REGISTERED CHARITY: NO 525790 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE: NO 85176

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

The Rt Rev The Bishop of Chester \*

**ELECTED MEMBERS** 

1 Clerical and 1 Lay elected by Diocesan Synod,

1 Clerical or Lay elected by each Deanery Synod.

Mr M Baxter Mr R Blackhurst Mr S Cottam Mr P A Edwards Mr J Furse The Revd J L Goode

Stockport Deanery
Malpas Deanery
Wallasey Deanery
Bowdon Deanery
Chadkirk Deanery
Great Budworth Deanery

The Revd Dr J Harries
The Revd P Hartopp
Mr I Johnson
Mr W I McKenzie
Mr P Noden
The Revd D Newstead
Mr E Owen \*

Diocesan Synod
Middlewich Deanery
Mottram Deanery
Birkenhead Deanery
Nantwich Deanery
Wirral North Deanery
Frodsham Deanery
Diocesan Synod
Congleton Deanery
Chester Deanery

Mr I Roberts Mrs D Wisener Mr C Wilkinson Mrs P Worswick Dr W Yates

Macclesfield Deanery Knutsford Deanery

#### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

The Revd L Bannon
Mrs A Bomford
The Revd D W Guest
Ms J Owen
Canon E Renshaw \*
Mr J Owens
Canon Prof T J Wheeler \*

#### **BISHOP'S NOMINEES**

The Revd C Helm
The Rt Rev The Bishop of Birkenhead \*
The Ven Dr M Gilbertson \*

#### **SECRETARY**

Canon J Turnbull

<sup>\*</sup> Also Director of the company

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

#### **DIRECTORS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY, LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The Rt Rev The Bishop of Chester
The Rt Rev The Bishop of Birkenhead
The Ven Dr M Gilbertson
Canon E Renshaw
Mr E Owen
Canon Prof T J Wheeler

#### SECRETARY AND REGISTERED ADDRESS/PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Canon J Turnbull Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4GE

#### **PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc

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Solicitors: Hibberts LLP

25 Barker Street, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5EN

Lee Bolton Monier-Williams

1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London, SW1P 3JT

Registered Auditors: BDO LLP

5 Temple Square, Temple Street, Liverpool, L2 5RH

#### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2013.

#### Reference and administrative details

Charity number:

525790

Company number:

85176

Principal Office: Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4GE

#### **Directors and trustees**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ex-officio trustee:

The Rt Revd The Bishop of Chester

Bishop of Chester

The Rt Revd The Bishop of Birkenhead

nominees:

The Ven The Archdeacon of Chester

Elected trustees:

E Owen

Canon E Renshaw Canon Prof T J Wheeler

Secretary:

Canon J Turnbull

#### Structure, Governance and Management

#### **Governing Document**

The Chester Diocesan Board of Education is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association of 1943 amended on 17 October 1995. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Members of the company are elected or appointed in accordance with The Chester Diocesan Board of Education Order 1993. Following elections to Diocesan Synod, the Board was reconstituted on 1 January 2013. There were 29 members at the year-end (26 in 2012), each of whom agree to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

The Bishop of Chester is a member and he nominates two members from among the suffragan bishops, full time assistant bishops or archdeacons in the Diocese. He may also nominate two additional members. Diocesan Synod elects two members and each Deanery Synod elects one member. The trustees have the power to co-opt up to eight further members to fill specialist roles. All members serve for a period of three years.

When considering co-opting members, the Board has regard to the requirement for any experience needed, for example in Church schools in the Diocese or work with children, young people or in the FE or HE sector in the Diocese.

#### **Appointment of trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association the chair of the trustees is the Bishop of Chester except that, if he does not desire to be Chairman, the members after consultation with the Bishop, shall appoint some other person (whether or not a member) to be Chairman. The Bishop of Birkenhead was the Chairman throughout the year.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

The trustees comprise the Chairman of the Association, the members appointed by the Bishop from among the suffragan bishops, full time assistant bishops or archdeacons in the Diocese and up to four other members elected by the members of the Board.

#### Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

Trustees also meet key employees and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

#### **Organisation**

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board meets regularly together with the Secretary who manages the day to day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Secretary has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and school related activities.

#### **Related parties**

The charity has a close relationship with Chester Diocesan Board of Finance (a company limited by guarantee registered in England (no. 7826) and a registered charity (no. 248968)) which funds the work with children and young people and provides office accommodation.

The charity has a close relationship with Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (a company limited by guarantee registered in England (no. 8451787) and an exempt charity) which was established during the year as a multi-academy trust within the Diocese.

