

**National Parents Council -
Primary (*Company Limited by
Guarantee – without Share Capital*)
(operating as National Parents Council)**

Directors' report and financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

Registered number: 258148

National Parents Council - Primary

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Directors and other information

Directors	Avril Byrne Cait Delaney (resigned 30.9.2023) Catherine Corr (appointed 30.9.2023) David Mullins Deirdre O'Donovan (appointed 30.9.2023) Derek O'Leary Laurence Keaveney (resigned 30.9.2023) Massimiliano Boccalari Richa Tyagi Sonya Ryan Sue Kennedy Hughes (resigned 30.9.2023) Tara Sherlock Willam Earley (Chairperson - appointed 30.9.2023)
Company secretary	Áine Lynch
Registered office	12 Marlborough Court Marlborough Street Dublin 1
Auditor	KPMG Chartered Accountants 1 Stokes Place St. Stephen's Green Dublin 2
Banker	Bank of Ireland Walkinstown Dublin 12
Solicitors	Arthur Cox Solicitors Earlsfort Centre Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2
Charity reference number	CHY 10547
Registered number	258148

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Directors' report

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements of the Company (or "the Council" or "NPC") for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Council's charity registration number is CHY 10547 and the Company registration number is 258148. The Company operates under the registered business name National Parents Council.

The registered office of the Council is 12 Marlborough Court, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Administrative details of the Council

The names of those who served as directors during the year are:

Willam Earley – Chairperson (appointed 30 September 2023)
Tara Sherlock – Chair of the Audit Committee
Massimiliano Boccalari
Derek O'Leary – Vice Chairperson 2023/2024
Sonya Ryan – Chair of the Governance Committee
Avril Byrne
David Mullins
Richa Tyagi
Deirdre O'Donovan – (appointed at the AGM 30 September 2023)
Catherine Corr – (appointed at the AGM 30 September 2023)
Sue Kennedy Hughes – (resigned at the AGM 30 September 2023)
Cáit Delaney – (resigned at the AGM 30 September 2023)
Laurence Keaveney – (resigned at the AGM 30 September 2023)

Day to day running of the Council is managed by the Chief Executive Aine Lynch. Details of the Council's bankers, solicitors and auditor are given on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and not having a share capital, incorporated in the Republic of Ireland under the Companies Acts 2014 on 10 December 1999. The Council does not have a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the Company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1.27.

The Council was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the entity and is governed under its Articles of Association and managed by a board of directors.

The Council has been granted charitable status under Section 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

The Council complies with the Charities Regulators Governance Code for community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Ireland. The Council confirms that a review of the organisation's compliance with the principles in the Code was conducted on 29 September 2023. This review was based on an assessment of our organisational practice against the recommended actions for each principle. The review sets out actions and completion dates for any issues that the assessment identifies need to be addressed. All actions from the previous review have now been completed. The next review is due to take place during 2024.

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Directors' report (continued)

Recruitment and appointment of the board

In accordance with the Articles of Association one third of the elected directors in office must retire each year. If the number of directors is not divisible by three, then the lowest whole number nearest one-third shall retire.

The directors appointed in general meeting may co-opt a further two directors for a term of up to three years on such terms and subject to such conditions as the board may determine and such co-opted directors shall be eligible for re-appointment at the expiry of their term of office.

The board nomination process has followed a process in accordance with the NPC Constitution which provided for the members of the NPC to nominate people for election to the board. Following the nomination stage, no nominees were submitted by the members. The board therefore appointed two parents to fill the casual vacancies that arose. These board members were recruited mindful of continuity of board membership, NPC's extended remit and an opportunity for parents on NPC's database to express an interest.

The board is committed to achieving high standards of governance. Board members do not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to the Council. Expenses are reimbursed where claimed. There have been no contracts or arrangements entered into during the financial year in which a board member was materially interested.

All new board members receive induction training and induction papers on commencing their appointment to the board.

