Financial Statements of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation

Year Ended 30 June 2021

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND OPERATING STRUCTURE

Principal Activities of the Commonwealth Secretariat

The Commonwealth Secretariat, herein after referred to as The Commonwealth, is a voluntary association of 54 independent countries and equal sovereign states. Its members are bound together by respect for all states and peoples; by shared values and principles; and by concern for the vulnerable.

Commonwealth members are supported by a network of more than 80 intergovernmental, civil, cultural and professional organisations.

The Commonwealth:

- Supports Commonwealth member states to achieve development, democracy and peace. It is a voice for small and vulnerable states and a champion for young people;
- Helps to strengthen governance, build inclusive institutions and promote justice and human rights. Its work helps to grow economies and boost trade, empower young people, and address threats such as climate change, debt and inequality; and
- Provides technical assistance and supports decision-makers to draw up legislation and deliver policies. The Commonwealth deploys experts and observers who offer impartial advice and solutions to national issues. The Commonwealth also provides systems, software and research for managing resources.

At Commonwealth summits, the Commonwealth brings together government leaders whose decisions will have an enduring impact on all its citizens.

Priority areas of work are agreed at Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CHOGM), which occur every two years.

Further information regarding The Commonwealth's current four year Strategic Plan from 2017/18 - 2020/21, which was approved in June 2017, and the new Strategic Plan from 2021/22 - 2024/25 which was approved in September 2021, can be found on the website www.thecommonwealth.org

Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation

The activities of The Commonwealth are funded by Member Governments via three separate multilateral funds:

- Commonwealth Secretariat Fund (COMSEC);
- Commonwealth Fund For Technical Cooperation (CFTC); and
- Commonwealth Youth Programme Fund (CYP).

The Memoranda of Understanding of the three funds require The Commonwealth to operate and prepare separate financial statements for each of the funds.

Accordingly, these are the financial statements of the **Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation** for the period ended 30 June 2021.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND OPERATING STRUCTURE

Governance and Structure

The Commonwealth is headed by a Secretary-General, The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, who is appointed by the Heads of Government of the Commonwealth Member States.

The Secretary-General reports to the Heads of Government through individual meetings and also collectively at the biennial CHOGM. The Secretary-General is also held accountable through the Commonwealth's Board of Governors which meets regularly in London on behalf of all member governments at a senior diplomatic level. The Board of Governors also approves the Commonwealth Secretariat's strategic plan and supporting delivery plan and budget.

The Secretary-General is assisted by a senior management team in managing the activities of the organisation.

The Commonwealth Secretariat's structure is split into three directorates:

- Governance and Peace;
- Trade, Oceans and Natural Resources; and
- Economic, Youth and Sustainable Development.

The organisation has its headquarters in Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5HX, United Kingdom.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Independent auditor's report to the Board of Governors of Commonwealth Fund For Technical Co

Report on the audit of the non-statutory financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the non-statutory financial statements of Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (the 'Fund'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Fund as at 30 June 2021 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards and the Financial Regulations as authorised by the Commonwealth Heads of Government.

We have audited the non-statutory financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of financial performance;
- the statement of changes in net assets;
- the cash flow statement; and
- the related notes 1 to 23.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is International Public Sector Accounting Standards and the Financial Regulations as authorised by the Commonwealth Heads of Government.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the non-statutory financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), 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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Secretary General's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report , other than the non-statutory financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the non-statutory financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the non-statutory 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 non-statutory 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.

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Responsibilities of the Secretary General

The Secretary-General is responsible for the preparation of the non-statutory financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Secretary-General determines is necessary to enable the preparation of non-statutory financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the non-statutory financial statements, the Secretary-General is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Secretary-General either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the non-statutory financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the non-statutory 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 non-statutory financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the non-statutory financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the fund's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the fund's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the fund operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the fund's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

We discussed among the audit engagement team including relevant internal specialists such as valuations and pensions regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following area, and our specific procedures performed to address it are described below:

The fund has special project income where there is judgment involved whether or not there are any conditions or restrictions involved, identifying those conditions and restrictions and concluding whether those conditions have been met. There is a risk that revenue is not recognised in the correct period if the appropriate judgements are not made. We obtained understanding of relevant controls in place to mitigate the risk, and performed sample testing to check whether revenue has been recognised as per accounting framework and accounting policy of the fund.

