in currencies other than sterling. Foreign currency transactions are accounted for at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transactions. Both realised and unrealised gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the revaluation at reporting date of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

3.9 Reserves

General funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the Commonwealth Foundation to further any of its purposes. It is one aim of the Commonwealth Foundation to hold the equivalent of six months' operating expenditure in cash in General Fund reserves to provide working capital. This figure is calculated as one half of the previous year's assessed contributions.

Designated funds represent amounts set aside by the Board of Governors to meet specific activities of the organisation. Details of activities funded by designated funds are disclosed in Note 10.

Restricted funds represent amounts received by the Commonwealth Foundation that are earmarked for specific usage by the funder.

3.10 Taxes

The Commonwealth Foundation is exempt from direct and indirect tax under its agreement with the UK Government. VAT incurred on the supply of goods and services is recoverable from the UK government.

3.11 Gratuity scheme

The Foundation contributes fifteen per cent of gross salary on a monthly basis for members of staff in lieu of pension contributions. The funds are invested and administered by the Commonwealth Secretariat Staff Gratuity Fund. The Fund's underlying assets are represented by cash and fixed term deposits. Payments of accumulated gratuity plus interest are made to staff at the end of their contract or on leaving the Foundation. Contributions to the fund are recognised as staff costs in the statement of income and expenditure.

4. Critical estimates and judgements

Judgements and estimations 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.

In making these estimates the Foundation makes assumptions concerning the future. The judgements and estimations that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

Provision against contributions receivable

At the end of each financial year the Foundation assesses the recoverability of outstanding contributions due from Member States and makes a provision against certain outstanding contributions. The Foundation has provided against amounts due from Member States that are more than two or more years overdue as well as any debts owed by former members of the Foundation.

Unquantifiable pension commitments

No provision is made for pension contributions payable by the Commonwealth Foundation to two former employees. An annual charge is made for the amounts payable each year; the pension commitment is not considered to be quantifiable due to the age of the pensioners.

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5. Income

5.1 Assessed contributions

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Assessed contributions	<u>3,294,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,294,967</u>	<u>3,283,087</u>

The Foundation is financed by assessed contributions from 48 of the 56 member countries that make up the Commonwealth.

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Decrease / (increase) in provision for contributions arrears	<u>268,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,764</u>	<u>(144,659)</u>

A provision has been made against amounts due from Member States over two or more years. Member States contributions for the year after provision were £3,563,731 (2020: £3,138,428).

5.2 Project grants and voluntary income

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) Canada	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>315,862</u>

5.3 Other income

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank interest	915	-	915	2,832
Sundry income	9,898	-	9,898	-
	<u>10,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,813</u>	<u>2,832</u>

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6. Direct programme costs

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Participatory Governance and Gender (PGG)	-	8,070	-	8,070	114,580
Commonwealth Writers (CW)	-	28,692	-	28,692	195,864
Knowledge Learning and Communications (KLC)	172,366	5,840	-	178,206	126,427
Commonwealth Civil Society (CCS) – for grants awarded see 7 below	32,071	-	-	32,071	-
Creative Commonwealth (CC) – For grants awarded see 7 below	136,555	-	-	136,555	-
People of the Commonwealth (POC)	141,392	-	-	141,392	-
	<u>482,384</u>	<u>42,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>524,986</u>	<u>436,871</u>

7. Programme grants payable

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Commonwealth Civil Society Programme					
Participatory governance grants	902,816	-	-	902,816	965,948
Capacity strengthening grants	168,127	-	-	168,127	-
Covid-19 Special grants	-	2,157	-	2,157	438,306
Grants management and database -for 2022 see 6 above		-	-	-	47,486
Creative Commonwealth Programme Grants	91,083	-	-	91,083	-
EBR Canada Grants	-	-	241,240	241,240	-
	<u>1,162,026</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>241,240</u>	<u>1,405,423</u>	<u>1,451,740</u>