Organisational structure

The board of National Parents Council - Primary (National Parents Council) is permitted to have a maximum number of directors of ten: up to eight of whom may be elected by the Full Members (affiliated parents associations) and up to two of whom may be co-opted by the board of directors. In addition subject to the provisions of Article 28 of the Council's Constitution the Directors have the power, at any time and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a Director to fill a casual vacancy in the eight Directors at the AGM. These Directors appointed must retire at the next AGM of the Council.

The board are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the National Parents Council - Primary. (National Parents Council) This is in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the National Parents Council - Primary (National Parents Council) Governing Handbook. At present the board has ten members, five appointed in general meetings, three co-opted by the directors for a one-year term to fill casual vacancies and two co-opted by the appointed directors.

Audit committee

As part of the board's plans to fulfil its objectives in this area it has constituted an audit committee to ensure an effective review and monitoring of financial risks, reliable management and financial reporting, compliance with laws and regulations and the maintenance of an effective and efficient audit.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive of the Council reports to the board of directors. The board provides leadership and strategic management, developing and furthering the aims and objectives of the organisation and delegates certain duties and responsibilities to the CEO. This includes implementation of the strategic plan, leading and managing the Council's staff members, programmes, projects, finances and all other administrative aspects so that the Council's ongoing mission, vision and objectives are fulfilled within the context of the Council's values, as approved by the board of directors and membership.

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Directors' report (continued)

Key risks

In December 2022, NPC was formally requested by the Department of Education to extend its remit and support to post primary parents with immediate effect. NPC amended its Constitution and Risk Register to ensure that the required protections were in place. The development of the Staff Team, which included new members and roles, was approved. Before NPC could fully extend its remit to post primary parents, the Company adopted a new registered business name (National Parents Council) and rebranding. The main areas of risk identified were:

- Rebranding of the organisation may lead to some initial identity confusion with primary parents, parent associations and key stakeholders.
- Expanding the remit of the organisation in the short time frame requested by the Department of Education due to the emerging circumstances creates a pressure on the organisation to maintain high standards of service provision whilst growing our provision with a short lead in time for planning.

Objectives and activities

The main object for which the Council is established is to contribute to the advancement of the education of all children in order to improve and enrich the education of each child and to support the involvement of parents at all stages of such education.

Vision

The Council wants to see an Ireland where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Mission

The Council exists to ensure that all parents are supported and empowered to become effective partners in their children's education. The Council will work to increase the capacity and capability of the primary and post primary education sector, to achieve true partnership and deliver better outcomes for all children.

Key activities

The key activities in achieving the vision and mission of the Council are:

1. Representing the parents' voice in primary education
2. Advocacy
3. Building participation
4. Service delivery

Achievements and performance

The Council publishes an Annual Review outlining the achievements of the organisation under its Strategic Plan's Aims and Objectives.

Financial review

The Council reported an operating surplus of €161,798 in the year (2022: Surplus of €40,246). This was due in the main to the mid-year agreement with the Department of Education on the additional funding for NPC's extended remit and the challenging recruitment environment, resulting in appointment delays.

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Directors' report (continued)

Financial review (continued)

The principal sources of funding received by the Council are from funding grants from the Department of Education and the Health Service Executive. The Council also receives funds from its membership subscriptions and certain other income.

The board has examined the Council requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Company should amount to between three and six months of average expenditure. As at 31 December 2023, the reserves total approximately seven and half months' expenditure. This is due to increased funding for the extended remit of the Council to post primary, however completion of name changes delayed expansion and therefore expenditure. The expenditure of these expansion funds has been planned and will take place in 2024.

Accounting records

The directors believe that they have complied with the requirement of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to keeping adequate accounting records by employing accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the financial function. The accounting records of the Company are maintained at the Company's offices at 12 Marlborough Court, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Going concern

The National Parents Council had net assets of €551,383 as of the 31st of December 2023.

