SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP
(A company limited by guarantee)

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2026

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CHAIR'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2026

At the start of this year SEAG was in negotiations with Handicabs Lothian (HcL) regarding a takeover project. The project was concluded on 31st of March 2026 when SEAG moved to become part of HcL. It is remarkable to note how much of the project was done with simply goodwill between the management boards of each organisation.

Much work was needed to prepare and navigate through the takeover plan for the project and I am grateful to Lesia Herasymchuk for all the effort she put into this in order to make the operational transition as smooth as possible. I also acknowledge the effort from Kelvin Cochrane and his team at HcL to make the whole thing happen.

I also recognise there were some significant bumps on the road leading up to the transfer not least of which was the reluctance to change by some SEAG staff.

The three key aims SEAG set out to achieve at the start of the takeover were:
1. The effective transfer of SEAGs key charitable aims and objectives.
2. All staff to be given the chance to move into the new organisational set up via TUPE.
3. Transport services being maintained for current user group groups.
This was all achieved by 31st March 2026.

In return SEAG committed all its assets to HcL with our fleet of buses and our bank funds being transferred on the same date with the exception of an agreed sum to be retained by SEAG to see it effectively through its winding down period.

SEAG remains grateful to Edinburgh Council and the EIJB for their financial support over many years, and hopefully this continues with new set up with HcL.

Once again I would like to pay tribute to the SEAG board for their hard work over the years and I wish the three SEAG board members all the best as they move on to join the HcL board.

Loneliness and isolation are terrible afflictions and so, for many years, SEAG has been fighting them by providing a community transport service which has been committed to getting thousands of people, who need some support, to get "Oot the hoose" in order to benefit from participating in our communities.

SEAG has put smiles on the faces of our passengers for over 45 years. And so, subject to the completion of a winding down period followed by a formal subsequent period to comply with legislation, SEAG will close its garage doors for the last time and come to an end. Thanks to everyone who has served SEAG well over the years.

I now wish the new enlarged HcL community transport service all the best as it continues to both to provide its services and put smiles on faces.

Peter Carruthers

Peter Carruthers, Chair, SEAG

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Directors, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the company, as set out the governing document, are:

1. To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage through, in particular, the provision of a transport service which is accessible and specially adapted to meet the needs of the disabled, frail, elderly and mentally ill; and to advance community development by enabling voluntary organisations, community groups, charities, or those carrying out such activities by providing a transport service and in particular one that is designed to meet the needs of the community and to increase the involvement of individuals in community activity; and
2. To promote such similar charitable purposes, objects, or institutions and in such proportions and manner as the Directors shall think fit.

Normally the main activities of the Charity during any year are to provide a with-driver service to registered user groups, to maintain the current level of utilisation of the fleet of vehicles, to continue ongoing driver training to enhance best practices, and to raise sufficient funding to enable a charge to user groups below full cost in recognition of the funding difficulties faced by them.

By offering affordable mobility-accessible transport to the elderly and disabled within Edinburgh, SEAG provides a public benefit by actively contributing to the delivery of the objectives of the City of Edinburgh Transport Policy via active participation in the Edinburgh Community Transport Operators' Group (ECTOG).

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

By providing a community and accessible transport service for those who need it, SEAG:

- Enables our passengers to enhance their lives by participating more fully within our society.
- Enables other charities and third-sector organisations to advance.

Our desired outcomes are based on:

- The Scottish Government's national outcomes relating to communities being inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe; where people are healthy and active; and where poverty is tackled by sharing opportunities, wealth, and power more equally.
- The City of Edinburgh Council Business Plan with its commitments to delivering a healthier City for people of all ages.
- The Edinburgh Partnership's Community Plan which is to work together with communities to reduce poverty and inequality within the City to help ensure citizens have a good place to live.
- NHS Lothian's vision which commits to citizens living longer, and healthier lives.
- The Edinburgh Integration Joint Board's strategic plan to improve outcomes for people through the integration of health and social care in the City. Priorities include:
    - Prevention and early intervention
    - Tackling Inequalities
    - Having more good days
- SEAG's company and charitable objectives.
- Input from our registered groups through periodic feedback and consultation.

Our operational outcomes are based on balancing income and expenditure to ensure operational viability. Funding and hire income streams are crucial to this.

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

Normal measures used to assess success are based on:

- The number and range of organisations registered to use our service.
- The number of passengers using our service.
- The number of trips made.
- The level of fleet utilisation.
- Outputs in relation to targets agreed with the City of Edinburgh Council.
- Outputs in relation to targets agreed with EIJB.
- Customer satisfaction survey feedback and other commentaries provided by our registered groups and our passengers.
- Actual funding and hire income levels represented against operational costs.

The SEAG Board is wholly made up of volunteers. Its composition, levels of competency and expertise, and its synergy are vital to ensure its input to the setting, reviewing and renewing of SEAG's strategic aims and objectives is effective. The SEAG Board continues to hold regular meetings to oversee strategic matters and organisational priorities.