The charity jointly owns DBE Services Ltd with Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education, Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance, Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance, Manchester Diocesan Board of Education and York Diocesan Board of Finance. This company undertakes support work across the six dioceses and gift-aids any profit back to the six Boards.

#### Objectives and activities

The charity acts as the Education Authority for the Church of England in the Diocese of Chester, in accordance with The Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 1991. The objects of the charity are:

- to promote education consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England in the Diocese;
- to promote religious education and religious worship in schools in the Diocese;
- to promote church schools in the Diocese;
- to advise the governors of Church schools in the Diocese;
- to advise the trustees of church educational endowments in the Diocese;
- to promote youth and children's work in the Diocese;
- to support work in institutions of further and higher education in the Diocese.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

A principal activity is the administration of grant claims in respect of building and maintenance work carried out on school properties together with all other related matters which promote the efficiency of or otherwise benefit the schools in the Diocese.

The company also acts as custodian trustee for a number of specific trusts (referred to as Specific Purpose Funds in the attached accounts).

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's objectives are to:

- Administer and advise on building work, particularly in aided schools in the Diocese;
- Advise and support governing bodies in aspects of their role such as appointments, admissions and ethos:
- Support and promote quality religious education and worship in church schools in the Diocese;
- Arrange for and support staff and governors through denominational inspection procedures;
- Provide training opportunities for staff and governors;
- Provide pastoral and other support to schools experiencing difficulties;
- Work alongside local authorities and other partners in making strategic decisions about the future of schools;
- Work with other Diocesan Boards of Education in the DBE Services group to provide high quality services to schools;
- Represent the Diocese on committees and groups involved in school work;
- Advise and support the trustees of church educational endowment held wholly or partly for or in connection with any church school.

Work with children and young people is supported entirely by Chester Diocesan Board of Finance.

#### Strategic Report

#### Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified only a few minor new risks but it has resulted in better emergency procedures and contingency plans and has given the impetus for better planning. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by trustees. There is trustee indemnity insurance in place.

#### Grant making policy

The charity makes discretionary grants to governors or schools as financial assistance towards the cost of approved school projects. In deciding whether to make a grant, the trustees consider the school's ability to fund the work themselves by obtaining information using an application form which asks for information on other sources of finance.

#### Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

The Department for Education which provides grants for building work in aided schools has continued to provide Devolved Formula Capital to schools in two amounts, but at a reduced level. Aided schools in the Diocese have continued to have this money held by the charity. This indicates the level of regard with which the charity is held and has also enabled us to allow some schools to expend money which they will not receive until the following year.

The charity has provided public benefit in the following ways:

Many schools benefited from building work and the support of staff and consultants from DBE Services Ltd. Projects with work over £100,000 included:

Bunbury Removal of mobile and replacement with permanent accommodation

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

Eccleston
 Extension to classroom and formation of disabled toilet facilities

Norton St Berteline Roof Repairs

Hyde St George Boiler replacement plus resolution of other heating problems
 Sir Thomas Boteler Toilet refurbishment plus replacement of some windows

Stretton St Matthew Resolution of various condition issues

Woodchurch Refurbishment of classroom, entrance, toilet and DDA work

Capital grant for building work in schools was again limited to funding for one year which produces difficulty in ensuring the most needy projects are undertaken.

The charity continued to administer and quality assure the denominational inspections for all Church schools. Changes in the arrangement of inspections resulted in a reduction in the number undertaken during the year. The support provided to each school before and after inspections is of great benefit in supporting its Christian foundation as well as offering a means of pastoral support to senior managers. The following schools are to be congratulated on being seen as outstanding church schools by their inspector during the year:

- Stockport St George's C of E School
- Thurstaston Dawpool C of E School
- Lower Peover C of E School
- Bollington St John's C of E School
- · West Kirby St Bridget's C of E School
- Barrow C of E School
- Brereton C of E School
- Altrincham C of E School
- Clutton C of E School

97% of church schools in the Diocese are currently graded 'Outstanding' or 'Good' in their denominational inspection.

The charity is being seen as more responsible for standards in church schools in the Diocese and along with other dioceses in the country we have finally been given access to RAISEonline data for church schools. 83% of schools in the Diocese are currently graded 'Outstanding' or 'Good' by Ofsted.

A considerable amount of time has been spent assisting schools as they consider academy status. Stapeley Broad Lane C of E Primary School became an academy on 1 April bringing the number of church academies in the Diocese to four. Woodchurch High School which is an academy with a Church of England Trust has secured the Secretary of State's permission to apply to become a Church of England academy. Three further schools have obtained the Board's agreement to apply for academy status: Mossley, Prestbury and Smallwood C of E Primary Schools. A separate company and charity, Chester Diocesan Academies Trust was established during the year particularly for church schools in the Diocese.

