

South Lanarkshire Council charitable trusts trustees' annual report – for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and Independent Auditors' report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administration Information

Charity Name: South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts
Charity Number: SC025089
Principal Office: Finance Services
Council Offices
Almada Street
Hamilton
ML3 0AA
Trustees: Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, South Lanarkshire Council
Independent Auditors: Audit Scotland

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts includes one remaining Charitable Trust Fund / Bequest established under previous local authorities. The Trust Fund/Bequest is restricted for the purpose which it was set up.

Charity trustees

The trustees of the charities are elected members (Councillors) of South Lanarkshire Council. Trustees are appointed through their election to the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of South Lanarkshire Council. The current trustees of South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts are detailed below:

Councillor Alex Allison
Councillor Walter Brogan (Depute Chair)
Councillor Matthew Buchanan
Councillor Andy Carmichael
Councillor Maureen Chalmers
Councillor Margaret Cooper
Councillor Andrea Cowan
Councillor Maureen Devlin
Councillor Mary Donnelly
Councillor Joe Fagan (Ex Officio)
Councillor Grant Ferguson
Councillor Gladys Ferguson-Miller
Councillor Celine Handibode (Depute Chair)
Councillor Graeme Horne
Councillor Martin Hose
Councillor Ross Lambie (from 12/03/2025)
Councillor Katy Loudon
Councillor Hugh Macdonald
Councillor Catherine McClymont
Councillor Lesley McDonald (Chair)
Councillor Elaine McDougall
Councillor Mark McGeever
Councillor Richard Nelson (until 11/03/2025)
Councillor Mo Razzaq
Councillor John Ross

Councillor Graham Scott
Councillor Kirsty Williams

Organisational structure

The trustees delegate the day-to-day administration of the charities to officers of the council through the Scheme of Delegation as approved by South Lanarkshire Council on 18 May 2022.

The trustees (as elected members of the council) meet to consider and approve the Annual Accounts for South Lanarkshire Council which includes the financial statements for all South Lanarkshire Council Trust Funds. An annual report on Governance of Trust Funds is presented to the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee. This report details expenditure for the preceding financial year.

Related parties

Trustees hold this position because they are elected members of South Lanarkshire Council. South Lanarkshire Council provides administration services to the Trust.

Risk management

It is recognised that there is a risk that the funds of the Trusts are not used for the purpose that they were intended. To mitigate this risk, the governance arrangements in place ensure that the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee are advised of the balance and distribution of funds. In addition, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) also receive an annual report on the Trusts and their purpose.

Management of funds and investment policy

The trustees rely upon the expertise of South Lanarkshire Council to manage the investments to ensure the maximum return at least risk to the charity is achieved.

The majority of the funds of the charity are managed on behalf of the council by Barclays Wealth. The investment objective is to provide a sustainable level of income, along with the prospect of growth in both capital and income through investment in a diversified portfolio of investments. The market value of these funds as at 31 March 2025 was £1,031,153 (2023/2024: £1,030,607).

The remaining fund of the charity is managed by South Lanarkshire Council. The interest received is shown in the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

During 2024/2025 income of £42,055 (2023/2024: £38,916) was received and is shown in the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

Trustee indemnity insurance

No such insurance has been taken out.

Reorganisation of South Lanarkshire Council Trust Funds

South Lanarkshire Council established The South Lanarkshire Charitable Trust (Charity Number SC049819) in December 2019 for the purposes of reorganising existing trust funds, including those held under South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts (Charity Number SC025089).

The constitution of The South Lanarkshire Charitable Trust (SC049819) is a Trust Deed granted by South Lanarkshire Council. It provides a modern constitution with appropriate purposes, powers and governance arrangements.

The process of transferring the funds from South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts (SC025089) to The South Lanarkshire Charitable Trust (SC049819) is ongoing. One Charitable Trust Fund / Bequest established under previous local authorities remains.

Objectives and activities

The remaining fund is the Loudon Bequest Trust Fund which was used to help finance holidays for elderly people within 12 Local Authority areas in the West of Scotland.

Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 March 2025, no grants were paid out.

Financial review

Overview

Income during 2024/2025 came from income on external investments of £31,663 (2023/2024: £30,301); interest calculated on the Trust Funds' revenue balances of £7,295 (2023/2024: £5,692).

Proceeds from the sale of investments of £3,097 (2023/2024: £2,923) were received.

The trust held cash and bank balances of £179,264 (2023/2024: £144,422) as at 31 March 2025 and investments with a book value of £814,442 (2023/2024: £818,144).