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In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and in-house legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal audit reports.

Use of our report

This report is made solely for the exclusive use of the Board of Governors in accordance with the engagement letter dated 10 November 2021 and the Financial Regulations of the funds. Our report is not to be used for any other purpose, recited or referred to in any document, copied or made available (in whole or in part) to any other person without prior written express consent. We accept no duty, responsibility or liability to any other party in connection with the report or this engagement.

Deloitte LLP

St Albans, United Kingdom

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17 January 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

		30 June 2021	30 June 2020
ASSETS	Notes	£	£
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments Prepayments	2 3	14,527,343 6,118,000 12,641	13,603,913 5,600,000 112,310
Members' Contributions Receivable from Non-exchange Transactions Other Receivables from Exchange Transactions	9(a) 4	184,685 525,187	461,582 1,083,497
		21,367,856	20,861,302
Non-current Assets			
Members' Contributions Receivable from Non-exchange Transactions TOTAL ASSETS	9(a)	9,553 21,377,409	20,861,302
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Provisions Deferred Income from Non-exchange Transactions Members' Contributions Prepaid from Non-exchange Transactions Payables and Other Current Liabilities from Exchange Transactions	8 7 9(b)(i),9(b)(ii) 6	621,411 2,220,127 466,202 1,283,373	549,568 2,615,810 57,845 974,530
Total Current Liabilities		4,591,113	4,197,753
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	387,893	445,639
Total Non-Current Liabilities		387,893	445,639
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,979,006	4,643,392
NET ASSETS		16,398,403	16,217,910
FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES			
General Reserve Working Capital Reserve Designated Reserve		7,448,909 4,066,420 4,883,074	8,091,660 4,774,420 3,351,830
TOTAL FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES		16,398,403	16,217,910

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

		2020-21	2019-20
	Notes	£	£
REVENUE FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS			
Pledges to CFTC	9(a)	10,664,254	11,512,098
Special Projects	10(a)(i),10(a)(ii)	1,674,128	2,713,546
SUB-TOTAL REVENUE FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS	•	12,338,382	14,225,644
REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS			
Interest Revenue	11	14,133	86,779
Other Income	12	145,609	362,025
SUB-TOTAL REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS		159,742	448,804
TOTAL REVENUE		12,498,124	14,674,448
EXPENSES			
Staff Costs	13	6,036,533	5,679,943
Other Costs	15	4,183,678	6,211,027
Office Consolidation Charge	1.16(f)	-	585,729
Common Service Charge		2,097,420	2,074,925
TOTAL EXPENSES		12,317,631	14,551,624
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		180,493	122,824

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	General Reserve	Working Capital Reserve	Designated Reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1 July 2019		6,746,277	4,774,420	4,574,389	16,095,086
Surplus		122,824	-	-	122,824
Transfer from General Reserve to Designated Reserve	1.14	(558,000)	-	558,000	-
Transfer from Designated Reserve to General Reserve	1.14	1,780,559	-	(1,780,559)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2020		8,091,660	4,774,420	3,351,830	16,217,910
Surplus		180,493	-	-	180,493
Transfer from Working Capital to General Reserve	1.13	708,000	(708,000)	-	-
Transfer from General Reserve to Designated Reserve	1.13	(1,900,000)	-	1,900,000	-
Transfer from Designated Reserve to General Reserve	1.13	368,756	-	(368,756)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2021		7,448,909	4,066,420	4,883,074	16,398,403

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

		2020-21	2019-20
	Notes	£	£
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Surplus for the year		180,493	122,824
Adjustments for:			
Decrease in Prepayments		99,669	183,493
Decrease in Contributions - Pledges Receivable		267,344	1,227,767
Decrease/(Increase) in Other Receivables		558,310	(50,850)
Increase in Provisions		14,097	77,274
(Decrease)/Increase in Deferred Income		(395,683)	282,506
Increase/(Decrease) in Contributions Prepaid		408,357	(66,397)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables and Other Current Liabilities		308,843	(803,571)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		1,441,430	973,046
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Investments in Fixed Term Deposits		(6,118,000)	(5,600,000)
Cash from Fixed Term Deposit Maturities		5,600,000	4,076,000
Net Cash Flow used in Investing Activities		(518,000)	(1,524,000)
Net Increase/Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		923,430	(550,954)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period		13,603,913	14,154,867
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period	2	14,527,343	13,603,913

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC) have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

In accordance with IPSAS 1, budgets and related budget reconciliation analysis have not been provided as they are not publicly available.

