Independent Examiner’s Report to the trustees of Mayor of Merton’s Charitable Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustees of the MMCT are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity’s trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner’s Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions provided by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a ‘true and fair view’ and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner’s Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to kept accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Margaret Culleton, CPFA
Head of Audit
London Borough of Merton
London Road
SM4 5DX

18th January 2017
## Receipts and payments accounts

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### Section A Receipts and payments

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### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Mayor of Merton’s Charitable Trust

Trustees’ annual report for the period 01/04/2015 to 31/03/2016

Reference and administration details

Charity name – The Mayor of Merton’s Charitable Trust
Registered charity number – 1149209

Names of the charity trustees
John Sargeant 15.05.13 – 11.05.15 (Chair from 07.07.14 to 11.05.15)
Agatha Akyigyina 07.07.14 – 22.06.16 (Chair from 11.05.15 to 22.06.16)
Laxmi Attawar 07.07.14 – 11.05.15
Pauline Cowper 11.05.15 – 22.06.16
David Chung 11.05.15 onwards

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document – Trust deed adopted by meeting of Merton Council on 11 July 2012.

How the charity is constituted – Trust

Trustee selection methods – the trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually after the Annual Meeting of Merton Council at which the Mayor is elected. There is an understanding that each year the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the previous year’s Mayor will become Trustees. The appointments are noted by a meeting of the Council in June/July each year. The Trustees elect the Chair of the Trust Board at the first Trust Board meeting following Annual Council.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Trust Deed states that the charity’s objects are any purposes currently recognised as charitable and any new charitable purposes which are similar to another charitable purpose. The purpose of the Trust is to collect and distribute charitable donations for the benefit of the residents of the borough. The focus will shift from year to year so that each year the Trust can support specific organisations and/or themes such as young people, sport, the arts etc.
Each year the Mayor of Merton nominates a charity or charities for whom fundraising activities are carried out during the year to meet a specified purpose for the benefit of the residents of Merton. Additional small donations may be made to local charities and or individuals.

The Trustees consider the public benefit requirement prior to issuing funds to any organisation or individual. When providing financial donations the Trustees will in every event place specific stipulations as to the use of those funds to ensure that the use is in accordance with the charity’s objects and charitable purposes as well as complying with the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Fundraising activities undertaken over the past year were planned so that a wide range of people from Merton’s diverse local communities could participate, particularly those people who had not previously had any contact with the mayoralty. The 2015/16 Mayor, Councillor David Chung, has sought to raise the profile of local organisations that support older people and people with disabilities, reflected in his choice of charities for the year.

Councillor David Chung said “the Merton Mayoralty is a force for good in Merton. It quietly gets on with the excellent work it does throughout the year. It is important to continue to support the Mayoralty in all future endeavours. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my wife Irina for the support she provided to me during my term of office. I could not have completed this term of office successfully without her support.”

Achievements and performance (summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year)

Fundraising activities

The main fundraising of the year is the Mayor’s Ball, held in April 2015 at the All England Lawn Tennis Association and attended by over 250 guests, which raised £19,676.

Mediterranean Evening – held at Istanbul Meze Mangal Restaurant in Colliers Wood. All 65 guests who attended were treated to the authentic taste of traditional Turkish food inspired by the Mediterranean and the Middle East. The evening raised £2,119, which was donated to One Life UK.

Christmas Dinner– held at South Thames College where a wonderful meal was provided by local catering students. There were 90 guests, including councillors, friends and family of the Mayor. Thanks to the staff and students for their support – we wish the students all success in their future careers. The dinner raised £1,346.
Carol Singing at Raynes Park railway station and Wimbledon Centre Court Shopping Centre raised £766. Thanks to Mary Farrell, teacher at John Fisher Primary School, and the pupils for their wonderful singing at Centre Court and to the Inspire Choir for their illustrious carol singing at Raynes Park Station.

Charity collection at a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk at Wimbledon Theatre raised £441.

Winter Warmer Concert – held at St Marks Academy and attended by over 280 people, with music provided by young musicians of all ages and levels from across Merton schools and members of Merton Music Foundation. The programme included a variety of choral and instrumental pieces in a range of styles. Raised £1,453.