Reserves policy

The trusts are managed in order to allow the full potential benefit of the trusts to be realised. By ensuring distributed funds are of sufficient value to make a beneficial impact to recipients, there may be some erosion of capital. The Reserves of the Trust will be used in line with the specific requirements of the Trust.

External audit

The auditor with responsibility for the audit of the accounts of South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts for the year ended 31 March 2025 is:

Audit Scotland, 4th Floor, 102 West Port, Edinburgh, EH3 9DN

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s): Lesley McDonald

Full Name(s): Lesley McDonald

Position: Chair of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee

Date: 25 June 2025

South Lanarkshire Council charitable trusts statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

Not applicable	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Expendable endowment funds £	Permanent endowment funds £	Total funds (current year) £	Total funds (last year) restated £
Receipts	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Donations	Not applicable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from investments other than land and buildings	4	0	38,958	0	0	38,958	35,993
Sub total	Not applicable	0	38,958	0	0	38,958	35,993
Receipts from assets and investments sales	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Proceeds from sale of investments	4	0	3,097	0	0	3,097	2,923
Sub total	Not applicable	0	3,097	0	0	3,097	2,923
Total receipts	Not applicable	0	42,055	0	0	42,055	38,916
Payments	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
External Audit Fee	8	0	2,000	0	0	2,000	1,167
Investment Management Costs	7	0	3,097	0	0	3,097	2,923
Administration Charge	9	0	2,115	0	0	2,115	2,383
Grants and Donations	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Investments	4	Not applicable	0	Not applicable	Not applicable	0	0
Total payments	Not applicable	0	7,212	0	0	7,212	6,473
Net receipts	Not applicable	0	34,843	0	0	34,843	32,443
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	Not applicable	0	34,843	0	0	34,843	32,443

South Lanarkshire Council charitable trusts statement of balances as at 31 March 2025

Not applicable	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Expendable endowment funds £	Permanent endowment funds £	Total funds (current year) £	Total funds (last year) restated £
Cash and bank balances	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Opening Balance	Not applicable	0	144,421	0	0	144,421	114,031
Transfer of Assets to the South Lanarkshire Charitable Trust	Not applicable	Not applicable	0	Not applicable	Not applicable	0	(2,053)
Surplus shown on receipts and payments account	Not applicable	0	34,843	0	0	34,843	32,443
Closing balance	Not applicable	0	179,264	0	0	179,264	144,421
Investments	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Market Value of Investments (Managed by Barclays Wealth)	7	0	1,031,153	0	0	1,031,153	1,033,607
Total investments	Not applicable	0	1,031,153	0	0	1,031,153	1,033,607

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s): Lesley McDonald

Full Name(s): Lesley McDonald

Position: Chair of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee

Date: 25 June 2025

South Lanarkshire Council charitable trusts notes to the financial statements

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are those funds that can only be applied for particular purposes.

3. Taxation

The charity is not liable to income or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

4. Trustee remuneration, expenses and related party transactions

- No remuneration or expenses were paid to charity trustees or persons connected to a trustee during the year.
- The trust received income from external investments of £31,663 (2023/2024: £30,301) and £7,295 (2023/2024: £5,692) from South Lanarkshire Council. All transactions incoming and outgoing are made via South Lanarkshire Council's accounts.
- Proceeds from the sale of the Loudon Bequest investment of £3,097 (2023/2024: £2,923) were received.
- There were no transactions between the charity and any trustee or any connected person during the year.

5. Grants

In the year to 31 March 2025, there were no grants were paid out as the process of transferring the funds from South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts (SC025089) to The South Lanarkshire Charitable Trust (SC049819) was ongoing. During 2023/2024 no grants were paid out.

6. Cash and bank balances

During the year the Trust's balances were held by South Lanarkshire Council, which manages the administration of the funds on behalf of the Trustees. No costs were incurred by the Trust for this administration. South Lanarkshire Council also acts as the banker for the charity and as detailed above, all transactions incoming and outgoing are made via the council's accounts. The balances are repayable on demand and interest is payable on balances.

7. Investments

The charity has one investment managed by Barclays Wealth £1,031,153 (2023/2024: £1,033,607) on behalf of the council with an objective of achieving a balance between income and capital growth subject to a medium level of risk. Barclays Wealth charged a portfolio management fee of £3,097 (2023/2024; £2,923).

8. External audit fee

The external audit fee for 2024/2025 £2,000 (2023/2024: £1,167) is paid to Audit Scotland.

9. Administration charge

A charge for administration of the Trust Fund for 2024/2025 £2,115 (2023/2024: £2,383) is paid to South Lanarkshire Council.

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