Cessation of activities

On 31st March 2026 the activities of South Edinburgh Amenities Group ceased with the charity merging with Handicabs (Lothian) Limited, a Scottish charity (SC013906) with very similar activities to South Edinburgh Amenities Group. From 1st April 2026, the activities previously undertaken by South Edinburgh Amenities Group were performed by Handicabs (Lothian) Limited with no interruption to service users. It is the intention of the trustees that South Edinburgh Amenities Group will be wound up in the coming year.

Achievements and Performance

Over the past year, SEAG has continued to operate in an increasingly challenging financial environment. Stagnant and reduced funding, coupled with rising operational expenses, including the Real Living Wage (RLW) increase, fuel and maintenance costs, and ongoing staff shortages, have placed significant pressure on the organisation. Despite these financial and operational constraints, SEAG has demonstrated strong resilience and adaptability, successfully expanding and diversifying its services to ensure continued delivery to its main users.

Throughout this difficult period, SEAG has remained committed to financial sustainability. We have taken proactive measures to safeguard our operations and maintain essential community transport services. A key step in this process was the review and implementation of fare adjustments and diversifying of our services to improve cash flow and offset inflationary pressures. These actions enabled SEAG to conclude the financial year with a small surplus rather than a deficit, reflecting prudent financial management and a commitment to long-term stability.

Merger and Strategic Development

Following extensive planning and collaborative work throughout the year, SEAG and Handicabs (Lothian) Ltd (HcL) successfully completed their amalgamation on 31 March 2026, creating a stronger and more sustainable organisation dedicated to supporting accessible transport and mobility services across the community.

This milestone followed the unanimous approval by SEAG members at the Annual General Meeting held on 3 December 2024, where members endorsed the strategic direction to merge the two long established organisations. Throughout the 2025/26 financial year, both organisations worked closely together to prepare for integration, align operational structures, review governance arrangements, and develop a shared vision for the future.

The amalgamation was driven by a clear strategic need to safeguard the long term sustainability of community transport services at a time of increasing operational costs and static or declining levels of public sector funding. Both organisations have experienced significant financial and operational pressures in recent years, including rising staffing, fleet, insurance, and maintenance costs alongside standstill funding arrangements. The merger was therefore identified as the most viable long term solution to protect essential community transport services and ensure continued support for service users across Edinburgh and the surrounding areas.

During the year, significant preparatory work was undertaken by both organisations to support a smooth and structured transition. This included operational reviews, governance planning, financial due diligence, staff consultation, and the development of a unified operating model designed to improve efficiency and strengthen future sustainability.

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

As part of the amalgamation process, all operational assets, including the vehicle fleet and associated equipment, were transferred to HcL, with the exception of funds retained by SEAG to meet any remaining liabilities and final obligations. This ensured continuity of service provision and enabled the newly combined organisation to continue operating without disruption.

All SEAG employees were offered the opportunity to transfer to HcL under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE), ensuring continuity of employment and protection of terms and conditions for transferring staff. No redundancies arose as a result of the amalgamation process. Staff engagement and communication remained a key priority throughout the transition period to support operational stability and maintain service quality.

To support governance continuity and retain organisational knowledge and experience, three SEAG Board members joined the Board of HcL as part of the transition arrangements. This has helped ensure ongoing representation, continuity of oversight, and alignment with the shared strategic objectives of the combined organisation.

By bringing together the experience, expertise, staff, and resources of both organisations, the amalgamated organisation is now better positioned to respond to increasing demand, strengthen operational resilience, and pursue future development opportunities. The merger represents a proactive and forward-looking step that will enable the organisation to continue delivering high quality, accessible transport services while adapting to the evolving needs of the communities it serves.

Benefits of the Amalgamation

The amalgamation is expected to deliver a range of long term benefits, including:

• Financial Stability and Sustainability: Increased resilience through shared resources, reduced duplication, and improved economies of scale.

• Operational Efficiency: Better utilisation of staff, vehicles, premises, and administrative functions, allowing for more flexible and cost effective service delivery.

• Enhanced Service Capacity: Greater ability to respond to community demand and maintain essential transport services across a wider area.

• Improved Fundraising and Development Opportunities: Stronger positioning for funding applications, strategic partnerships, and future contract opportunities.

• Innovation and Growth: A more robust platform for service development, digital improvements, and potential expansion into new transport initiatives.

• Stronger Organisational Identity: The creation of a unified organisation with enhanced visibility and recognition within the community transport sector.

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

The successful completion of the amalgamation marks the beginning of an important new chapter for the organisation. The Board remains committed to ensuring that the combined organisation continues to deliver accessible, reliable, and person-centred transport services for the benefit of the communities it serves.

Service Delivery and Impact

Up to 31 March 2026, SEAG provided services to 17 regular contract users, such as day centres and special needs schools, and to an additional 17 library services, representing a broad range of service users. Our beneficiaries include older adults, young people, and individuals with disabilities, learning difficulties, mental health conditions, and dementia. These services play a vital role in supporting inclusion, independence, and improving the quality of life for some of Edinburgh's most vulnerable residents.

Despite the external pressures, SEAG achieved meaningful progress across several key areas, demonstrating resilience, innovation, and continued dedication to our mission.