The charity has supported governors in the usual round of senior appointments in church schools and other issues. Successful training courses, some in conjunction with DBE Services and the National College, have been run to support the development of Christian leaders for schools. Following new Ofsted guidelines, the requirements for appointing foundation governors have been changed to ensure that governing bodies have the appropriate skill set. An initiative to recruit appropriate foundation governors was begun.

Great Budworth C of E Primary School and Woodcock's Well C of E Primary School both became voluntary aided (from voluntary controlled) on 1 September and Birkenhead Christ Church C of E Primary School began consulting on changing to that status. The schools have been supported by officers during and after the change.

The 'Chester Diocesan Family of Schools' has continued successfully for a fifth year with membership of schools remaining high. Schools pay an annual subscription to be a member and receive discounts on courses provided and receive other benefits. The courses for teachers and governors have continued to be successful and maintain the profile of the charity. The accessibility of the new Church House has seen an increase in participants on courses.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

Additional support in RE is being provided to member schools through exemplar lesson plans as well as regular meetings for RE co-ordinators.

The Secondary RE Guidelines produced by DBE Services were revised during the year and are now available on the charity's website.

The charity received and has begun considering the implications of two important national reports: 'The Church School of the Future Review' and 'A Diocesan Board of Education for the Future.'

The annual Year 6 leavers' services were again well-attended and appreciated by all who attended. Two services were held in the Cathedral because of the reduced seating during the Mystery Plays; this proved popular and two will also be held in 2014. We are most grateful to the Cathedral and Astbury St Mary's Church for hosting these events.

The reduced funding for local authorities has resulted in schools looking for increased support and the charity is seeking ways to ensure appropriate provision is provided. In some areas, church schools are seeking more productive ways to work together for mutual support and this is being encouraged by the charity.

The regular half-termly newsletter which goes to all church schools and other interested parties and also the website, have been successful in communicating the charity's work and supporting school staff and governors in their respective roles.

The chaplains of secondary schools meet regularly and are supported in their work. With the increased number of secondary schools, this is a very important area of work and individual chaplains continue to benefit from the shared experience and expertise within the group.

#### **Financial Review**

The financial statements have been prepared according to the principles contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005)' issued by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales and in accordance with the accounting policies detailed in note 1 to the accounts.

As detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities, and in note 8, the company was acting as custodian trustee and holding Specific Purpose funds totalling £470,882 at 31 December 2013 compared to £493,011 at the beginning of the year.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net outgoing resources of £105,484 before unrealised gains of £483,508 resulting in an overall gain of £378,024.

The overall result for the year has led to a total increase in funds held (excluding Specific Purpose funds) of £400,153, as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 comprising an Unrestricted General fund surplus of £234,677 and Restricted Trust fund surplus of £165,476.

#### **Investment Policy**

The charity owns a number of properties as well as holding investments in CBF Church of England Funds and cash reserves. Of the charity's total gross assets (excluding Specific Purpose fund investments), 18% is held as cash, 15% in property and 67% in CBF investments. The properties bring income through leases. Of the CBF investments (excluding Specific Purpose fund investments), 77% are investment shares and 12% Global Equity shares that are intended to provide steadily growing income and capital appreciation to provide long-term protection from inflation; 5% are property shares which provide higher income and some protection against inflation; 6% of the funds are held in fixed interest securities that provide higher income but offer no protection from inflation. In all cases performance is in line with expectations.

The CBF guarantee that investments are made in accordance with the ethical standards of the Church of England.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

The trustees regularly consider the performance of the shares to ensure that the return in terms of capital growth and income is appropriate to the needs of the charity. This year the review led the trustees to reduce the level of cash and fixed interest securities held and invest in Global Equity shares which improved both income and medium term capital growth.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The charity is almost entirely dependent on the income from its investments to support its work. Consequently investments are maintained and the trustees would only consider expending capital in exceptional cases.

The Restricted Trust Funds arise out of the sale of school properties which in past years came under various Educational Endowment Orders and were amalgamated into a uniform statutory trust in 1995 following the provisions of the Education Act 1993. The use of these funds is restricted to the following:

- a) funding the purchase, or erection of, improvement or enlargement of, relevant school premises in the area;
- b) funding maintenance costs of any relevant school in the area:
- c) funding the costs of the administration of the trust and the costs of providing advice, guidance and resources in connection with any matter related to the management of, or education provided at any relevant school in the area.

