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**EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUSTS**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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# Annual Trustees' Report

## Introduction

The Trustees present the annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

<b>Charity Names &amp; Numbers</b>	<b>East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts Talbot Crosbie Bequest</b>	<b>SC025074 SC018494</b>
<b>Principal Office</b>	East Dunbartonshire Council HQ Southbank Marina 12 Strathkelvin Place Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ	
<b>Contact Address</b>	East Dunbartonshire Council Southbank Marina 12 Strathkelvin Place Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ	
<b>Trustees to 19 May 2022</b>	Councillor Stewart MacDonald Councillor John Jamieson Councillor Vaughan Moody Councillor Andrew Polson	
<b>Trustees Appointed 19 May 2022</b>	Councillor Gordan Low Councillor Colette McDiarmid Councillor Vaughan Moody Councillor Andrew Polson (demitted 19 November 2025)	
<b>Auditor</b>	Tom Reid Audit Director Forvis Mazars 100 Queen Street Glasgow G2 1BT	

## Structure and Governance

East Dunbartonshire charitable trusts are registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

The governing documents are:

East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts, Miss Hutchison's Legacy - extract of Will of Miss Hutchison dated 27 & 28 October 1941.

Talbot Crosbie Bequest – the Will of John Burrell Talbot Crosbie, dated 23 September 1968.

The governance arrangements are now under the control of East Dunbartonshire Council (the Council), who appoint Trustees as required. All Trustees are elected members of East Dunbartonshire Council. Following the Local Government elections on 5 May 2022 new trustees were appointed on 19 May 2022 to replace those appointed on 23 May 2017.

The charity Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there are appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- the charities are operating efficiently and effectively

- the charitable assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use and disposition
- proper records are maintained, and financial information used by the charities is reliable
- the charities comply with relevant laws and regulations

The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The system of internal control follows that of the Council itself and, as such, much of this is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer of the Council (Section 95 Officer), who is also the Treasurer for the Charitable Trusts. The Council continually seeks to improve the effectiveness of its system of internal control so that any irregularities are either prevented or quickly detected. The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, financial and administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability.

The Accounts and Trustees Report are prepared by the Finance service of the Council.

The appointed auditors are Forvis Mazars. The Council has agreed to meet the cost of this audit and not pass this on to the Trust. This is to provide additional financial support to the Trust, ensuring that core funds are not eroded.

The Trustees meet annually and will ensure that the required accounting arrangements are adhered to. Due to the limited ability to spend funds under the current structure, approval was sought from OSCR to reorganise the Trusts. The remaining funds for Miss Hutchison's Legacy have been utilised for the purposes that the charity was set up for – the upgrade of Regent Gardens in Kirkintilloch in 23/24.

## Management of Funds and Investment Policy

Decisions regarding the management of East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts are made by the Trustees. They rely on the expertise of the Council to manage the investments to ensure the maximum return at the least risk to the charity. In this way, the income stream for the future benefit of the charity is protected.

Funds available are invested each year with interest earned. Investments are made both internally, with the Council's Loans Fund, and externally for the Talbot Crosbie Bequest, which has investment funds managed by RBC Brewin Dolphin.

## Objectives and Activities

East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts is an "umbrella" trust which comprised a small bequest for the upkeep of the Regent Gardens in Kirkintilloch – this bequest has now been utilised in the Regent Gardens upgrade project.

The Talbot Crosbie Bequest is being treated as Common Good and is available for use, at the Council's discretion, for the benefit of the occupants of the former Burgh of Bearsden. This is primarily achieved by giving grants to appropriate organisations in the area of the former Bearsden and Milngavie District Council.

## Performance

Income to East Dunbartonshire Council's charitable trusts comes from investment returns. The average interest rate for any internal investments with the Council's loans fund was 5.20% in 2023/24. There are also external investments for the Talbot Crosbie Bequest which are managed by RBC Brewin Dolphin, and these achieved an average yield of 2.7% in 2023/24

The funds from Miss Hutchison's Legacy have been used to refurbish part of Regent Gardens as part of the Kirkintilloch Town Centre Masterplan. These funds were spent in 2023/24.