The directors of NPC have assessed the ability of the Council to continue as a going concern. This assessment encompassed a detailed recent review of the future outlook of the Company which demonstrates that the Company should have adequate resources to continue operating for at least the 12-month period from the date of approval of the financial statements. The basis for this assumption is confirmation from the Department of Education of continued funding to the end of 2024 and an expectation of continued support from them to provide core funding to NPC for the next twelve months from the approval of the financial statements based on the long funding history.

Accordingly, the directors consider it appropriate that the Council prepares its financial statements on a going concern basis.

Plans for future periods

No subsequent events have taken place since the year end that would result in adjustments to these financial statements.

Due to the rapidly changing environment impacting the National Parents Council the Board delayed its development of a new Strategic Plan until 2024. Following extensive consultation in the first four months of 2024, the Board of NPC are currently in the final stages of agreeing its new Strategy which will direct the work of NPC from 2024-2028.

Relevant audit Information

The directors believe that they have taken all steps necessary to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and have established that the Company's statutory auditor is aware of that information. In so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's statutory auditor is unaware.

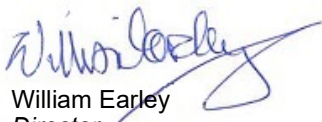
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Directors' report (continued)

Auditor

In accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014, KPMG, Chartered Accountants, will continue in office.

On behalf of the board


William Earley
Director


Tara Sherlock
Director

5 July 2024

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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

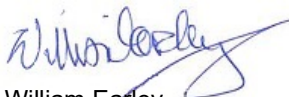
Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company and of its profit or loss for that year.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014. They are responsible for such internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The directors are also responsible for preparing a directors' report that complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

On behalf of the board



William Earley
Director



Tara Sherlock
Director

5 Jul 2024



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**Independent auditor's report to the members of National Parents Council -
Primary (*Company Limited by Guarantee – without Share Capital*)**

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of National Parents Council - Primary ('the Company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 11 to 23, which comprise the Statement of financial activities, Balance sheet, Cash flow statement and related notes, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) 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 Company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), 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 directors' 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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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



Independent auditor's report to the members of National Parents Council -
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Report on the audit of the financial statements (*continued*)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report. The financial statements and our auditor's report thereon do not comprise part of the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

Based solely on our work on the other information undertaken during the course of the audit, we report that:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion, the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Our opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014 are unmodified

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by Sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



Independent auditor's report to the members of National Parents Council -
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Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use (*continued*)
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 (Ireland) 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 fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on IAASA's website at <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements/>.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Richard Hobson
for and on behalf of
KPMG

24 June 2024

Chartered Accountants, Statutory Audit Firm
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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 €	Unrestricted funds 2023 €	Total funds 2023 €	Total funds 2022 €
Income from:					
Charitable activities					
- sponsoring bodies		412,019	551,000	963,019	801,937
Other trading activities					
- membership fees		-	78,218	78,218	81,733
- course fees		-	7,975	7,975	5,300
Investment income		-	77	77	63
Corporate trading income		-	1,722	1,722	-
Other income		-	657	657	2,769
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Total incoming resources		412,019	639,649	1,051,668	891,802
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Expenditure:					
Charitable activities	4	(412,019)	(477,851)	(889,870)	(851,556)
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Total resources expended		(412,019)	(477,851)	(889,870)	(851,556)
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Net income for the year	3	-	161,798	161,798	40,246
Total funds brought forward	13	-	389,585	389,585	349,339
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Total funds carried forward	13	-	551,383	551,383	389,585
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There are no other comprehensive income and losses for the current or preceding financial year.