The Unrestricted General Funds held are historic funds and may be used for the general purposes of the Board in achieving its charitable objectives.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

The major task for the charity will be to respond appropriately to changes in Government policy in order to support trustees, governors and staff in schools. Schools are suffering from uncertainty about the future with the reduction in LA support, changes in school funding and a new curriculum. Despite a lapse of three years we still await the Government's proposals for allocating capital funds against the background of decreasing funds.

The charity, having overseen the establishment of Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT), will need to develop appropriate links with this separate but related charity. St Matthew's C of E Primary School will become part of this trust on 1 January 2014. If and when schools decide to become academies but wish to do so with the support of others, it is expected that more schools will wish to join CDAT and the systems it has developed will become more widely used. The development of procedures to improve standards will be useful if and when church schools require support in this matter.

The DfE has produced proposals that all school governing bodies should reconstitute under new regulations by September 2015 and the charity will need to be consulted and advise on proposals from each governing body. Work on ensuring the appropriate skill set is present in governing bodies will continue with added impetus from the new guidelines. Encouragement for appropriate people to take on the demanding role of foundation governor will be continued.

The challenges posed by the 'A Diocesan Board of Education for the Future' Report will be carefully considered and responded to.

It is intended that Liverpool DBE will undertake the administration of all denominational inspections for Chester and Manchester Dioceses. This will relieve some pressure on the charity's officers and bring consistency of approach across the three dioceses.

The Primary RE Guidelines which were produced in 2007 will be revised during the coming year and a new national initiative on teaching Christianity in schools should assist those teaching RE along with the further use of the RE Quality Mark.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (contd)

The charity is particularly keen to ensure that church schools take their rightful place in the overall mission of the Church and will continue to work to ensure this occurs. Work will be undertaken to seek to support churches in their mission to all schools in their parish.

#### Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

The charity acts as custodian trustee in respect of funds held on behalf of local trustees and such specific purpose funds are shown separately in the financial statements.

The company also acts as custodian trustee in respect of funds arising out of the sale of school properties where the funds are held pending the issue of an Order or other determination.

The Devolved Formula Capital for aided schools is held by the charity as part of these funds.

In respect of each Trustee at the date the Trustee's Report is signed:

- so far as we are aware, there is no information needed by the Charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report (relevant audit information) of which they are unaware, and
- as the trustees of the Charity we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that BDO LLP be re-appointed as auditors to the charity for the ensuing year.

By order of the trustees, the Trustees Report, incorporating the Strategic Report, has been approved by

The Rt Revd K Sinclair (Chairman)

Date: 25 M and 2014

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## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. The Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP:
- make judgments 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

We have audited the financial statements of Chester Diocesan Board of Education for the year ended 31 December 2013 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the summary income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting council's (FRC's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (CONT'D) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the trustees' report, incorporating the strategic report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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**Brian Ricketts** (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory auditor

Liverpool
United Kingdom
Date 28 March 2014

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds	Specific Purpose Funds £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	1.2					
Incoming resources from generated funds	:					
Investment income and interest	2.2	85,186	208,999	4,056	298,241	324,269
Incoming resources from						
Charitable activities	2.1	94,426			94,426	106,757
		179,612	208,999	4,056	392,667	431,026
Other incoming resources						
Further funds received			85,083		85,083	1,000
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		179,612	294,082	4,056	477,750	432,026
RESOURCES EXPENDED	1.3					
Cost of generating funds						
Charitable activities	3.1	-	505,471	-	505,471	292,757
Governance costs	3.1	2,089	45,302		47,391	33,558
	3.1	2,089	550,773	-	552,862	326,315
Funds divested				30,372	30,372	231,161
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		2,089	550,773	30,372	583,234	557,476
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOUR BEFORE TRANSFERS	CES	177,523	(256,691)	(26,316)	(105,484)	(125,450)
Gross transfers between funds	3.7					<u>-</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOUR BEFORE REVALUATIONS AND INVESTMENT ASSET DISPOSALS	CES	177,523	(256,691)	(26,316)	(105,484)	(125,450)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	6.1	57,154	422,167	4,187	483,508	251,943
Unrealised gain on investment property revaluation	4.1	-	-	-	-	135,000
Realised loss on disposal of investments				-		(4,463)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		234,677	165,476	(22,129)	378,024	257,030
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2013		1,950,082	5,769,373	493,011	8,212,466	7,955,436
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWAR 31 DECEMBER 2013	<b>D AT</b> 10	2,184,759	5,934,849	470,882	8,590,490	8,212,466

#### SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	2013 £	2012 £
Gross income of continuing operations	477,750	432,026
Total expenditure of continuing operations	(552,862)	(326,315)
Net (loss)/gain for the year before investment asset disposals	(75,112)	105,711
Loss on disposal of investments	-	(4,463)
Gain on sale of property	-	-
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	(75,112)	101,248

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

**COMPANY NUMBER: 85176** 

#### **BALANCE SHEET** 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2	2013		2012	
		£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible fixed assets						
<ul> <li>investment properties</li> </ul>	4.1		1,169,700		1,169,700	
Investments	6.2		5,797,390		5,283,488	
Investment in associated company	6.3		12		12	
			6,967,102		6,453,200	
Current assets						
Cash at bank		1,715,587		1,442,332		
Debtors	5	811,540		1,226,318		
		2,527,127		2,668,650		
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7.1	(900,059)		(903,764)		
Net current assets		<u> </u>	1,627,068		1,764,886	
Total assets less current liabilities			8,594,170		8,218,086	
Creditors – amounts falling due						
after more than one year	7.2		(3,680)		(5,620)	
Net assets			8,590,490		8,212,466	
Funds						
Specific purpose funds	8					
- realised		456,760		483,076		
<ul> <li>unrealised revaluation</li> </ul>		14,122		9,935		
			470,882		493,011	
Restricted trust funds	9					
- realised		3,974,904		4,231,595		
<ul> <li>unrealised revaluation</li> </ul>		1,959,945		1,537,778		
			5,934,849		5,769,373	
Unrestricted general funds						
- realised		1,681,053		1,503,530		
<ul> <li>unrealised revaluation</li> </ul>		503,706		446,552		
			2,184,759		_1,950,082	
			8,590,490		8,212,466	
Amount of and authorized for increasing the	- D	7-14				

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 25 m and 2014

The Rt Revd K Sinclair (Chairman)

Director

### NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments and investment properties at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on the basis of the amounts receivable for the year.

#### 1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on the accruals basis, based on the amounts payable for work done and services provided in the year. Charitable Expenditure consists of all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activity costs also include the cost of administering grant claims in respect of building and maintenance work carried out on school properties, the cost of administering grants payable and providing support to the other charitable activities of the company.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### 1.4 Grants

Grants payable included within charitable activities represent discretionary grants to Governors or Schools for financial assistance towards the cost of specific, approved school projects. Grants payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on the accruals basis, to the extent that conditions for payment have been met.

#### 1.5 Investments

Investments are included in the balance sheet at their market value at the balance sheet date.

Unrealised gains are calculated as the movement in market value during the year. Realised gains are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and market value brought forward.

#### 1.6 Taxation

No provision is made for taxation as the company is a Charity entitled to the various exemptions afforded by the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

## NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.7 Specific purpose funds

The company acts as custodian trustee in respect of funds held on behalf of local trustees and such specific purpose funds are shown separately in the financial statements, as summarised in note 8.

The company also acts as custodian trustee in respect of funds arising out of the sale of school properties where the funds are held pending the issue of an Order or other determination.

#### 1.8 Restricted trust funds

Funds arising out of the sale of school properties were received in past years under various Educational Endowment Orders and were amalgamated into a uniform statutory trust in 1995 following the provisions of the Education Act 1993. These funds are shown separately as trust funds in the financial statements, as summarised in note 9, and their use is restricted to the following:-

- a) funding the purchase, or erection of, improvement or enlargement of, relevant school premises in the area,
- b) funding maintenance costs of any relevant school in the area,
- c) funding the costs of the administration of the trust and the costs of providing advice, guidance and resources in connection with any matter related to the management of, or education provided at any relevant school in the area.

#### 1.9 Tangible fixed assets - other than property

The cost of office fixtures and office equipment acquired are capitalised and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives at the rates of 33.3% per annum straight line for computer equipment and 20% per annum straight line for other furniture and equipment.

Office fixtures and office equipment costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

#### 1.10 Tangible fixed assets - property

Proceeds from the sale of former school properties are normally held by the company as custodian trustee (in specific purpose funds, as note 1.7) until a relevant Educational Endowment Order or other determination is issued. The financial statements up to 31 December 1996 did not include any value for former school properties held in the name of the company which had not yet been sold but these properties, classified as investment properties, have been included in subsequent accounts at their estimated market value, as disclosed in note 4.1.

#### 1.11 Cash Flow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption provided by FRS 1 and has not produced a cash flow statement.

#### 1.12 Liabilities

The charity recognises liabilities when an obligation exists as a result of a past event and a reasonable estimate can be made of the amount of that obligation.

#### NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

2.1	Charitable activities				2013	2012
					£	£
	Conference income				12,103	20,366
	DBE Services Ltd gift aid				46,402	48,340
	Chester Diocesan Family of Schools				34,042	34,975
	Other			-	1,879	3,076
					94,426	106,757
2.2	Investment income and	Unrestricted	Restricted	Specific	Total	Total
	interest			Purpose	2013	2012
		_	_	funds		_
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unlisted investments	22,358	208,999	4,056	235,413	215,358
	Bank interest	13,393	-	-	13,393	45,062
	Rental income	49,188	-	-	49,188	62,695
	Interest on advances	247			247	1,154
		85,186	208,999	4,056	298,241	324,269
3	RESOURCES EXPENDED		2013	2013	2013	2012
0.4			haritable	Governance	Total	Total
3.1	Resources expended com the following:-	ıprısea	activities cos	sts of charity £	£	£
	-		_	_		
	Grants made (note 3.3)		18,366	-	18,366	9,877
	Property costs incurred		10,002	-	10,002	33,870
	Salaries and other recharge (note 3.4)	es	235,322	26,147	261,469	198,406
	Legal and professional		16,064	1,785	17,849	12,484
	Audit and accountancy (not	e 3.5)	-	15,600	15,600	11,910
	Bank charges		-	359	359	400
	Depreciation		-	-	-	1,319
	Educational Support Costs		73,139	-	73,139	69,652
	Other expenses, including in consumables.	nsurance,	152,578	3,500	156,078	(11,603)
			505,471	47,391	552,862	326,315

## NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

#### 3.2 Staff Costs

	2013 £	2012 £
Salaries and Wages	33,318	36,528
Employer's NI	2,815	3,236
Employer's Pension Contributions	4,731	4,012
	40,864	43,776

During the year there was one (2012: one) full time employee employee by Chester Diocesan Board of Education. In addition there are five employees under joint employment contracts with Chester Diocesan Board of Finance.

Staff costs are included in the charge levied by Chester Diocesan Board of Finance who act in an agency capacity in paying the staff member employed by Chester Diocesan Board of Education. These costs are included within resources expended.

Employer's pension contributions above on behalf of the single employee employed by Chester Diocesan Board of Education have been paid into the Teacher's Pension Scheme.

Four of the five employees under joint contracts of employment are members of the Church of England Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS), part of the Church Workers Pension Fund.

Chester Diocesan Board of Finance is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities as each employer is exposed to the actuarial risks associated with the current and former employees of other entities participating in the DBS. A valuation of the Fund was carried out as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and Chester DBF's contribution rate was revised (to 26.8% of pensionable salary for contributory members and 31.8% for non contributory members) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

No remuneration (or expense reimbursement) was paid to any of the directors, or members of The Board of Education, for the year (2012: £Nil).

## NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

#### 3.3 Grants made and committed

In 2013 financial assistance grants totalling £18,366 were paid to the governors of four schools (2012: £9,877 to the governors of two schools).

	2013 £	2012 £
Bishops' High School – assistance with funding chaplain	9,162	9,162
Leasowe – boiler and window replacement	8,389	-
Other grant payments of less than £1,000 each	815	715
	18,366	9,877

- 3.4 Salaries and other recharges are paid to the Chester Diocesan Board of Finance for work carried out on behalf of schools in the Diocese. The main recharges are for salaries under joint contracts of employment and rent.
- 3.5 The audit charges related to the following:

	2013 £	2012 £
Current year	11,100	11,100
Prior year	4,500	810
	15,600	11,910

- 3.6 The cost of errors and omissions and trustee indemnity insurance for the year amounted to £796 (2012: £796).
- 3.7 There were no transfers in the year.

#### NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

4 4.1	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS Investment properties: At valuation at 1 January 2013 Increase/(Decrease) in valuation of properties held		1	<b>£</b> ,169,700 -
	At valuation at 31 December 2013			,169,700
	The investment properties were independently valued surveyors) in November 2013. They review that valuation valuation is reflected above. Full independent valuation the next being due in 2017.  The properties were provided to the Board at no cost be for Education.	on annually, ans are underta	nd any change i ken every 5 year	rs;
4.2	Fixtures and office equipment:			
	Cost:	£	£	
	- at 1 January 2013		31,760	
	- disposal in year	-	(31,760)	
	Depreciation		-	
	- at 1 January 2013	31,760		
	- disposal in year	(31,760)		
		-	<u>-</u>	
	Net book value as at 31 December 2013			-
5 5.1	DEBTORS Amount falling due within one year:		2013 £	2012 £
	Grants receivable		117,089	166,850
	Other investments and advances to school governors		399,398	636,190
	Other debtors		149,742	207,543
			666,229	1,010,583
5.2	Amounts falling due after one year: Grants receivable		-	
	Other investments and advances to school governors		145,311	106,697
	Other debtors			109,038
			145,311	215,735

## NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

6	INVESTMENTS			2013 £	2012 £
6.1	Unlisted investments, at market value			L	L,
	At 1 January 2013			5,283,488	4,157,148
	Additions in year			250,242	2,668,818
	Less: disposals at market value			(219,848)	(1,794,421)
	Net (loss)/gain on revaluation			483,508	251,943
	Market value at 31 December 2013			5,797,390	5,283,488
	(Historic cost as at 31 December 2013 £4, 31 December 2012 £4,403,952)	434,344;			
6.2	The investments held at 31 December com	nprised:-			
	CBF deposits			541,033	511,028
	CBF Fixed Interest Securities fund			295,558	317,432
	CBF Investment fund			4,061,778	3,633,008
	CBF Global Equity Investment fund			630,273	558,181
	CBF Property fund			239,784	237,521
	COIF deposits and investment fund			28,964	26,318
				5,797,390	5,283,488
6.3	Investment in associated company				
	The Charity holds the following significant	investments:-			
	Investment in associate at cost			12	12
	Name	Type of share	% value	Profit for the year £	Aggregate capital and reserves £
	DBE Services Ltd	Ordinary	17%	2,853	(1,050)

At the year end the Charity received gift aid payments amounting to £46,402 from this company (2012: £48,340)

The results above are from the accounts for 2013.

#### NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

7	CREDITORS		2013 £	2012 £
7.1	Amount falling due within one year:		~	~
	Trade creditors		127,023	138,176
	Loan repayments		1,940	1,940
	Other creditors, accruals and deferred income		242,214	140,637
	DFC funds payable		528,882	623,011
			900,059	903,764
7.2	Amounts falling due after one year:			
	Loan repayments	•		
	- Church of England Archbishops' Council		3,680	5,620
7.3	The loans outstanding are repayable as follows:-			
	Due within a year		1,940	1,940
	Due between 1 and 2 years		1,640	1,940
	Due between 2 and 5 years		2,040	3,180
	Due after more than 5 years			500
			5,620	7,560
	The loans repayable to the Church of England Arcl repayable over various terms.	nbishops' Co	uncil are interes	t free and are
7.3	Deferred income		2013	2012
	Balance at 1 January 2013		22,283	21,883
	Utilised during the year		(22,283)	(21,883)
	Deferred in the year		23,516	22,283
	Balance at 31 December 2013		23,516	22,283
8	SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUNDS	Realised	Unrealised Revaluation	Total
		£	£	£
	Funds held at 1 January 2013	483,076	9,935	493,011
	Incoming resources			
	- further funds received	-	-	-
	- investment income arising	4,056	-	4,056
	Funds divested	(30,372)	<u>-</u>	(30,372)
		456,760	9,935	466,695
	Unrealised gain on investments held	-	4,187	4,187
	Funds held at 31 December 2013	456,760	14,122	470,882

## NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

9	RESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS		Realised £	Unrealised Revaluation £	Total £
	Funds held at 1 January 2013		4,231,595	1,537,778	5,769,373
	Incoming Resources:				
	- investment income arising		208,999	-	208,999
	Further funds received		85,083	-	85,083
	Resources expended		(550,773)	-	(550,773)
	Loss on disposal of investments		_	_	· · · ·
	·	-	3,974,904	1,537,778	5,512,682
	Unrealised gain on investment properties		-	-	-
	Unrealised gain on investments held		_	422,167	422,167
	Funds held at 31 December 2013	-	2 074 004	<del></del>	5,934,849
	Funds held at 31 December 2013	=	3,974,904	1,959,945	<del></del>
10	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	Unrestricted Genera funds	l Trus func	st Purpose	Total funds £
10		Genera funds	l Trus func	st Purpose ls funds	funds
10	Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:-	Genera funds	l Trus func	st Purpose ls funds £ £	funds £
10	BETWEEN FUNDS  Fund balances at 31 December 2013	Genera funds	l Trus s func	st Purpose ls funds £ £	funds
10	Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:-	Genera funds £	1,169,700	st Purpose funds £ £ £	funds £ 1,169,700
10	Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:-  Tangible fixed assets Investments	Genera funds £ - 572,741	1,169,700 4,753,779	Purpose funds £ £  0 470,882	funds £ 1,169,700 5,797,402
10	Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:-  Tangible fixed assets Investments Current assets less creditors	Genera funds £ - 572,741 	1,169,700 4,753,779	Purpose funds £ £  0 470,882	funds £ 1,169,700 5,797,402 1,623,388
10	Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:-  Tangible fixed assets Investments Current assets less creditors  Total Net Assets  Unrealised gain on investments included above comprise:-  - unrealised gains at 1 January 2013	Genera funds £ - 572,741 	1,169,700 4,753,779	Purpose funds £ £  0 - 470,882  - 470,882	funds £ 1,169,700 5,797,402 1,623,388
10	Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:-  Tangible fixed assets Investments Current assets less creditors Total Net Assets  Unrealised gain on investments included above comprise:-	Genera funds £ 572,741 1,612,018 2,184,759	1,169,700 4,753,779 11,370 <b>5,934,84</b> 9	Purpose funds £ £  1	funds £ 1,169,700 5,797,402 1,623,388 8,590,490