Key Achievements and Performance Highlights

- **Partnership Working:** SEAG has continued to collaborate with members of the Edinburgh Community Transport Operators Group (ECTOG), where partnerships align with our strategic objectives and enhance the quality and reach of our services.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** We remain committed to strengthening relationships with key stakeholders and exploring new opportunities for collaboration with The City of Edinburgh Council and other partners.
- **Sector Participation:** SEAG actively participated in key sector events, including the Community Transport (CT) Conferences and meetings, ensuring that we remain informed, engaged, and connected to national developments in community transport.
- **Edinburgh Council Funding Agreement:** SEAG secured a three-year plus one funding agreement commencing on 1 July 2023, with a core grant of £98,847 per year. The 2025/26 financial year represents the final year of the agreed core funding period, with 2026 marking the conclusion of this funding arrangement.
- **VAT Registration:** Following the VAT registration completed in the previous year, SEAG successfully submitted a retrospective claim to HMRC and received a VAT rebate. This was an important step in strengthening financial management and ensuring compliance. The rebate also made a significant contribution towards reducing the operational deficit during the year.
- **Employee Wellbeing and Pay:** SEAG has taken positive steps to improve employee earnings, ensuring that all staff are paid at or above the Real Living Wage. This aligns with our values of fairness and respect for our workforce.
- **Customer Feedback:** Feedback gathered from user surveys continues to be overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the high standard of service provided and the value placed on SEAG by the community.

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

Public Benefit

SEAG provides a high-quality, reliable, and accessible transport service that enables users to participate more actively in their communities, improving wellbeing and helping individuals to live independently for longer. Our services reduce social isolation by ensuring that people can maintain regular contact with family, friends, and community groups, promoting inclusion and belonging.

The transport we provide allows service users to access education, training, healthcare, and leisure activities that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to reach. This contributes to improved physical and mental health outcomes, increased confidence, and greater independence among our passengers.

SEAG's work also supports carers, families, and local organisations by reducing transport barriers, easing logistical pressures, and improving coordination between community partners. In doing so, SEAG strengthens local networks and enhances the efficiency of wider health and social care services. Our impact extends beyond individual benefits, contributing to a fairer and more inclusive Edinburgh where everyone, regardless of age, ability, or background, has the opportunity to take part in community life. These outcomes align closely with the strategic priorities of The City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Scotland, and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB), particularly in promoting accessibility, inclusion, and preventative approaches that enhance quality of life.

Partnership

SEAG's partnership with The City of Edinburgh Council and four other community transport providers forms a collective effort to represent the community transport sector with a unified and collaborative voice. Through shared working, we aim to deliver high-quality, cost-effective services that adapt to the evolving needs of passengers and communities. Together, we continue to develop shared policies, align fare structures, and coordinate our strategies to strengthen our overall impact and ensure that community transport in Edinburgh remains accessible, sustainable, and responsive to local needs.

Operations: For the period between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

SEAG operates a fleet of ***16 minibuses*** that are specially adapted with accessible lifts, removable seats, and safety features to facilitate mobility for the elderly and those with disabilities. All vehicles are regularly inspected to ensure conformity with the relevant safety regulations.

As at 31 March 2026, SEAG employed 3 full-time drivers, 15 part-time drivers, and 7 passenger assistants. Our driving staff undergo ongoing training in safety and disability awareness, along with assessments for the Minibus Driver Awareness (MIDAS) qualification. Passenger assistants receive training in Passenger Assistance and First Aid.

- By the end of the financial year, SEAG successfully completed 8,661 trips
- Total hire income amounted to £574,858
- Total single-passenger journeys reached 51,061

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

Employee Involvement and Employment Opportunities

We actively engage employees in discussions about their needs and ensure they are well-informed on specific matters through direct communication from management. We are committed to fair employment practices across recruitment, selection, and training for all staff. To provide effective channels for employee voice, SEAG has elected a staff representative, allowing employees to share their opinions through this representative. We also use staff suggestion boxes for ongoing feedback, gather input during drivers' meetings, and communicate feedback back to employees. Additionally, we have a WhatsApp group as a communication channel to keep everyone informed and connected.

Financial Review

Results for the Year

The financial statements show net deficit in the year of £435,338 (2025: surplus £135,716) including net deficit of £410,786 (2025: surplus £152,092) on unrestricted funds and net deficit of £24,552 (2025: deficit £16,376) on restricted funds after transfers. Income from restricted funds consists of grants towards the costs of running specific services and capital grants. The expenditure on restricted funds relates to running those services and ongoing depreciation charges relating to capital grants received in earlier years.

Funding

It is in the nature of the service we provide that the full cost per passenger journey will be well beyond the means of our client group and it is part of our corporate objective to keep charges to users at an affordable level.

Charges cannot be wholly insulated from inflationary pressures, but we do try to contain increases as much as our finances permit. In the year to March 2026, there was income of £574,858 from charges as against 75% of total expenditure in 2026. The balance of our operating costs is funded in the main by various grant giving bodies promoting the quality and variety of service provision. Income from public sector agencies has once again been held at previous years' levels, reflecting the budgetary constraints and priorities of the public sector generally.