The financial statements include segmental information relating to the General Fund and Special Projects. Information is analysed into the statement of financial position and statement of financial performance for each segment. The segmental information does not include income, expenses, advances or loans to or between segments.

1.1.1 Standards issued not yet effective:

IPSAS 41 – Financial Instruments

IPSAS 41, which replaces IPSAS 29, addresses the principles for recognition, measurement, classification and derecognition of financial assets, financial liabilities and some contracts to buy or sell non-financial items. The main changes from IPSAS 29 to IPSAS 41 are the introduction of simplified classification and measurement requirements for financial assets, a forward looking impairment model, and a flexible hedge accounting model. IPSAS41 will be effective from 1 January 2023. The Commonwealth has not yet implemented this standard whose expected impact on The Commonwealth's financial statements is minimal primarily because the entity already recognises impairment losses on its financial assets at the earliest opportunity.

IPSAS 42 - Social Benefits

IPSAS 42, also effective from 1 January 2023 applies to a transaction that meets the definition of a social benefit. This standard has not been implemented by The Commonwealth as the nature of the entity's work does not include transactions that would be classified as social benefits.

1.2 Change to Accounting Policies

The Commonwealth reviews its accounting policies on a regular basis and amends them as necessary in line with the prevailing accounting standards and its operational circumstances.

1.3 Basis for Non-Consolidation of Financial Statements

As mentioned previously under Principal Activities and Operating Structure, the activities of The Commonwealth are funded by Member Governments via three separate multilateral funds:

- Commonwealth Secretariat Fund (COMSEC);
- Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC); and
- Commonwealth Youth Programme Fund (CYP).

The Memoranda of Understanding of the three funds require The Commonwealth to operate and prepare separate audited financial statements for each of the funds. Each fund is controlled by its member governments and these member governments will vary from fund to fund.

The Commonwealth has reviewed IPSAS 35 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements and considers that the consolidation requirement is not applicable in this situation.

1.4 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1.5 Going Concern Assumption

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Secretariat has considered the potential uncertainties of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the organisation and has modelled different scenarios to quantify the potential impact of a reduction in income collection from member countries along with a possible reduction in CFTC pledges. After due consideration, management has a reasonable expectation that The Commonwealth will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least for a period of 12 months subsequent to the date of signing these financial statements. The Board of Governors has approved the 2021-22 Budget and Delivery Plan along with the associated funding by member states.

1.6 Functional and Presentational Currency

The financial statements have been presented in GB Pounds Sterling which is The Commonwealth's functional currency. All financial information presented in GB Pounds Sterling has been rounded to the nearest £1.

1.7 Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when CFTC becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument until such a time as when the rights to receive cash flows from those assets have expired or have been transferred and CFTC has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial assets that are held for trading are initially measured at fair value and any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value are accounted for through surplus or deficit and included within the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which they arise.

Financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in active markets comprise contributions receivable in cash, other receivables and cash and cash equivalents are initially measured at fair value and subsequently stated at amortised cost.

Financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity dates that CFTC has both the intention and the ability to hold to maturity are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. As at 30 June 2021, no such financial assets were held by CFTC.

All non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of bank balances that can easily be converted into cash without loss of value. Cash deposits are held in instant access interest-bearing bank accounts. Cash deposits denominated in foreign currencies have been translated to GB Pound Sterling at exchange rates prevailing at the reporting date. Realised gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Cash and cash equivalents are held in interest bearing accounts on the money market or as fixed short term deposits. All deposits are due to mature within twelve months and, as such, are all classified as cash and cash equivalents under current assets.

Cash and cash equivalents held for specific purposes or considered not readily accessible are considered as restricted.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1.9 Impairment

Each year, a review of all assets is carried out for indications of impairment. If such indications exist, management will estimate the recoverable service amount and any loss is charged against the Statement of Financial Performance.

1.10 Payables and Accruals

Payables and accruals include liabilities in respect of goods and services which have been received and are either invoiced but unpaid or not invoiced at the year end. Accruals for purposes of disclosure in the financial statements are aggregated with trade payables.

