

The Directors of The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **Our purpose**

The objects for which the Forum is established are to develop the cultural and social ties between the Muslim and Jewish Communities of Greater Manchester; to educate members of the Muslim and Jewish Communities in relation to their shared values and common Abrahamic tradition, heritage, history and culture; maximising their potential and improving their health and well-being as residents of Greater Manchester; and to promote better understanding within the wider community of the interests and values that are common to the Muslim and Jewish Communities.

### **Principal activities during the year**

During the year, the Forum resumed holding in-person events, as well as continuing to hold some events online where appropriate. When events are held online, we record them and publish appropriate parts on our website. They can all be found via our “News and past events” page.

23 May 2021 – “Migration Stories” held online. About 45 listened to the stories of three Muslims and two Jewish speakers of how they came to be in the UK.

1 August 2021 – Picnic in St Mary's Park, Prestwich. This was our first in-person event for 18 months and was attended by approximately 25 people.

3 October 2021 – Our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party. The Forum actually became 15 in June 2020, but the celebration was significantly delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. We held a fully catered event at Swinton Masonic Hall in Pendlebury with eight prestigious speakers. It was attended by 60 people.

14 November 2021 – “The Languages of Greater Manchester’s Muslims and Jews” held online. Emeritus Professor of Linguistics Yaron Matras gave a detailed presentation followed by shorter talks by two Muslims and two Jews whose first language was not English about their personal linguistic journeys. Around 60 people joined the call

27 February 2022 – Kosher meal at Celia's Kitchen in Prestwich. The attendance of 42 people set a record for our annual kosher meal.

### **Financial accounts**

The financial accounts, which comprise an Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet, are set out on the following pages. Due to the small size of the company’s turnover and assets, the accounts are not required to be audited.

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During the year, the Forum had total receipts of £ 2,413.00 and total expenditures of £ 3,696.90 resulting in an overall deficit of £ 1,283.90 as detailed in the Income and Expenditure account.

The overall financial position is considered satisfactory.

**Charitable status**

The Forum is registered as a charity with HM Revenue & Customs with effect from 9 May 2014. Accordingly, donors to the Forum who are taxpayers are requested to complete a gift aid declaration which can be downloaded from the “Join us” section of our website. Donors to the Forum who are higher rate taxpayers should be able to claim higher rate tax relief through self-assessment for their donations.

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during throughout the year:

Cllr Rabnawaz Akbar  
Mohammed Amin MBE  
Tahara Amin  
David Berkley QC  
Cllr Heather Fletcher  
Jackie Harrison  
David Lewis JP  
Seamus Martin  
June Rosen  
Qaisra Shahraz MBE  
Cllr Naeem Ul-Hassan JP

**Employees**

The company had no employees.

**Policy for payment of suppliers**

The company’s policy is to pay all suppliers promptly in accordance with their contractual terms.

**Charitable and Political Contributions**

The company is itself charitable. During the year it made two donation to other organisations as set out in the Income & Expenditure Account.

The company made no political contributions during the period.

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### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 3 October 2022 at 19:30 via Zoom. The meeting registration link has been circulated separately to members.

By order of the Executive Committee

*Tahara Amin*

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Company Secretary

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**Income and Expenditure Account**

	Year ended 31 March 2022 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £	Year ended 31 March 2021 £	Year ended 31 March 2021 £
Membership Subscriptions		293.00		293.00
Other donations received				240.00
<b>Donations to other charities</b>				
Manchester Jewish Representative Council	(40.00)			(40.00)
MACFEST (Note 1)	<u>(100.00)</u>	(140.00)		
<b>Chanukah Celebration 15 December 2020</b>				(100.00)
<b>15th Anniversary Afternoon Tea 3 October 2021 (Note 2)</b>				
Brochure advertisements	895.00			
Donation towards event	250.00			
Catering, room hire, printing brochure, photography	<u>(2,407.45)</u>	(1,262.45)		
<b>Kosher meal 27 February 2022</b>				
Payments from diners	975.00			
Payments to restaurant (Note 3)	<u>(1,054.00)</u>	(79.00)		
<b>Subscriptions</b>				
UK Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum (Note 4)			(250.00)	
Interfaith Network for the UK	<u>(35.00)</u>	(35.00)	<u>(43.75)</u>	(293.75)
<b>Operating costs</b>				
Companies House annual return	(13.00)			(13.00)
Travel to venue to speak about the Forum	(15.50)			
Purchase of MJF Quiz Trophy	<u>(31.95)</u>	(60.45)		
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>		<u>(1,283.90)</u>		<u>(53.75)</u>

The notes are on the next page.

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<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>31 March 2022</b>	<b>31 March 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	5,449.46	6,741.36
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Prepaid subscriptions	<u>(16.00)</u>	<u>(24.00)</u>
	<u>5,433.46</u>	<u>6,717.36</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted reserves of the Muslim Jewish Forum		
Balance brought forward	6,717.36	6,771.11
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	<u>(1,283.90)</u>	<u>(53.75)</u>
Carried forward	<u>5,433.46</u>	<u>6,717.36</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the members of the company on 3 October 2022

David Barrie Lewis      *David Lewis*

Mohammed Amin      *Mohammed Amin*

**Notes:**

(1) Executive Committee Member Qaisra Shahraz is Director of MACFEST. She played no part in the decision making on the donation.

(2) The event was organised to celebrate the work of the Forum over its first 15 years and to spread its message to our guests. It was free to attend. Accordingly, the deficit was not unexpected.

(3) As we have always done, the MJF paid for the meals of the three official guests.

(4) This subscription was funded by a specific donation received.