Reserves

The Board had allocated the sum of £292,819 for free reserves. Free reserves do not include restricted or designated funds. The Board has also designated funds to cover capital reserves and vehicle replacement. As described earlier in the trustees report, on 31st March 2026 the activities of South Edinburgh Amenities Group ceased with the charity merging with Handicabs (Lothian) Limited so the trustees do not consider it necessary to now have a closing Reserve Policy.

Risk Management

The Board places a high priority on the effective management of risk to ensure the charity operates within its financial and operational capacity and makes prudent, well governed decisions. In addition to financial risk, the Board is committed to minimising risks to service users, staff, and visitors. Appropriate policies and procedures are in place covering vehicle operations, health and safety, and administrative arrangements. Premises-related operational risks and the organisational Risk Matrix are reviewed on an annual basis.

During the year ended 31 March 2026, the organisation continued to manage risk in accordance with the approved risk management framework, ensuring the ongoing identification, assessment, and mitigation of key operational, financial, and strategic risks.

A key area of focus during the year was the planned amalgamation with HcL, which was completed with effect from 31 March 2026. Risks associated with this transition, including operational integration, service continuity, staffing, and financial stability, were actively monitored and managed by the Board and senior management throughout the process.

Following completion of the amalgamation, a revised risk management framework for the combined organisation was developed and approved by the HcL Board, reflecting the new organisational structure and operational environment.

Risk Description – Revenue Declines
High risk of revenue loss due to various internal and external factors.
Strategy to Manage Risk: - Ensure positioning as "part of the solution, not part of the problem” - Conduct thorough evaluations of supplier costs to identify cost-saving opportunities or better value for money. - Negotiate with suppliers to secure favourable terms and pricing. - Increase hire charges. - Explore opportunities to diversify revenue streams by piloting new contracts or services that align with organisational capabilities and objectives. - Seek optimal fleet utilisation between morning and afternoon runs. - Consider hiring a part-time fundraiser to explore additional funding sources and revenue generation opportunities. - Review and update the hire charges pricing model to ensure competitiveness and alignment with market conditions. - Consider changing the 3-hour shift model to optimise efficiency and reduce costs. - Pursue tender opportunities to secure new contracts and expand services. - Prioritise contracts that offer full cost recovery to maintain financial sustainability.

Risk Description – Reduction in Funding from Councils and EIJB

Potential reduction in financial support from councils and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

Strategy to Manage Risk:

- Establish open and transparent communication channels with council representatives at both political and officer levels.
- Provide updates on the organisation's activities, achievements, and impact to illustrate the importance of ongoing support.
- Foster strong relationships with ECTOG members to collaborate on funding advocacy efforts, align priorities and strategies for addressing common challenges and share best practices.
- Gather input from stakeholders to inform advocacy efforts and demonstrate how funding cuts impact service delivery.
- Participating in forums and initiatives.
- Boost accountability and cooperation within the Public Social Contract with CEC and ECTOG to secure funding.

Risk Description – Standstill Funding (Long-Term)

Risk of long-term stagnation in funding levels despite increasing operational needs.

Strategy to Manage Risk:

- Effective communications with councils, CTA, and MPs.

Risk Description – Loss of Key Management

Possible turnover of key personnel impacting operations.

Strategy to Manage Risk:

- Develop and implement succession planning, ensure continuity and smooth transition in case of key personnel turnover.
- Provide attractive compensation and benefits packages to help retain key management staff.
- Implement support systems and backup plans to mitigate the impact of key personnel absences or departures.

Risk Description – Insufficient Management Expertise

Lack of adequate expertise in management roles.

Strategy to Manage Risk

- Implement comprehensive training and coaching to strengthen employee skills and capabilities.
- Prioritise strategic recruitment efforts to attract top talent and address skill gaps within the - organisation.
- Consider restructuring to optimise team dynamics and improve operational efficiency.
- Use outsourcing and consulting services to get specialised expertise and resources.

Risk Description – Failure to Comply with Legislation
Risk of non-compliance with evolving regulations.
Strategy to Manage Risk - Engage in industry forums and networks to stay informed of legislative updates and best practices. Regularly monitor publications from the Community Transport Association (CTA), Health & Safety Executive (HSE), Route One, government websites, regulatory bodies, and industry associations for updates on new legislation. - Adapt SEAG's policies and procedures as needed, empowering employees with the knowledge and skills to meet legal standards in their roles. - Ensure senior staff hold relevant qualifications, such as a Manager's Certificate of Professional Competence - Seek guidance from legal or regulatory consultants for complex legislation. - Use external experts to conduct compliance audits, assess risks, and develop strategies for compliance.

Risk Description – Loss or Damage of Physical Resources
Potential loss or damage to fleet and premises.
Strategy to Manage Risk - Ensure insurance coverage for potential losses or damages. - Implement comprehensive health and safety procedures to protect resources and maintain secure operations.

Risk Description – Loss of Premises Lease
Risk of losing premises due to lease issues.
Strategy to Manage Risk - Cultivate positive and cooperative relationships with the landlord to encourage lease renewals. - Ensure compliance with all lease obligations, including rent payments, property maintenance, and adherence to use restrictions.

