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THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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FOREWORD MSP BOARD

CHAIR, RACHEL FOWLER

MSP Impact Report 2024-25

Our Year in Review – Highlights and Successes 2024-25

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Our new Evaluation and Learning Framework has been widely adopted and recognised by both local and national partners for bringing clarity, coherence, and shared accountability. Our inclusion in a national pilot to cascade NELP training demonstrates the credibility of our approach.

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In workforce and skills, the CIMSPA Local Skills Plan has launched, and our Sport Welfare Officers have engaged over 100 local clubs, improving safeguarding and welfare standards while amplifying national campaigns.

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Organisationally, we have strengthened our team, refreshed our Board, and achieved Tier 3 compliance and DIAP approval - important milestones that demonstrate our commitment to governance, inclusion, and continuous improvement.

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Rachel Fowler
Chair, MSP Board

Highlighted Successes:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO MSPB OF MSP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Independent Examiner's Report to MSPB

I report to MSPB on my examination of the accounts of MSP for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As BMs you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of MSP's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

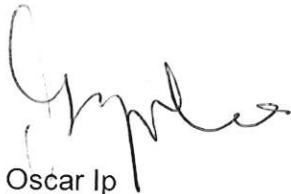
Independent Examiner's Statement

Since your organisation's gross income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Having completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of MSP as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Oscar Ip
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Ip's Associates Limited
Oscar Ip & Co. Chartered Accountant
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Date 12 DEC 2025.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME RESOURCES				
Generated funds	2	<u>289,162</u>	<u>1,116,250</u>	<u>1,405,412</u>
Total		289,162	1,116,250	1,405,412
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Other resources expended		<u>5,638</u>	<u>745,810</u>	<u>751,448</u>
NET INCOME		<u>283,524</u>	<u>370,440</u>	<u>653,964</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>283,524</u>	<u>370,440</u>	<u>653,964</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank		283,524	370,440	653,964
Debtors	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		283,524	370,440	653,964
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	4	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		283,524	370,440	653,964
		<u>283,524</u>	<u>370,440</u>	<u>653,964</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		283,524	370,440	653,964
		<u>283,524</u>	<u>370,440</u>	<u>653,964</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>283,524</u>	<u>370,440</u>	<u>653,964</u>
FUNDS	6			
Unrestricted funds				283,524
Restricted funds				<u>370,440</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>653,964</u>

The financial statements were approved by MSPB on 17/12/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



Chair

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

MSP comes under the auspices of LCC and is governed by and adheres to LCC Financial Regulations and Standing Order processes. Detailed information can be found in MSP's Governance Framework 2022 – 2027.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the organisation is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

VAT

The organisation is exempt from VAT due to being hosted by LCC.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the organisation's objectives at the discretion of MSPB.

Reserves Policy

MSPB aims to maintain a restricted reserves figure of 3 months operating costs and notice pay each year. This figure is **£114,208** per annum, at the end of March 2025, MSP's figure was **£114,208**.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the organisation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	£
Sport England – Lottery	765,976
Restricted re-profile	350,274
Unrestricted re-profile	244,206
Miscellaneous	44,956

	1,405,412

The notes form part of these financial statements

Sport England Lottery Funding can be broken down as follows:-

System Partner Systemic & Governance	£563,646
Moving communities	£32,400
System Partner Delivery	£60,730
Sport Welfare Officer	£109,200
Total	£765,976

MSPB in line with its Reserves Policy has chosen to designate £104,926 towards three months operating costs which are currently held within the general fund.

3. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Other debtor	-

	-

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Other creditor	-

	-

5. MSPB's' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no BM remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025.

BM expenses

£27 was reimbursed for travel costs incurred to attend board meetings for the year ended 31 March 2025.

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.03.2025 £	At 31.03.2024 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	283,524	299,316
Restricted funds	370,440	295,173
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TOTAL FUNDS	653,964	594,489

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Funds			
General fund	1,405,412	(751,448)	653,964
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,405,412</u>	<u>(751,448)</u>	<u>653,964</u>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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INCOMING RESOURCES

Activities for generating funds

Sport England - Lottery	765,976
Restricted re-profile	350,274
Unrestricted re-profile	244,206
Miscellaneous income	<u>44,976</u>

1,405,412

Total incoming resources

1,405,412

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Support costs

Supplies	1,452
Services	2,030
Department re-charge	1,150
Employees / Office / Utilities	687,256
Project Funding	52,130
Transport	<u>7,430</u>

751,448

Total resources expended

751,448

Net income

653,964