A total of £0.006m was paid out in grants and donations to community organisations in keeping with the aims of the Talbot Crosbie Bequest.

## Financial Review

The balances available to the Trusts and the income and expenditure during the financial year are set out in the Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024 and the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 in the financial statements following.

The Statement of Receipts and Payments overleaf shows a surplus of £0.023m for Talbot Crosbie due to a net increase of income over expenditure during 2023/24. There has been by a decrease in the portfolio activity of RBC Brewin Dolphin, with net portfolio income received decreasing by 53.5% from 2022/23 (£7,628) to 2023/24 (£3,550).

There has been a 21.1% increase in income from 2022/23 (£24,878) to 2023/24 (£30,132) and a 75.7% decrease in expenditure from 2022/23 (£43,717) to 2023/24 (£10,612). Income of £30,132 relates to income from investments. Investment management costs of £5,053 and grants issued of £5,559 results in total expenditure of £10,612.

Reserves are held by the Council on behalf of the Trust and revenue income, generated from capital that has not been disbursed on 31 March every year, is invested in line with the investment policy outlined above. The value of investments increased by 6.8% from 22/23 (£710,149) to 23/24 (£758,459). In general, the Trusts maintain the original capital sum and any expenditure will be from interest earned. This is in line with the conditions of the foundation of the Trusts. These amounts are shown in the Statement of Balances.

## **Declaration**

This report was signed on behalf of the Trustees on 13 March 2026 by:

**Councillor Vaughan Moody**  
Trustee  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
13 March 2026

**Councillor Gordan Low**  
Trustee  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
13 March 2026

**Councillor Colette McDiarmid**  
Trustee  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
13 March 2026

# **Independent auditor’s report to the trustees of Talbot Crosbie Bequest (SC018494) and East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts (SC025074) and the Accounts Commission**

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

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

We certify that we have audited the financial statements in the statement of accounts of Talbot Crosbie Bequest and East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts (“the Charities”) for the year ended 31 March 2024 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments, the Statement of Balances, 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 a receipts and payments basis.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- properly present the receipts and payments of the Charities for the year ended 31 March 2024 and their statement of balances at that date; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulations 9(1), (2) and (3) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. 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 Charities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council’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.

### **Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Procedures include:

- using our understanding of the local government sector and charity sector to identify that the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 are significant in the context of the Charities;
- inquiring of the Trustees as to other laws or regulations that may be expected to have a fundamental effect on the operations of the Charities;
- inquiring of the Trustees concerning the Charities' policies and procedures regarding compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework;
- discussions among our audit team on the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Charities' controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skillfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Reporting on other requirements

### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information in the statement of accounts. The other information comprises the Trustees' Annual Report.

Our responsibility is to read all 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.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Trustees' Annual Report to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

### Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Trustees' Annual Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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

We are required by The Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 to report to you if, in our opinion:

- 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

## **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 108 of the Code of Audit Practice, we do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Tom Reid

Director

For and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP

100 Queen Street

Glasgow, G1 3DN

**13 March 2026**

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity		Unrestricted Funds 2023/24					
		Receipts			Payments		
Note	Income from Investments	Net Receipt from Broker	Refunds of Grants	Investment Management Costs	Grants & Donations	Surplus/Deficit	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
EDC Charitable Trusts	0	0	0	0	5,096	-5,096	
Talbot Crosbie	30,132	3,550	0	5,053	5,559	23,070	
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,132</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,053</b>	<b>10,655</b>	<b>17,974</b>	

		Unrestricted Funds 2022/23					
		Receipts			Payments		
Note	Income from Investments	Net Receipt from Broker	Refunds of Grants	Investment Management Costs	Grants & Donations	Surplus/Deficit	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
EDC Charitable Trusts	89	0	0	0	0	89	
Talbot Crosbie	24,878	7,628	0	5,191	38,526	-11,211	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,967</b>	<b>7,628</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,191</b>	<b>38,526</b>	<b>11,122</b>	

## Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Surplus / (Deficit)</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>		<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
£	£	£		£	£	£
<b>Market Value as at 31 March 2023</b>			<b>Investments</b>	<b>Market Value as at 31 March 2024</b>		
784,688	-74,539	710,149	Talbot Crosbie	710,149	48,310	758,459
<b>784,688</b>	<b>74,539</b>	<b>710,149</b>	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>710,149</b>	<b>48,310</b>	<b>758,459</b>
<b>Value as at 31 March 2023</b>			<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>Value as at 31 March 2024</b>		
5,007	89	5,096	East Dunbartonshire Council Charitable Trusts	5,096	- 5,096	0
200,980	-11,211	189,769	Talbot Crosbie	189,769	23,070	212,839
<b>205,987</b>	<b>11,122</b>	<b>194,865</b>	<b>Total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>194,865</b>	<b>17,974</b>	<b>212,839</b>
<b>Value as at 31 March 2023</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Value as at 31 March 2024</b>		
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Overall Total Net Assets</b>				<b>Overall Total Net Assets</b>		
<b>990,675</b>	<b>85,661</b>	<b>905,014</b>		<b>905,014</b>	<b>66,284</b>	<b>971,298</b>

The unaudited annual accounts were issued on 10 July 2025 and the annual accounts were authorised for issue on 13 March 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

**Councillor Vaughan Moody**  
Trustee  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
13 March 2026

**Councillor Gordan Low**  
Trustee  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
13 March 2026

**Councillor Colette McDiarmid**  
Trustee  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
13 March 2026

## Notes to the Accounts

### a) *Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

### b) *Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Related Party Transactions*

- No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees or any connected persons during the year 2023/24.
- The Trusts received interest of £9,055 in total from the Council on 31 March 2024, and all transactions incoming and outgoing are made via the Council's bank accounts.
- The Council has not charged the charity any fees for legal, financial or administrative services provided during the year. The Council has also absorbed the fee of £10,000 payable for the audit of the Trusts' accounts.

### c) *Investment Activities*

As RBC Brewin Dolphin, acting as the Trust's investment manager, bought and sold investments on behalf of the Talbot Crosbie Bequest, only the net effect of these transactions are shown in accordance with OSCR's guidelines.

### d) *Payments*

Grants of £0.006m were made from the Talbot Crosbie Bequest in 2023/24 (2022/23 £0.039m), as detailed below.

<b>Group Name:</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
<i>183rd Glasgow Scout Group</i>		500
<i>1st and 2nd Milngavie Brownies</i>		500
<i>2nd A Beardsen Brownies Pack</i>		625
<i>Baljaffray Football Club</i>		1,544
<i>Bearsden Baptist Church</i>		
<i>Bearsden and Milngavie Highland Games</i>		2,500
<i>Bearsden Festival Association</i>		
<i>Bearsden in Bloom</i>		2,000
<i>Bearsden Lawn Tennis Club</i>		300
<i>Creatovators CIC</i>		800
<i>Daybreak</i>		300
<i>DCB Kessington SCIO</i>		1,800
<i>G61-G62 Community Response</i>		2,757
<i>Gavins Mill Community Project</i>		2,300
<i>Glasgow West End After School Care CIC</i>		1,200
<i>Maxholme Preschool Playgroup</i>		1,150
<i>Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed</i>	2,949	2,900
<i>Milngavie Community Development Trust</i>		2,250
<i>Milngavie First Responders</i>		1,500
<i>Milngavie Football Club</i>		1,500
<i>Milngavie Old People's Welfare Committee</i>		4,800
<i>Milngavie Pipe Band</i>		3,500
<i>Milngavie Tennis Club</i>	2,610	
<i>Phoenix Girls Football Club</i>		1,800
<i>The Way Ahead Group</i>		1,600
<i>Westerton Over Sixties Club</i>		400
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,559</b>	<b>38,526</b>

**e) Investments**

The investment valuation of £0.758m for the Talbot Crosbie Bequest is the market valuation as at 31 March 2024, provided by RBC Brewin Dolphin and reflects the increase in the market value of the portfolios over the year.

**f) Other Monetary Assets Balances**

During the year the balances for the Trusts were held by the Council, which manages the administration of the funds on behalf of the Trustees. No costs were incurred by the Trust for this administration. The Council also acts as the banker for the charity and as detailed above, all transactions incoming and outgoing are made via the Council's accounts. The balances are repayable on demand. Interest is paid on balances.