Risk Description – Fraud, Theft, or Financial Irregularities
Financial risks due to possible fraud or theft.
Strategy to Manage Risk - Utilise robust internal financial controls to monitor and regulate financial activities, including budgeting, expenditure, and reporting. - Implement and regularly review policies on conflicts of interest and the Code of Conduct to uphold ethical standards. - Conduct annual independent audits to identify any financial irregularities. - Review audit recommendations to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, and recruit board members with diverse backgrounds, skills, expertise, and experience to strengthen oversight.

Future Plans

On 31st March 2026 the activities of South Edinburgh Amenities Group ceased with the charity merging with Handicabs (Lothian) Limited. From 1st April 2026, the activities previously undertaken by South Edinburgh Amenities Group were performed by Handicabs (Lothian) Limited with no interruption to service users.

Looking Ahead

This merger marks a transformative step for both SEAG and HcL. The combined organisation will be stronger, more efficient, and better equipped to meet the needs of those who rely on accessible transport. Through shared purpose and collective strength, SEAG and HcL will continue to deliver meaningful impact and ensure the long-term sustainability of community transport across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2026

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 May 2002. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which sets out the objects and powers of the company, and is governed by Articles of Association. The company was incorporated to acquire the assets and facilities of South Edinburgh Amenities Group (SEAG), a previously unincorporated association founded in 1980. The company is recognised as a charity by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

A Board of Directors manages the company's affairs. Under the Articles the Directors shall be not less than three in number but without upper limit. A quorum of two is required for the transaction of any business. One third of the Directors shall retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for reappointment. All of the present Board are volunteers. In recruiting Directors, specific areas of expertise and experience, including customer representation, are targeted to provide optimum management input. The recruitment and appointment of Directors and Trustees is covered by SEAG's corresponding policy document on this matter.

Paid resources are limited, a reflection of funding constraints, and Board members contribute beyond their formal Board responsibilities by participating as needed in management matters. Under the Articles of Association, sub-committees may be established from time to time to consider and make recommendations on particular aspects of the company's affairs. The conclusions of each such committee require to be ratified by the Board.

An induction pack has been prepared to cover the main areas which a new Board member is likely to need to know about the organisation, its policies and procedures and their duties as a member of the Board. During their tenure, new areas of best practice and legislation are regularly brought to their attention and opportunities are afforded for appropriate training and preparation.

Paid staff consisted of a full time General Manager, a full time Transport Manager, a full time Administrative Assistant and five full time paid drivers. Additional capacity is provided by a pool of part-time drivers.

Systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. Within overall strategic planning there are budgetary procedures with a supporting system of financial and business reports for each Board meeting and appropriate delegation of authority and segregation of duties. Full use is made of sub-committees to investigate and make recommendations on a variety of operational matters.

The Directors may admit to membership of the Company any persons and any properly constituted voluntary or other organisation, whether having charitable status or otherwise, involved in community care within one or more of the City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, West Lothian or Midlothian. A Register of Members is kept at the Company's offices at 126 Alnwickhill Road, Edinburgh EH16 6NQ.

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2026

Reference and Administrative Information

Directors		
	Peter Carruthers	Chair
	Linda Wright	
	Christine Craig	
	James Brown	
Senior Management Team	Lesia Herasymchuk	General Manager
	Paul Devers	Operations Manager
	Andrea Battini	Assistant Operations Manager
	Sneha Sara George	Finance Officer
Company number	SC231198	
Charity number	SC005114	
Registered Office and Operational Address	126 Alnwickhill Road Edinburgh EH16 6NQ	
Senior Statutory Auditor	Jacqueline Whyte	
Independent Auditor	Thomson Cooper 22 Stafford Street Edinburgh EH3 7BD	
Bankers	The Royal Bank of Scotland 30 Nicholson Street Edinburgh EH8 9DL	
Solicitors	Turcan Connell Princes Exchange 1 Earl Grey Street Edinburgh EH3 9EE	

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2026

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities
The Directors (who are also trustees of South Edinburgh Amenities Group for the purpose of charity law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed; subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors
So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps he ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of directors on 10-09-26 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Carruthers
Peter Carruthers
Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of South Edinburgh Amenities Group (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cashflows 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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 charity 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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 1 in the financial statements, which explains that the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis, following the charity's merger with another charity on 31 March 2026. As stated in note 1, these events indicate that the charity is no longer a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Directors' report; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the statement of Directors' responsibilities, the directors, who are also the trustees of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity’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 directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas: existence and timing of recognition of income, posting of transactions to the correct funds and non-compliance with laws and regulations. We discussed these risks with management, designed audit procedures to test the timing and existence of income, reviewing the allocation of costs against the correct funding and inspected minutes from meetings held by management for any reference to breaches of laws and regulations. In addition, we reviewed areas of judgement for indicators of management bias to address these risks.

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience through discussion with the officers and other management (as required by the auditing standards).