Guyana Golden Jubilee Celebrations – a themed dinner and disco to mark Guyana’s golden jubilee, attended by over 170 people. A wonderful evening of dinner and music was enjoyed by all those who attended. Congratulations were received from the Right Honourable David A granger, President of the Republic of Guyana. The celebrations raised £1,070.

Quiz night – an enjoyable event mainly attended by councillors, council employees, Staff of the Wideway Medical Centre, plus friends and family of the Mayor, The quiz night raised £795.

Irish Night – traditional live entertainment and a meal hosted by Friends in St Helier at the Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club, attended by 50 guests. Thanks to Councillor Mary Curtin. The Irish Night raised £791.

Sponsored swim by the 2015/16 Mayor, Councillor David Chung, swam 110 lengths at Canons Leisure Centre Mitcham. In addition to the fundraising, the purpose of the event was to promote the importance of exercise for the wellbeing of older people and persons with disabilities, to encourage them to engage in some form of physical activity. Thanks to the staff at the Cannons Leisure Centre. The sponsored swim raised over £700.

New Years Day Parade – Merton’s entry to the annual London New Year’s Day Parade came fifth out of a total of 16 entries from across London, with its specially designed “magic carpet ride”, winning £4,000 in prize money for the Mayor’s Charitable Trust. This was subsequently donated to Merton Centre for Independent Living (£1000), Friends in St Helier (£1000) and the Colour House Theatre (£2000). Over 40 volunteers took part: councillors, members of Younger Generation and their families, The Colour House Children’s Theatre Team, Merton and Morden Guild and other local people who regularly support this event.
Community outreach

- Civic awards

A partnership between Merton Council and the Wimbledon Guardian, with sponsorship from a number of top businesses from across the borough, has enabled the Merton Civic Awards to take place annually since 2013. The awards inspired more than 200 nominations in nine separate categories, including Young Person’s Achievement, Act of Courage and Arts and Entertainment.

The awards took place at Wimbledon Studios, attended by over 100 people. The Mayor presented the Mayor of Merton’s Award for Outstanding Achievement, chosen from the winners of the nine categories.

- Charity calendar

The 2015/16 Mayor, Councillor David Chung worked with the Merton Centre for Independent Living to produce a calendar featuring images submitted by people in the borough with disabilities following a competition held over the summer of 2015. The image had to be a reflection of something that had inspired them in Merton.

- Cricket match

The 2015/16 Mayor, Councillor David Chung, hosted the Mayor of Merton Cricket Cup at Mitcham Cricket Green that was sponsored by the Wimbledon Brewery and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association and was supported by Mitcham Cricket Club, Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage and the Mitcham Society. The main match was between the Caribbean Cricket Cup Competition team (ACCA Representative XI) and the Commonwealth 1920 Cricket Club (Commonwealth Offices & Friends XI). Mitcham Cricket Club Colts also played.

Following the success of this event, the Mitcham Cricket Club has offered to host an annual cricket event involving local cricket clubs. The African Cricket Association ACCA has offered to take over the management of the competition. ACCA was established by a group of cricket loving British residents who are concerned about the growing lack of participation in the sport at all levels by people of African and Caribbean heritage. The objective is that ACCA will be developed to become a validated umbrella and supporting agency to its affiliated members and their associated cricket clubs particularly within the African Caribbean Community. All fun loving cricket fans wish ACCA a long lasting success with this initiative.

- Engagements

During 2015/16 both Mayors have ensured that their programme of around 450 engagements annually has been used as an opportunity to reach out to all parts of Merton’s diverse community and therefore increase understanding, participation and communication, thus addressing one aspect of the public benefit duty of the Trust.
During his year as Mayor, Councillor David Chung focussed on visiting and supporting schools to highlight the good work achieved by headteachers, governors, teachers, students, parents and others who contribute to the educational needs of the young people of Merton. Councillor Chung extends his best wishes for the future success of Merton’s schools.

- Parlour receptions

During 2015/16 both Mayors have hosted at least one reception each month in the Mayor’s Parlour as an opportunity to thank individuals and local community organisations, thus recognising and celebrating the positive contribution they have made to the life of the borough.

Councillor David Chung used some of his parlour receptions as an opportunity to talk to local businesses about green issues and being eco friendly. He also held a reception for carers and organisations that provide support to some of the most disadvantaged members of the community as well as a reception for local Faith in Action volunteers.