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8. Foundation events

	General funds £	Designated funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Commonwealth People's Peoples' Forum	-	153,903	153,903	95,194
	-	153,903	153,903	95,194

9. Staff and related costs

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
The main components of staff costs are:				
Salaries	813,151	25,598	838,749	875,910
Social security	89,206	-	89,206	98,122
Gratuity scheme costs	129,741	-	129,741	131,498
Other staff related costs	75,970	-	75,970	84,913
	1,108,068	25,598	1,133,666	1,190,443
Of which:				
Programmes	770,064	25,598	795,662	827,810
Directorate (incl other staff related costs)	338,004	-	338,004	362,633
	1,108,068	25,598	1,133,666	1,190,443

Average staff numbers in the year

	2022	2021
Senior management	2	2
Programmes	16	14
Directorate	4	5
	22	21

The Foundation considers its key management personnel to be the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General. The total employment benefits including contributions to the gratuity fund of key management personnel in the year ended 30 June 2022 were £272,256 (2021: £259,196).

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10. Reserves

	Balance 1 July 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds					
General Fund	693,294	3,305,780	(2,766,920)	(25,435)	1,206,719
Restricted funds					
Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) Canada (vi)	315,862	-	(266,838)	-	49,024
Designated funds					
Special Grants Funds (i)	53,772	-	-	-	53,772
Covid-19 Special Grants Call(ii)	24,612	-	(2,157)	(22,455)	-
Commonwealth People's Forum Fund (iii)	154,806	-	(153,903)	16,000	16,903
Governance activities carried forward	(7)	-	-	-	(7)
Programmes (PGG & CW project activities) carried forward (iv)	49,223	-	(36,762)	-	12,461
Knowledge Learning & Communications (v)	10,950	-	(5,840)	(5,110)	-
Creative Commonwealth (vii)	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
People of the Commonwealth (viii)	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
	<u>293,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(198,662)</u>	<u>25,435</u>	<u>120,129</u>
Total funds	<u>1,302,512</u>	<u>3,305,780</u>	<u>(3,232,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,375,872</u>

The designated reserves are for the following purposes:

(i) The Special Grants Fund was used to make one-off grants to Commonwealth countries in exceptional circumstances, for example, grants to alleviate difficulties arising from natural disasters.

(ii) The Covid-19 Special Grants Call Fund represents money set aside to support Commonwealth civil society organisations in response to Covid-19 pandemic.

(iii) The Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF) Fund represents money set aside to support the Foundation's biennial event.

(iv) This reflects reserves set aside to meet the costs of specific projects taking place in 2021-2022 that were included in the original budget for 2020-2021 for Participatory Governance & Gender and Commonwealth Writers programmes. These projects were delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

(v) This reflects the unspent balance of the 2020-2021 Knowledge Learning & Communications budget, which had been carried forward to meet costs taking place in 2021-2022 that were included in the original budget.

(vi) Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) Canada represents funds (equivalent CAD\$550,000) received from the Government of Canada to enhance the Foundation's Special Grants Call in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

(vii) This reflects the unspent balance of the 2021-2022 Creative Commonwealth budget, which had been carried forward to meet costs taking place in 2022-2023 that were included in the original budget.

(viii) This reflects the unspent balance of the 2021-2022 People of the Commonwealth budget which had been carried forward to meet costs taking place in 2022-2023 that were included in the original budget.

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11. Fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Balance at 1 July 2021	17,536	14,111	31,647
Additions in year	-	30,830	30,830
Balance at 30 June 2022	17,536	44,941	62,477
Depreciation			
Balance at 1 July 2021	13,819	13,445	27,264
Depreciation charge for the year	1,338	10,944	12,282
Balance at 30 June 2022	15,157	24,389	39,546
Net book value			
At 30 June 2022	2,379	20,552	22,931
At 30 June 2021	3,717	666	4,383

12. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Assessed contributions	1,346,937	1,511,598
Provision for contribution arrears (see below)	(973,985)	(1,242,749)
VAT and other recoverable taxes	154,291	94,226
Other debtors	13,622	-
Accrued income, prepayments and deposits	22,466	20,021
	563,331	383,096
Provision for contribution arrears	2022 £	2021 £
Provision for contribution arrears at 1 July	1,242,749	1,098,091
Provided against in the year	158,164	199,615
Cash received against provision made	(426,928)	(54,957)
Provision for contribution arrears at 30 June	973,985	1,242,749

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants payable	1,678,844	1,291,838
Other accounts payable	191,057	100,087
Accrued charges	213,415	253,946
Deferred income	25,884	84,268
Social security costs	4,003	-
	2,113,203	1,730,139

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Further to the amounts committed and included above, the Commonwealth Foundation has also approved grants subject to the recipient satisfying specified conditions. The total amount approved but not included as grants payable at 30 June 2022 was £524,642 (2021: £669,225) and Extra-Budgetary Resources Canada Covid-19 Grants of £nil (2021: £243,400).

14. Unquantifiable pension commitments

No provision has been made for the unquantifiable commitment for pension contributions payable by the Commonwealth Foundation to two former employees. These pension contributions are instead accounted for as an annual charge. The amount paid in 2022 was £3,250 (2021: £3,151).

15. Other financial commitments

At 30 June 2022, the Foundation had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payment under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due for payment as follows:

2022

	Land and buildings	Equipment	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	40,438	55,092	95,530	27,600
Between 2 and 5 years	-	220,368	220,368	-
In over 5 years	-	27,546	27,546	-
Total	40,438	303,006	343,444	27,600

2021

	Land and buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Within one year	27,600	-	27,600
Between 2 and 5 years	-	-	-
In over 5 years	-	-	-
Total	27,600	-	27,600

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16. Prior year comparatives

16.1 Statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021			
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from				
Assessed contributions	3,283,087	-	-	3,283,087
Grants and voluntary donations	-	-	315,862	315,862
Other income	2,832	-	-	2,832
Total income	3,285,919	-	315,862	3,601,781
Expenditure on				
Programmes				
- Direct programme costs	375,327	53,544	8,000	436,871
- Grants programme	1,095,955	355,785	-	1,451,740
- Foundation events	-	92,209	-	92,209
- Staff and related costs	824,825	2,985	-	827,810
	2,296,107	504,523	8,000	2,808,630
Support services				
- Strategic development	8,678	39,924	-	48,602
- Governance	8,712	-	-	8,712
- Organisation and management support costs	263,500	-	-	263,500
- Senior management recruitment	-	-	-	-
- Staff and related costs	362,633	-	-	362,633
	643,523	39,924	-	683,447
Bad debt expense	144,659	-	-	144,659
Total expenditure	3,084,289	544,447	8,000	3,636,736
Net income/ (expenditure) for the financial year	201,630	(544,447)	307,862	(34,955)
Transfers between funds	(2,011)	2,011	-	--
Reserves brought forward	493,675	835,792	8,000	1,337,467
Reserves carried forward	693,294	293,356	315,862	1,302,512

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16.2 Income for the year ended 30 June 2021

16.2.1 Assessed contributions

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Assessed contributions	3,283,087	-	3,283,087

The Foundation is financed by assessed contributions from 48 of the 54 member countries that make up the Commonwealth.

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Movement in provision for contributions arrears	144,659	-	144,659

A provision has been made against amounts due from Member States over two or more years. Member States contributions for the year after provision were £3,138,428.