We reviewed the laws and regulations in areas that directly affect the financial statements including financial and taxation legislation and considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

With the exception of any known or possible non-compliance with relevant and significant laws and regulations, and as required by the auditing standards, our work in respect of these was limited to enquiry of the officers and management of the charity.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of noncompliance throughout the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with the directors.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

These inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud as this may involve sophisticated schemes designed to avoid detection, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or the provision of intentional misrepresentations.

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

Other matters

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 were audited by Whitelaw Wells, who issued an unmodified opinion on their report dated 3 December 2025.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jacqueline Whyte

Jacqueline Whyte (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Thomson Cooper, Statutory Auditor
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Date: 10-09-26

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Income and Endowments from:					
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	2	27,408	189,335	216,743	190,902
Hire charges		574,858	-	574,858	424,154
Investments					
Bank interest		4,196	-	4,196	3,516
Total Income		606,462	189,335	795,797	618,572
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	1,017,248	213,887	1,231,135	482,856
Total Expenditure		1,017,248	213,887	1,231,135	482,856
Net income/(expenditure)	4	(410,786)	(24,552)	(435,338)	135,716
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(410,786)	(24,552)	(435,338)	135,716
Total funds brought forward		410,786	24,552	435,338	299,622
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	435,338

There are no gains or losses for the year other than those shown above.

All results of the company refer to discontinued activities in the current year and from continuing activities in the prior year.

The notes on pages 24 to 35 form part of these accounts.

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2026

	Note	£	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6	-		124,813
Current assets				
Debtors	7	77,288		248,124
Cash at bank and in hand		317,495		136,900
		394,783		385,024
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(394,783)		(74,499)
Net current assets			-	310,525
Net assets	11		-	435,338
Representing:				
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	10		-	308,206
Designated funds	10		-	102,580
Restricted funds	10		-	24,552
Total funds			-	435,338

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved by the members of the Board on 10-09-26 and are signed on their behalf by:

Peter Carruthers

James Brown

Peter Carruthers, Director

James Brown, Director

The notes on pages 24 to 35 form part of these accounts.

SOUTH EDINBURGH AMENITIES GROUP

Cash Flow Statement

As at 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities below	206,394	12,537
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of fixed assets	(29,995)	-
Interest received	4,196	3,516
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(25,799)	3,516
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	180,595	16,053
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	136,900	120,847
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	317,495	136,900

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(435,338)	135,716
Adjusted for:		
Transfer of fixed assets	121,742	-
Depreciation charge	33,066	33,068
Interest received	(4,196)	(3,516)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	170,836	(179,710)
Increase in creditors	320,284	26,979
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	206,394	12,537

1. Accounting policies

a. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019, as amended).

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

Going concern

On 31st March 2026 the activities of South Edinburgh Amenities Group ceased with the charity merging with Handicabs (Lothian) Limited. From 1st April 2026, the activities previously undertaken by South Edinburgh Amenities Group were performed by Handicabs (Lothian) Limited.

As the merger is a transfer of a going concern, with no write down of assets, the accounts were prepared on a basis other than going concern basis, namely the break up basis.

As noted in the Trustees Annual Report the Trustees are intending to formally wind up the charity in 2026/27 so it will be struck off the Charity Register and as a company at Companies House.

b. Income

Gifts in kind
Gifts in kind donated for use by the charity are included at valuation. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers, although the appropriate number of hours is disclosed in the directors' report.

Donations, legacies and similar income
Donations, legacies and similar income is included in the year in which it is receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to it.

Grants receivable
Grants receivable, including capital grants, are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income is deferred only when a funder specifies that the funds must be used in future accounting periods or has imposed conditions that must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement, and these conditions have not yet been met.

Investment income
Income from investments is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

c. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. The charity has only one activity, being the provision of transport to the elderly and disabled, so costs are not apportioned. The resources expended are net of recoverable VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity directly in the delivery of its services to the community and indirect costs necessary to support those services, including governance costs.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

d. Fixed assets

Items are not capitalised if expenditure is less than £250. Tangible fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Minibuses	8 years straight line
Office equipment	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	3 years straight line

e. Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases, where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged against the SOFA on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

f. Funds

The company has no permanent endowment fund. Restricted funds are defined by purpose according to the wishes of donors and expenditure for these purposes is charged to the relevant fund. Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Board in furtherance of the objects of the company. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Board for particular purposes.

g. Critical judgements and estimates

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

g. Critical judgements and estimates (continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

h. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligations and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

i. Debtors

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

j. Cash & cash equivalents

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

k. Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

l. Financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities which are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are classified as "basic" in accordance with FRS102 and are accounted for at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows over the life of the financial assets or liability to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Discounting is not applied to short-term receivables and payables, where the effect is immaterial. Financial assets comprise cash, grants receivable and other debtors. Financial liabilities comprise other creditors and accruals.