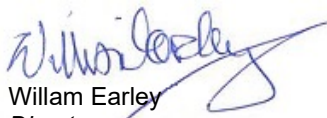
All income and expenditure in the year is derived from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 €	2022 €
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	18,342	11,094
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	609,501	461,569
Debtors	8	19,366	18,005
		628,867	479,574
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(92,417)	(94,602)
Net current assets		536,450	384,972
Total assets less current liabilities		554,792	396,066
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(3,409)	(6,481)
Net assets		551,383	389,585
Funded by:			
Unrestricted funds		551,383	389,585
Accumulated surplus	12/13	551,383	389,585

On behalf of the board


 William Earley
 Director


 Tara Sherlock
 Director

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Cash flow statement
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 €	2022 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from operations		1,035,470	904,438
Cash payments for operations and employee costs		(872,096)	(842,478)
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Net cash from operating activities	<i>17</i>	163,374	61,960
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Cash flows from investing activities			
Receipt of interest		77	63
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets		(12,271)	-
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Net cash (used in)/ from investing activities		(12,194)	63
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Cash flows from financing activities			
Payment of finance lease liabilities		(1,885)	(3,502)
Payment of finance lease interest charges		(1,363)	(1,866)
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Net cash used in financing activities		(3,248)	(5,368)
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		147,932	56,655
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		461,569	404,914
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		609,501	461,569
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Notes

to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (“FRS 102”) and Irish company law. The directors have chosen to apply the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 102) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, in so far as it applies to the Council and does not conflict with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014. The presentation currency of these financial statements is Euro.

The Council receives its core funding from the Government and, to the best of its knowledge, expects this to continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. On this basis, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Going concern

The Council had net assets of €551,383 at 31 December 2023. The directors have assessed the ability of the Council to continue as a going concern. This assessment encompassed a detailed recent review of the future outlook of the Company which demonstrates that the Company should have adequate resources to continue operating for at least the 12-month period from date of approval of the financial statements. The basis for this assumption is confirmation from the Department of Education of continued funding to the end of 2024 and an expectation of continued support from them to provide core funding to the Company for the next twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements based on the long funding history and expanded remit towards post-primary education.

Accordingly, the directors consider it appropriate that the Company prepares its financial statements on a going concern basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life at the following annual rates:

Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	12.5% straight line
IT equipment	20% straight line

Leases

Assets held under finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over the shorter of their useful lives or lease term. The interest element of the leasing obligation is charged to the statement of financial activities over the term of the lease in proportion to the balance outstanding. Expenditure on operating leases is charged to the statement of financial activities as incurred.

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Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Income

Income from grants with performance-related conditions attached is recognised in the statement of financial activities to the extent that performance-related conditions are fulfilled in the period. Where necessary, in the event of unfulfilled performance-related conditions or where it is in respect of services to be provided in specified future time periods, grant income is deferred to match the related expenditure to which the grant relates in future accounting periods. The balance of deferred income is included under creditors and separately identified.

Income from grants with no performance-related conditions attached is recognised in the statement of financial activities as it becomes receivable.

Income other than grant income is recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis in relation to services provided or other amounts earned in the period.

Income accounting

Restricted funds represent monies received which can only be used for particular purposes specified by the provider of such funds. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the Council.

Unrestricted funds are available for general use at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of its general objectives.

Expenditure

Expenditure is treated as being made out of restricted funds to the extent that it meets the criteria specified by the donor. All other expenditure is treated as being from unrestricted funds.

The balance of the unrestricted fund at the end of the year represents the assets held by the Council for general use in furtherance of its work. Transfers from unrestricted funds are made to meet the shortfall on restricted projects.

Direct costs relate to costs incurred by the Council to meet its objectives and activities.

Support costs such as governance, administration, facilities, professional services and IT are all allocated against core funding received from the government.

Taxation

The Council has been recognised by the Charities Section of the Revenue Commissioners as being a body established for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 333 Income Tax Act 1967 and accordingly is exempt from corporation tax.

Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution PRSA pension scheme for all employees; currently 7 employees have opted into this benefit. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the Company.

2 Legal status of the Council

The National Parents Council – Primary, operating under the registered business name of National Parents Council, is a company limited by Guarantee and does not have share capital. In accordance with the memorandum of association, in the event of the Company being wound up each member's liability is limited to €1.27.