16.2.2 Project grants and voluntary income

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) Canada	-	315,862	315,862
	-	315,862	315,862

16.2.3 Other income

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Bank interest	2,832	-	2,832
	2,832	-	2,832

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16.3 Direct programme costs for the year ended 30 June 2021

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Participatory Governance and Gender (PGG)	96,302	18,278	-	114,580
Commonwealth Writers (CW)	152,598	35,266	8,000	195,864
Knowledge Learning and Communications (KLC)	126,427	-	-	126,427
	<u>375,327</u>	<u>53,544</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>436,871</u>

16.4 Grants programme for the year ended 30 June 2021

	General funds £	Designated funds £	2021 £
Grants payable and awards			
Participatory governance grants	919,720	46,228	965,948
Covid-19 Special Grants	128,749	309,557	438,306
Grants management and database	47,486	-	47,486
	<u>1,095,955</u>	<u>355,785</u>	<u>1,451,740</u>

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16.5 Foundation events for the year ended 30 June 2021

	General funds £	Designated funds £	2021 £
Commonwealth Peoples' Forum	-	95,194	95,194
	-	95,194	95,194

16.6 Staff and related costs for the year ended 30 June 2021

	General funds £	Designated funds £	2021 £
The main components of staff			
Salaries	872,925	2,985	875,910
Social security	98,122	-	98,122
Gratuity scheme	131,498	-	131,498
Other staff related costs	84,913	-	84,913
	1,187,458	2,985	1,190,443
Of which:			
Programmes	824,825	2,985	827,810
Support services (incl other staff related costs)	362,633	-	362,633
	1,187,458	2,985	1,190,443

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16.7 Reserves for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Balance 1 July 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance 30 June 2021 £
General funds					
General Fund	493,675	3,285,919	(3,084,289)	(2,011)	693,294
Restricted funds					
KfW Stiftung	8,000	-	(8,000)	-	-
Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) Canada (viii)	-	315,862	-	-	315,862
Designated funds					
Special Grants Funds (i)	100,000	-	(46,228)	-	53,772
Covid-19 Special Grants	334,169	-	(309,557)	-	24,612
Call(ii-a) and Grants Programme(ii- b)	57,818	-	-	(57,818)	-
Commonwealth People's Forum Fund (iii)	250,000	-	(95,194)	-	154,806
Strategic Development activities carried forward (iv)	39,924	-	(39,924)	-	-
Governance activities carried forward	(7)	-	-	-	(7)
Programmes (PGG & CW project activities) carried forward (vi)	53,888	-	(53,544)	48,879	49,223
Knowledge Learning & Communications (vii)	-	-	-	10,950	10,950
	835,792	-	(544,447)	2,011	293,356
Total funds	1,337,467	3,601,781	(3,636,736)	-	1,302,512

The designated reserves are for the following purposes:

- (i) The Special Grants Fund was used to make one-off grants to Commonwealth countries in exceptional circumstances, for example, grants to alleviate difficulties arising from natural disasters.

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(ii-a) The Covid-19 Special Grants Call Fund represents money set aside to support Commonwealth civil society organisations in response to Covid-19 pandemic.

(ii-b) The Grants Programme Fund reflects the unspent balance of the previous budget for grants carried forward to fund expenditure on grant making and outreach and monitoring & evaluation activities.

(iii) The Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF) Fund represents money set aside to support the Foundation's biennial event. The CPF which was originally scheduled to take place in Rwanda in June 2020 has been postponed in light of the Covid19 pandemic to a date to be notified. In 2020/2021, the CPF was delivered as a hybrid event at lower costs.

(iv) This reflects the unspent balance of the 2019/20 Partnerships & Strategic Development budget, which had been carried forward to meet costs taking place in 2020/2021 that were included in the original budget for

2019/2020 especially for the external review and development of the new Strategic Plan 2021-2026.

(vi) This reflects reserves set aside to meet the costs of specific projects taking place in 2021/2022 that were included in the original budget for 2020/2021 for Participatory Governance & Gender and Commonwealth Writers programmes. These projects were delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

(vii) This reflects the unspent balance of the 2020/2021 Knowledge Learning & Communications budget, which had been carried forward to meet costs taking place in 2021/2022 that were included in the original budget.

(viii) Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) Canada represents funds (equivalent CAD\$550,000) received from the Government of Canada to enhance the Foundation's Special Grants Call in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.