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £
City of Edinburgh Community Transport contract	-	123,573	123,573	-	98,847	98,847
Grants for service provision:						
City of Edinburgh Health Inequalities	-	16,431	16,431	-	65,724	65,724
Bus Service Operators Grant	27,408	-	27,408	26,311	-	26,311
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	20	-	20
Third Resilience Fund	-	49,331	49,331	-	-	-
	27,408	189,335	216,743	26,331	164,571	190,902

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £
Provision of transport						
Direct costs						
Fuel	29,276	5,816	35,092	29,384	10,416	39,800
Insurance	24,484	4,865	29,349	22,608	8,015	30,623
Minibus repairs	44,473	8,835	53,308	(135,356)	9,582	(125,774)
Vehicle equipment	3,074	611	3,685	-	-	-
Depreciation	23,863	9,203	33,066	23,865	9,203	33,068
Staff costs (Note 5)	359,194	163,540	522,734	330,104	126,521	456,625
Protective Clothing	554	110	664	50	18	68
Support costs						
Rent	19,933	3,960	23,893	14,152	5,017	19,169
Property costs	-	-	-	2,065	732	2,797
Stationery, printing & photocopier	(865)	(172)	(1,037)	817	290	1,107
Postage & telephone	1,629	324	1,953	1,479	524	2,003
Computer maintenance & supplies	708	1,009	1,717	557	2,934	3,491
Professional fees	34,017	306	34,323	1,916	678	2,594
Other costs	4,308	856	5,164	2,925	2,277	5,202
Transfer of closing net assets to Handicabs Lothian	449,408	14,624	464,032	-	-	-
Governance costs						
Accounting and Audit Fees	23,192	-	23,192	9,919	501	10,420
Staff costs (Note 5)	-	-	-	1,663	-	1,663
	1,017,248	213,887	1,231,135	306,148	176,708	482,856

4. Net income/(expenditure)

	2026	2025
	£	£
<u>Net income/(expenditure) is stated after:</u>		
Auditor's remuneration:		
Current auditor:		
- Audit	6,250	-
Previous auditor:		
- Audit	1,756	5,500
- Non audit	15,186	4,920
Depreciation	33,066	33,068
Transfer of closing net assets to Handicabs Lothian	464,032	-
Operating lease rentals:		
Land and buildings	20,117	13,500
Other	293	244

5. Staff costs and numbers

	2026	2025
	£	£
Salaries and wages	475,633	426,216
Social security costs	41,175	27,775
Pension costs	5,926	4,297
	522,734	458,288

The number of employees during the year, on a head count basis, was 30 (2025: 27), of which 8 (2025: 3) are full-time. There were 25 (2025: 23) drivers and 5 (2025: 4) support staff.

The Key Management Personnel are defined as the general manager, operations manager, assistant operations manager and finance officer. The aggregate remuneration amounts to £137,880 (2025: £109,788).

No employee had emoluments of more than £60,000 in either the current or previous years.

No remuneration was paid to directors during either the current or previous years, nor were they reimbursed any expenses.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Minibuses	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 31 March 2025	729,541	2,417	3,602	735,560
Additions	29,995	-	-	29,995
Disposals	(759,536)	(2,417)	(3,602)	(765,555)
As at 31 March 2026	-	-	-	-
Depreciation				
As at 31 March 2025	604,927	2,417	3,403	610,747
Charge for year	32,868	-	199	33,066
Disposals	(637,795)	(2,417)	(3,601)	(643,813)
As at 31 March 2026	-	-	-	-
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2026	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	124,614	-	199	124,813

7. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Hire charges	58,968	47,204
Prepayments and other debtors	5,177	188,562
Grants receivable	13,143	12,358
	77,288	248,124

8. Creditors: amounts payable within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Accruals and deferred income	35,190	65,962
Social security and other taxes	17,303	8,537
Transfer of net assets to Handicabs (Lothian)	342,290	-
	394,783	74,499

9. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2026 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases payable as set out below:-

	2026 Land & buildings £	2026 Other £	2025 Land & buildings £	2025 Other £
Expiring:				
Within one year	-	-	18,000	142
Between one and five years	-	-	4,500	-
	-	-	22,500	142

10. Accumulated Funds

	As at 31 March 2025	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	As at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	308,206	606,462	(914,668)	-	-
Designated Funds					
- Capital reserve	102,580	-	(102,580)	-	-
	410,786	606,462	(1,017,248)	-	-
Restricted Funds					
Revenue grants					
CEC Health Inequalities	-	16,431	(16,431)	-	-
CEC Community Transport	-	123,573	(123,573)	-	-
Third Resilience Fund	-	49,331	(49,331)	-	-
Capital grants					
Edinburgh Health & Tulip Trust	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
The Basil Death Trust	750	-	(750)	-	-
Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership	2,319	-	(2,319)	-	-
CEC Community Transport – SN70	18,983	-	(18,983)	-	-
	24,552	189,335	(213,887)	-	-
Total Funds	435,338	795,797	1,231,135	-	-

10. Accumulated Funds

	As at 31 March 2024	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	132,249	454,001	(282,283)	4,239	308,206
Designated Funds					
- Capital reserve	126,445	-	(23,865)	-	102,580
	258,694	454,001	(306,148)	4,239	410,786
Restricted Funds					
Revenue grants					
CEC Health Inequalities	-	65,724	(65,724)	-	-
CEC Community Transport	-	98,847	(98,847)	-	-
Capital grants					
Edinburgh Health & Tulip Trust	5,000	-	(2,500)	-	2,500
The Basil Death Trust	1,125	-	(375)	-	750
Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership	8,115	-	(2,934)	(2,862)	2,319
CEC Community Transport – SN70	25,311	-	(6,328)	-	18,983
CEC Community Transport – Purchase	1,377	-	-	(1,377)	-
	40,928	164,571	(176,708)	(4,239)	24,552
Total Funds	299,622	618,572	(482,856)	-	435,338

10. Accumulated Funds (continued)

The General Fund represents the reserves of the charity, which are not designated for any particular purposes. The transfer to the Designated Capital Fund represents the cost of vehicles acquired during the year using reserves.