Grant-making

In 2015/16 the Trust has made grants to support numerous local community organisations for the benefit of Merton residents:

- Friends in St Helier – to support its programme of work to reduce the social isolation, stimulate the mental capacity, improve the physical well-being and enhance the inter communication of the over 50s in Merton, therefore enabling residents to remain independent and in their own home. Plus a specific payment to contribute to the intergenerational gardening work that local schools are doing with older people
- Merton Centre for Independent Living - to support services provided by this user-led disabled people’s organisation run by disabled people, for disabled people in Merton.
- One Life UK – to support the work of this London based charity providing DJ & Music Academies across London for under-achieving and deprived children and young people. One Life UK works to help vulnerable young people realise their potential and make a successful transition to adulthood. Some of the young people supported have mental health issues, disabilities or drug and alcohol problems. Others are teenage parents, who may fall behind at school or are excluded. One Life UK believes that young offenders must be given opportunities to turn their lives around, avoid re-offending, and develop the practical and emotional skills to build their self confidence and make a positive contribution to their communities.
- Colour House Children’s Theatre
- Perseid School
• Cricket Green School – to provide a start up fund for a new "school shop “ which will be run by the school’s sixth form students to practice their financial capability skills

• Faith in Action – to support the homelessness project – the donation was used to enable Faith in Action to meet its target for the Cooker Appeal to replace the old equipment with new, robust domestic cookers. These good cooking facilities underpin the work of the Drop In service to provide a nutritious hot meal, a key element in improving well-being and the capacity to think beyond homelessness towards moving on.

• St John Ambulance – towards purchase of a defibrillator in the local community

• Ethnic Minority Centre – to support the “healthier lives for you” project and the “feeling good” club

• Merton Black and Asian Minority Ethnic Voice

• Merton Seniors Forum – to support its work on issues that affect the quality of life of older people

• Workshop 305 CIC – a contribution to the general funds of this social enterprise specialising in the arts and crafts for people with learning disabilities or physical disabilities

• Alzheimers Society Merton Dementia Hub – to support this local service

• Merton and Morden Guild – to support the activities of the Guild for local older people helping them to keep well, independent, mobile and have fun.

• Age UK Merton – to support work being done locally

• The Squad Club – to support its work in Merton, helping people with learning disabilities to challenge social barriers, meeting in a safe environment in which members can have fun, socialise with other young people from different backgrounds and work towards realising their true potential.

• Voyager Club – to support the work of this social club for people with learning disabilities aged 14 years upwards who live in Merton.

• Merton Home Tutoring Service – to help the service to provide tutors to teach English to adults in Merton who cannot get to classes.

• African Educational Cultural Health Organisation (AECHO) - to contribute to its work in assisting newly settled Africans and others to integrate positively into British society through advice on education, employment opportunities, socio/micro enterprise, parenting, counselling, advocacy. Also community based projects involving all sections of the community to promote good relations.

• West Indian Families and Friends Association - donation to support services including weekly quiz nights, educational and health seminars and fundraising activities.

• The Acacia Centre – to support the work the Acacia Centre in providing a range of shared services and facilities under one roof for older people,
children and young people across the borough to come together to learn, play and interact.

- New Horizon Centre – a donation to help this day centre in working with young people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk helping them to create positive futures.
- Churches Together in Mitcham – a donation towards the costs of the Christmas Day Dinner
- YMCA London South West - for furniture for the communal areas for Y:Cube in Mitcham in order to add to the sense of community for residents at the scheme. Plus a donation to the YMCA’s local homelessness project.
- London Youth Choir - to support a young person from Merton so that the young person can gain benefits from singing in a high quality choral environment with inspirational performance opportunities
- Young Carers - to provide support for individual carers as deemed appropriate by the charity
- Jigsaw4u - to help children and young people who have been bereaved
- St Marks Day Centre - to assist with the provision of the family centre services
- Focus-4-1 - to provide support to people with mental health difficulties
- Ghanaian Parents Group - to support their work on diabetes and other health issues.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves:–

All cash balances are held as unrestricted funds. All funds are held for the purpose of donations to the Mayor’s chosen charities or cover the costs of further fundraising. We do not have a policy of holding a minimum reserve, other than to not go into deficit.

Independent examiner’s report on the accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

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