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Notes (continued)

3 Statutory and other information	2023	2022		
	€	€		
Net income for the year	161,798	40,246		
<i>Stated after charging:</i>				
Directors' remuneration	-	-		
Auditors' remuneration (inclusive of VAT)	12,478	12,116		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,023	4,182		
Finance lease charges	1,363	1,866		
Operating lease expenses	31,000	33,256		
4 Analysis of expenditure	Direct	Support	2023	2022
	€	€	€	€
Restricted funds				
Charitable activities				
Early learning	81,913	-	81,913	80,734
Department of Education Teacher	-	-	-	-
Education section	92,229	-	92,229	80,000
Our kids coding project	-	-	-	58,023
St. Patrick's Hospital	38,258	-	38,258	45,730
HSE funding	46,808	-	46,808	41,025
Department of Education – partnership				
Schools	28,708	-	28,708	34,208
Department of Education anti-bullying	36,247	-	36,247	29,391
Virgin Media – internet safety	33,323	-	33,323	20,960
EU – internet Safety	33,323	-	33,323	20,824
IPPN – partnership schools	1,210	-	1,210	10,042
Leaving Cert Helpline	20,000	-	20,000	-
	412,019	-	412,019	420,937
Unrestricted funds				
Charitable activities				
Core expenditure	409,770	68,081	477,851	430,619
	409,770	68,081	477,851	430,619
Total expenditure	821,789	68,081	889,870	851,556

Direct costs relate to the delivery cost of an activity and include direct salary where applicable.

Support costs include governance, professional services and IT costs. These costs are all funded from core government funding as they are not permitted to be allocated to restricted charitable activities.

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5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year analysed by category was as follows:

	Number 2023	Number 2022
Administration	13	12

The aggregate payroll costs of these employees were as follows:

	2023 €	2022 €
Wages and salaries	505,832	466,280
Social welfare costs	54,134	49,816
Pension costs	18,700	17,215
	578,666	533,311

The Company's employees received salaries and remuneration in the following bands:

	2023	2022
Under €10,000	-	-
Between €10,000 and €60,000	11	11
Between €60,000 and €90,000	1	-
Between €90,000 and €100,000	1	1
	13	12

The directors of the Council do not receive any remuneration for the services provided.

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6 Tangible fixed assets	Leased Office Equipment €	Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At beginning of year	12,143	70,187	82,330
Additions	-	12,271	12,271
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At end of year	12,143	82,458	94,601
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Depreciation			
At beginning of year	5,822	65,414	71,236
Charge for year	3,409	1,614	5,023
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At end of year	9,231	67,028	76,259
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Net book value			
31 December 2023	2,912	15,430	18,342
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31 December 2022	6,321	4,773	11,094
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7 Cash at bank and in hand			
		2023	2022
		€	€
Cash at bank and in hand		609,501	461,569
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		609,501	461,569
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8 Debtors			
		2023	2022
		€	€
Trade debtors		-	6,495
Other debtors		481	1,923
Accrued income		10,558	722
Prepayments		8,327	8,865
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		19,366	18,005
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All amounts within debtors are falling due within one year.