The designated capital reserve represents the net book value of assets purchased by the charity from general funds.

During 2016 the Directors created a Designated Vehicle Replacement Fund. In order to maintain the quality of the vehicle fleet older vehicles are replaced as they near the end of their useful life. The designated fund ring fences surplus funds available for contribution towards new vehicles acquisitions.

The City of Edinburgh Council Health Inequalities revenue funds consist of grants received to support the provision of a transport service for the elderly and disabled in the Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership (LGNP) and the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership (SCNP) areas.

The City of Edinburgh Council Community Transport contract supports the provision of a vehicle hire service targeted at voluntary and community groups in south Edinburgh, providing services for people who are socially excluded and / or socially deprived.

The City of Edinburgh Council Third Resilience Fund Grant supports core staffing and premises costs.

The other restricted Capital Grants funds represent grants received from the listed organisations to assist in the purchase of minibuses.

11. Analysis of net assets among funds

As at 31 March 2026	**Tangible Fixed Assets £**	**Cash at bank and in hand £**	**Other net current assets £**	**Total £**
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	-	317,495	(317,495)	-
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds				
Total funds	-	317,495	(317,495)	-

11. Analysis of net assets among funds (continued)

As at 31 March 2025	**Tangible Fixed Assets £**	**Cash at bank and in hand £**	**Other net current assets £**	**Total £**
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	-	136,900	171,306	308,206
Designated Funds	102,580	-	-	102,580
Restricted funds	22,233	-	2,319	24,552
Total funds	124,813	136,900	173,625	435,338

12. Status of Company

South Edinburgh Amenities Group is a company limited by guarantee of its members and does not have a share capital. Each of the 19 members in pursuance of Clause VI of the Memorandum of Association has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up whilst still a member, of within one year after cessation of membership.

13. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

14. Related party transactions

The charity is managed by a Board of Directors with no one individual having control of the charity. There were no related party transactions during either the current or previous years.

15. Capital Commitment

The company has a capital expenditure commitment of £Nil at 31 March 2026 (2025: £Nil).

16. Post Balance Sheet Event

As noted in the Trustees Report the charity merged with Handicabs (Lothian) Limited, a Scottish charity (SC013906) with very similar activities to South Edinburgh Amenities Group, on 31st March 2026. From 1st April 2026, the activities previously undertaken by South Edinburgh Amenities Group will be performed by Handicabs (Lothian). Thereafter South Edinburgh Amenities Group will be wound up.

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Dear Sirs,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of South Edinburgh Amenities Group for the year ended 31 March 2026 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of South Edinburgh Amenities Group as of 31 March 2026 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

We acknowledge and have fulfilled our responsibility for the fair presentation of the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations:

1. General

We acknowledge and have fulfilled as the Directors of the charitable charity our responsibilities under the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and all the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including Minutes of Director meetings, have been made available to you.

2. **Basis of Preparation**

The Directors have determined that the going concern basis is not appropriate as the charity transferred its operations and net assets to Handicabs (Lothian) Limited on 31 March 2026 as part of a merger. The Directors intend to formally wind up the charity therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis.

3**. Loans and arrangements**

The charity has not had, or entered into, at any time during the period any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including loans, quasi loans or credit transactions) for the Directors or to guarantee or provide security for such matters.

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4. Transactions with related parties

We have made available to you all relevant information concerning related party transactions and are not aware of any other matters or transactions, which require disclosure in order to comply with the requirement of the FRS 102. We confirm the disclosure in the financial statements is correct, as far as we are aware.

5. Law and regulations

We are not aware of any irregularities involving the Directors or employees of the charity: nor are we aware of any breaches or possible breaches of statute, regulations, contracts or agreements which might prejudice the going concern status or that might result in the charity suffering significant penalties or other loss. No allegations of such irregularities or such breaches have come to our notice.

6. Fraud

We acknowledge and have fulfilled our responsibilities for the design and implementation of internal controls and procedures to prevent and detect fraud. We have disclosed to you any actual or suspected fraud involving the Directors, employees with significant roles in internal controls, and all instances where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

7. Grants and Hire Charges

All grants, hire charges and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during this period in the application of such income.

8. **Restricted/Unrestricted Funds**

We believe the basis of allocation of income and expenditure between restricted and unrestricted funds is in accordance with conditions imposed by grant funders and that they are correctly disclosed within the accounts.

Yours faithfully
Signed on behalf of the Board

Peter Carruthers
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Peter Carruthers

Date: 10-09-26 ______________________________