1.11 Deferred Income

CFTC receives additional contributions and grants from member states, non-Commonwealth countries and other organisations. These are awarded subject to specific performance conditions. The revenue for these contributions and grants is recognised when the conditions are met and is reported in the Statement of Financial Performance as Special Project Income under revenue from non-exchange transactions. The unutilised balance is reported as Deferred Income from non-exchange transactions in the Statement of Financial Position.

1.12 Provisions and Contingent Liabilities

Provisions are made for future liabilities and charges where CFTC has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and a reliable estimate can be made.

Other obligations, which do not meet the recognition criteria for liabilities, are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements as contingent liabilities when their existence could only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events.

1.13 Reserves

CFTC's reserves consist of the following balances:

- General Reserve, is carried forward after accounting for pledges, other sources of income and expenses for all programme related and administrative categories;
- Working Capital Fund, serves to protect the Fund against temporary shortages of cash, arising from the need to sustain expenditure in the event of irregular settlement of pledge receivables by member states. Investments are held separately to represent the Working Capital Reserve. In accordance with Section V of the revised Financial Regulations, the reserve will be subject to a maximum of 25% of approved planned expenditure for that year; and
- Designated Fund Reserve is set aside for specific purposes within the overall reserves as agreed with the Board of Governors as part of the annual budget.

Transfers to and from the General Reserve are analysed in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets on Page 7.

1.14 Revenue

(a) Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions

Non-exchange transactions are transactions in which CFTC receives contributions with nominal or no consideration provided directly in return.

(i) Contributions - Pledges

CFTC is funded by voluntary contributions from member states which are referred to as pledges. Pledges are recognised as revenue in the period to which the contribution relates. In the event of a pledge being made in respect of a previous financial year, it is recognised as revenue for the current year and described as a retroactive pledge.

Members' contributions receivable in the Statement of Financial Position is stated at the agreed amount and reduced by a provision for doubtful balances.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1.14 Revenue (a) Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions (Continued)

(ii) Special Projects

CFTC receives additional contributions and grants from member states, non-Commonwealth countries and other organisations for special projects (see note 10 for details of individual special projects). These monies are awarded subject to specific performance conditions. Where a transfer is subject to conditions that, if unfulfilled, require the return of the transferred resources, deferred income is reported as a non-exchange liability on the Statement of Financial Position. The revenue for these projects is recognised when these conditions are met.

(b) Revenue from Exchange Transactions

Exchange transactions are transactions in which CFTC provides a service and receives fair value consideration in return.

(i) Cost Share Contributions

The Capacity Building Programme organises bilateral projects which are carried out with the host country contributing a share of the costs. Invoices are raised in advance of the activity and the proportion which relates to the current financial year is recognised as cost share contributions. The proportion which relates to a subsequent financial year is deferred accordingly.

(ii) Interest Receivable

Interest received from interest-bearing accounts and investments. Such income is recognised in the period in which the transaction occurred not when the income is received.

(iii) Other Income

Other income consists of:

- Miscellaneous contributions from countries towards the integrated programme of assistance on debt management offered under the Economic Development Outcome;
- · Sundry receipts, insurance payments and refunds; and
- Special Projects Administration Fees.

Such income is recognised in the period in which the transaction occurred, not when the income is received.

1.15 Expenses

(a) Staff Costs

(i) Unused Annual Leave

Staff are permitted to accumulate unused annual leave for use in future periods. The value of unused annual leave at year-end has been estimated using salary pay points and number of leave days outstanding. It is included in staff costs in the Statement of Financial Performance. The corresponding obligation is recognised as an accrual in the Statement of Financial Position.

(ii) Relocation Expenses

The Commonwealth pays relocation expenses for overseas recruited staff and experts at the beginning and end of their contracts. A provision for future costs is included within staff costs in the financial statements.

(iii) Home Leave

The Commonwealth pays for home leave passages for overseas recruited staff after serving a minimum of 18 months of their contracts. A provision for future home leave passages is included within staff costs in the financial statements.

(iv) Pensions

The Commonwealth operates a defined contribution pension scheme, two defined benefit pension schemes, and a supplementary arrangement as described below.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1.15 Expenses (a) Staff Costs (iv) Pensions (Continued)

Work Place Pension

The Commonwealth Secretariat Workplace Pension Scheme is a defined contribution pension scheme administered by Scottish Widows. Staff can elect to have either The Commonwealth's contribution of 15% of their gross salary transferred to the Workplace Pension Scheme or The Commonwealth's contribution of 10% of their gross salary transferred to the Workplace Pension Scheme with the remaining 5% invested in the Staff Gratuity Fund. The Commonwealth's contributions to the workplace pension scheme are recognised as staff costs in the statement of financial performance.