## NOTES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 11 **RELATED PARTIES**

Chester Diocesan Board of Education acts as the education authority for the Church of England in the Diocese of Chester.

	2013 £	2012 £
Contribution re joint employment contracts and other recharges payable to The Chester Diocesan Board of Finance for the year	245,430	202,190

The Charity owns 17% of the ordinary share capital of DBE Services Ltd, an entity which commenced trading on 1 January 2006. The company undertakes support work across six northern dioceses. During the year Chester Diocesan Board of Education received gift aid payments totalling £46,402 (2012: £48,340).

The Directors do not regard the schools in the Diocese to be classified as related parties.

#### Chester Diocesan Academies Trust

The charity, having overseen the establishment of Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT), will need to develop appropriate links with this separate but related charity. The trustees do not consider that there is overall control that would require this Charity to be consolidated within these financial statements.

There have been no transactions with CDAT during the year.

# SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS HELD (EXCLUDING INVESTMENT PROPERTY) AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SCHEDULE A

		С	ost	Market value		
1)	Restricted trust and unrestricted general fund investments	Restricted Trust funds	Unrestricted General funds	Restricted Trust funds	Unrestricted General funds	
		£	£	£	£	
	Unlisted investments					
	- CBF deposits	98,853	11,316	98,853	11,316	
	- CBF Fixed Interest Securities fund	316,198	12,100	284,077	11,481	
	- CBF Investment fund	2,664,104	45,606	3,471,828	549,932	
	- CBF Global Equity Investment fund	530,000	-	630,273	-	
	- CBF Property fund	296,947	-	239,784	-	
	- COIF Investment fund	2,460	-	28,964	-	
		3,908,562	69,022	4,753,779	572,729	

## Unrealised gain on investments (excluding investment property) held at 31 December 2013

-	restricted trust funds	845,218	
_	unrestricted general funds		503,707

#### 2) Specific Purpose fund investments

	201	3	2012		
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	
	£	£	£	£	
Unlisted investments, as schedule B					
- CBF deposits	430,864	430,864	457,565	457,565	
- CBF Investment fund	25,896	40,018	25,510	35,446	
	456,760	470,882	483,075	493,011	

Unrealised gain on investments held	
at 31 December 2013	14,122

## SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUNDS HELD AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SCHEDULE B

	Total funds at 1.1.13 £	Funds received £	· Funds withdrawn £	Transfers £	Income Reinvested £	Total Realised Funds 31.12.13 £	Increase in market value in year £	Total funds at 31.12.13 £
Funds held pending an order								
Hooton School	7,858	-	(420)	-	296	7,734	771	8,505
Margaret Davies, Handley	7,944	-	-	-	356	8,300	944	9,244
Congleton Mossley	658	-	-	-	29	687	78	765
Funds held on behalf of Local Trustees								
(As Custodian Trustees)	00.540		(000)		000	00.545	0.004	04.000
Bidston	22,519	-	(880)	-	906	22,545	2,394	24,939
Funds held pending determination								
Davenham School	85,324	-	-	-	490	85,814	-	85,814
Mossley School	105,934	-	-	-	607	106,541	-	106,541
Little Sutton	32,504	-	(2,105)	-	181	30,580	-	30,580
Stapeley Broad Lane	5,782	_	(5,782)	-	-	-	-	-
Tintwistle	23,070	-	(21,185)	-	38	1,923	-	1,923
Wharton School	117,198	-	-	-	671	117,869	-	117,869
Edgeley	52,105	-	-	-	298	52,403	-	52,403
Backford	32,115				184	32,299		32,299
	493,011	•	(30,372)	-	4,056	466,695	4,187	470,882