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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	€	€
Accruals	19,001	12,739
Trade creditors	6,140	1,791
PAYE/PRSI	14,713	13,935
Deferred income	50,176	64,937
Finance lease obligations (note 11)	2,387	1,200
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	92,417	94,602
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During the year, the Council received funding of € 82,000 (2022: €82,000) from Pobal on behalf of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to support the delivery of early childhood care and education programmes. The funding received is restricted to the delivery of early childhood care and education programmes. There were no Capital Grants received in 2023 and NPC is compliant with relevant Circulars, including Circular 44/2006 “Tax Clearance Procedures Grants, Subsidies and Similar Type Payments”. Included in deferred income is a closing balance of € 0 (2022: €1,285) relating to funding received from Pobal but not yet recognised as income. The Council received funding of €97,224 from The Department of Education Teacher Education Section in 2023. It was underspent in 2023 and there is a balance of €4,995 in the closing 2023 deferred income figure for this programme.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
	€	€
Finance lease obligations (note 11)	3,409	6,481
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11 Finance lease obligations	2023	2022
	€	€
Maturity of obligations under finance leases		
Within one year	3,247	2,165
In two to five years	3,776	8,118
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	7,023	10,283
Less: future finance charges	(1,227)	(2,602)
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	5,796	7,681
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<i>Analysed as:</i>		
Amounts due within one year (note 9)	2,387	1,200
Amounts due more than one year (note 10)	3,409	6,481
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	5,796	7,681
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12	Reconciliation of movement in accumulated surplus		2023	2022
			€	€
	At beginning of year		389,585	349,339
	Net income for the year		161,798	40,246
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	At end of year		551,383	389,585
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13	Funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total
		€	€	2023
	(a) Reconciliation of funds			€
				2022
				€
	Total funds at beginning of Year	-	389,585	389,585
	Net income for the year	-	161,798	161,798
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	Total funds at end of year	-	551,383	551,383
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13 Funds *(continued)*

(b) Movement in funds

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 €	Total Income recognised €	Total expenditure recognised €	At 31 December 2023 €	At 31 December 2022 €
Early Learning	-	81,913	81,913	-	-
Department of Education Teacher Education Section	-	92,229	92,229	-	-
St. Patrick's Hospital	-	38,258	38,258	-	-
HSE funding	-	46,808	46,808	-	-
Department of Education – partnership schools	-	28,708	28,708	-	-
Department of Education anti-bullying	-	36,247	36,247	-	-
Virgin Media - internet safety	-	33,323	33,323	-	-
EU – internet safety	-	33,323	33,323	-	-
IPPN - partnership schools	-	1,210	1,210	-	-
Leaving Cert Help Line	-	20,000	20,000	-	-

Total restricted funds

-	412,019	412,019	-	-
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Unrestricted funds

General funds	389,585	639,649	477,851	551,383	389,585
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Total unrestricted funds

389,585	639,649	477,851	551,383	389,585
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Total funds

389,585	1,051,668	889,870	551,383	389,585
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13 Funds (continued)	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	Total Funds €
(c) Analysis of net assets between Funds			
Tangible fixed assets	18,342	-	18,342
Current assets	578,691	50,176	628,867
Current liabilities	(42,241)	(50,176)	(92,417)
Non-current liabilities	(3,409)	-	(3,409)
	<u>551,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>551,383</u>

14 Related party transactions

Details of remuneration of key management personnel are set out in note 5.

No member of the board has received payment in respect of services to the Company, other than by way of reimbursement of expenses incurred in the provision of these services. In this regard the Council paid €10,396 (2022: €12,663) to directors and the secretary of the Company during the year. The Council owes €35 (2022: €Nil) to the directors and secretary in relation to expenses at the year end.

15 Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments exist under operating leases. The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

	2023 €	2022 €
Within one year	31,000	31,000
Between 2 and 5 years	31,000	62,000
	<u>62,000</u>	<u>93,000</u>

The rentals payable are subject to renegotiation at various intervals specified in the lease.

16 Contingent liabilities

Certain contingent liabilities may arise for the Company in the normal course of business. However, at the balance sheet date there are no contingent liabilities to note.

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17 Reconciliation of net income for the year to net cash from operating activities

	2023 €	2022 €
Net income for the year	161,798	40,246
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation	5,023	4,182
Finance lease interest	1,363	1,866
Interest income	(77)	(63)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,361)	39,300
Decrease in creditors	(3,372)	(23,571)
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Net cash from operating activities	163,374	61,960
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18 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events since the year end that require adjustment to, or disclosure in, these financial statements.

19 Capital commitments

The Council does not have commitments for future capital expenditure.

20 Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 5 July 2024.