Former Secretaries-General Pension Scheme

An unfunded, defined benefit pension scheme is in operation for three former Secretaries-General. Costs relating to the financial year are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance of COMSEC. An actuarial valuation of The Commonwealth's obligation as at the year-end is obtained, with the liability recognised in the Statement of Financial Position of COMSEC. The present value of defined benefit obligations due to the former Secretaries-General is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using agreed assumptions. There are no directly attributable investments or assets to support the obligations of this scheme. Unrealised actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets in COMSEC.

All transactions and valuations are recorded within the COMSEC financial statements for administrative efficiency.

Staff Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

CFTC participates in the defined benefit scheme, Commonwealth Secretariat Pension and Life Assurance Scheme (1979), operated by The Commonwealth where the benefits are based on final pensionable pay. The scheme is managed by a board of trustees nominated by The Commonwealth as employer and scheme members in line with UK pension regulations.

The Scheme is subject to UK pension regulations. It undertakes valuations every three years and prepares financial statements to 31 March. The financial statements of the scheme are audited by Assure UK. The scheme's actuary is Neal Thompson, Partner, First Actuarial LLP. The audited financial statements and details of advisors are available on request from the Payroll and Pensions Team, Finance and Management Information Section, Marlborough House, London, SW1Y 5HX.

The Scheme which was accessible to staff of COMSEC, CFTC, CYP and Commonwealth Science Council Funds was closed to new members with effect from 1 January 2002. It is not possible to separate the scheme liabilities relating to staff under the different funds. The entire liability is therefore recognised in the Statement of Financial Position in COMSEC. The liability or asset recognised in respect of the scheme is the fair value of the plan assets less the present value of the defined obligation at the reporting date.

The current service cost, interest on scheme liabilities and expected return on the scheme assets are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance of COMSEC.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full in the period in which they occur in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets of COMSEC.

There is no contractual agreement or stated policy for charging the net defined benefit cost from COMSEC to CFTC. CFTC therefore recognises in its Statement of Financial Performance a cost equal to the contribution payable for the period.

Further details of the defined benefit scheme are disclosed on pages 28 to 38 of the 2020-21 financial statements of the Commonwealth Secretariat Fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1.15 Expenses (a) Staff Costs (iv) Pensions (Continued)

Supplementary Pension

The Secretariat operates an unfunded defined benefit pension plan, Supplementary Pension. This arrangement is not a registered pension scheme in the UK and there are no directly attributable assets held by The Commonwealth to support the liability of the arrangement.

Under the plan, the members are entitled to post-retirement monthly instalments that provides discretionary pension increases in payment over and above the minimum pension increases set out in the Trust Deed and Rules of the Commonwealth Secretariat Pension & Life Assurance Scheme (1979) ("the Main Scheme").

Members are guaranteed a 2.5% increase on pension payments each year. Additional increases may be awarded on a discretionary basis based on an annual review by The Commonwealth.

An actuarial valuation of The Commonwealth's obligation as at the year-end is obtained with the entire liability recognised in the Statement of Financial Position of COMSEC as it is not possible to separate the scheme liabilities under the different funds. The present value of the supplementary pension obligations is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using agreed assumptions.

There are no directly attributable investments or assets to support the obligations of this scheme. Unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets in COMSEC.

(v) Gratuity

For staff who opt out of or select the reduced contribution to the Commonwealth Secretariat Workplace Pension Scheme, The Commonwealth contributes up to 15% of gross salary into the Staff Gratuity Fund. The Commonwealth's contributions to the staff gratuity fund are recognised as staff costs in the Statement of Financial Performance. Payments of accumulated gratuity plus interest are made to staff at the end of their contract or on leaving The Commonwealth.

The contributions are paid into a COMSEC bank account and managed separately in readily convertible investments. Cash deposits and fixed term deposits relating to the staff gratuity fund are not available for general use by The Commonwealth. The relating asset and liability are reported in the Statement of Financial Position of COMSEC because it is not possible to readily separate the proportion relating to CFTC employees. The liability is classified as current or non-current dependent on the expiry dates of the employees' contracts.

