

Birmingham City Council – Council as Trustee

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Trust and Charities Committee	<i>Exempt information paragraph number – if private report:</i>
Report of: Date of Decision:	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER 22nd January 2020	
SUBJECT:	TO NOTE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS- ALDERSON TRUST FOR THE PERIOD 2018/19	
Key Decision: —Yes— / No	Relevant Forward Plan Ref: No	
If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)	Chief Executive approved <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Relevant Cabinet Member(s):	N/A	
Relevant O&S Chairman:	N/A	
Wards affected:	ERDINGTON	

1. Purpose of report:
1.1 To note the 2018/19 Annual Report and Accounts for Alderson Ex Servicemen's Homes Trust

2. Decision(s) recommended:
2.1 The Committee acting on behalf of the Trustee, Birmingham City Council (BCC) is recommended to note the Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19.
2.2 The Committee authorises officers in Corporate Finance to submit all appropriate and necessary documentation to the Charity Commission in respect of recommendation 2.1.

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3. Consultation

Consultation should include those that have an interest in the decisions recommended

3.1 Internal

The Chairman of the Committee has been consulted in the preparation of this report and agrees in principle with its contents.

3.2 External

N/A

4. Compliance Issues:

4.1 Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?

As part of the role of the Trust and Charities Committee.

4.2 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal Implications

Management and governance arrangements for Charitable Trusts are set out in the constitution under which they were established. Charity Trustees must also comply with Charities Act 2011, Trustee Act 2000 and other relevant legislation and guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The assets of a charity must be used in accordance with charitable law, failing this will give rise to a breach of trust. Legal sanction can follow from either the beneficiaries of the charitable trust and/or Charity Commission. Decisions made by the charity must be appropriate to the interests of the charity at all times. The Committee has empowered officers within the Council to discharge certain functions on its behalf as Council as Trustee.

4.4 Public Sector Equality Duty

None. The statutory functions discharged by the Council as Trustee are subject to a separate and distinct statutory regime underpinned (principally) by the Charities Act 2011, Trustee Act 2000 and relevant Charity Commission guidance. These are non-executive functions and are therefore not subject to the Equalities Act 2010 provisions

5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

5.1 The Trust was established under a Charity Commission scheme- 29 March 1963 and is registered with the Charity Commission no 216803.

The charitable objectives of the trust are:

- To let the 28 Trust Houses to disabled ex-service men.
If there is an insufficiency of such persons, to let to poor persons, preference to be given to old age pensioners, for the relief of those in need because of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage who have resided within the City of Birmingham for not less than 2 years consecutively.

5.2 It is a requirement that all trusts registered with the Charity Commission are to compile and submit audited accounts to the Commission The Charity Commission threshold for requiring that trust fund accounts be independently examined and forwarded to the Charity Commission is £25,000.

5.3 The Charity income for the year 2018/19 was £ 123,396 and therefore an Independent Examination was required. The Independent Examiner confirmed that no material matters had been brought to is attention during their examination of these accounts. The accounts were signed off on 19 December 2019.

5.4 The 2018/19 Report and Accounts were approved by the Board of Alderson Disabled Ex-servicemen Trust on 16 December 2019.

6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):
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6.1 Alternative options are not appropriate for this report.
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7. Reasons for Decision(s):

7.1 For Committee to note the 2018/19 accounts for the Alderson Trust.
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Signatures		<u>Date</u>
Chief Finance Officer
Chairman of the Trust and Charities Committee

List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:
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1. n/a

List of Appendices accompanying this Report
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Appendix 1 –Alderson Trust Annual Accounts 2018/19.