(b) Office Rental Costs

The headquarters of The Commonwealth is located in Marlborough House in London. Marlborough House is provided free of rent by the UK Government. Under IPSAS 23 Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions the value of this service in-kind is recognised as both income and expense in the Statement of Financial Performance of the COMSEC Fund. The service-in-kind has been estimated using the rental value of Commonwealth House in proportion to the office area in Marlborough House.

The Commonwealth also had operations sited in a separate office building, Commonwealth House. In December 2019, The Commonwealth vacated Commonwealth House as part of the office consolidation project.

Significant improvements made to Marlborough House or Commonwealth House are capitalised and depreciated through the statement of financial performance over the useful life of the improvements for Marlborough House.

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1.15 Expenses (Continued)

(c) Common Service Charge

CFTC is charged a levy referred to as the Common Service Charge, by COMSEC. The charge recovers some of the costs incurred by COMSEC in operating the internal corporate business support functions which includes Finance, Human Resources and Facility Management, Information Technology, Strategy, Portfolio and Partnerships and Digital and to a lesser extent, Communications.

The present method of apportioning these costs is based on the proportion of staff members' time devoted to supporting activities in a particular area of work. The costs apportioned include staff costs, office accommodation and other administrative costs related to the corporate business support functions.

(d) Direct Projects

Direct Project Costs are expenses related to programmatic activities. Where these expenses occur against a contract issued to a service provider, the related cost is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance when specific conditions in the individual contracts are fulfilled.

(e) Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to GB Pounds Sterling at the rate of exchange on the date of the transactions. Gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

(f) Office Consolidation Charge

The Commonwealth completed the project to consolidate its London operations into one office building, Marlborough House, in order to generate savings and improved ways of working. To facilitate this consolidation, in December 2018 The Commonwealth exercised the lease break option in its lease for Commonwealth House without incurring a penalty.

COMSEC levied an office consolidation charge on the CFTC to recover some of the costs incurred by COMSEC in delivering the consolidation project. The method of apportioning these costs is based on the projected total revenue used to fund expenditure in each of COMSEC, CFTC and CYP.

The consolidation project costs cover activities associated with the vacating and yielding up of Commonwealth House to the landlord, accelerated depreciation on Commonwealth House building improvements, enabling and upgrade works required in Marlborough House, and the physical move of staff and operations from Commonwealth House into Marlborough House.

1.16 Tax

The Commonwealth operates an Internal Tax System under an agreement with the UK Government. Tax deducted from staff emoluments is retained by the organisation.

1.17 Use of Estimates and Judgements

Preparing financial statements in accordance with IPSAS requires The Commonwealth to make estimates, judgements and assumptions in the selection and application of accounting policies and in the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. For this reason, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Accounting estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised in the year in which they are revised and in any future period affected.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the statement of financial position date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

There were no critical judgements in the year made during the process of applying the accounting policies.

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2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalent balances are those funds which meet the definition of Cash and Cash Equivalents but are not available for general use by the CFTC.

The UK restricted balance relates to special project funds, which are held for use only for these specific purposes.

	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total	
	30 June		30 June		30 June	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
UK Bank Accounts	10,865,293	9,422,345	2,319,861	2,723,037	13,185,154	12,145,382
Foreign Bank Accounts	113,578	152,817	1,228,611	1,305,714	1,342,189	1,458,531
Total Cash and Cash	10,978,871	9,575,162	3,548,472	4,028,751	14,527,343	13,603,913
Equivalents		, ,	. ,	, ,	, ,	, ,

The foreign bank account restricted balance of £1,228,611 (2020: £1,305,714) is classified as such due to the challenges experienced in repatriating the funds from Pakistan to the United Kingdom.

3. Investments

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	£	£
Fixed term deposits - current	6,118,000	5,600,000
Total Investments	6,118,000	5,600,000

Fixed term deposits held for a period of more than three months have been classified as investments.

4. Other Receivables from Exchange Transactions

	Note	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
		£	£
Debt Management Recovery Debtors		35,000	40,000
Cost Share Debtors	5 (a)(i), 5 (a) (ii)	36,557	36,557
Sundry Debtors		59,217	179,521
Special Project Debtors		-	29,665
Commonwealth Secretariat		106,952	399,001
Small States Office – Geneva		359,018	475,310
Provision for Doubtful Debts-Cost Share Debtors	(a)	(36,557)	(36,557)
Provision for Doubtful Debts-Debt Management Recovery Debtors	5 (b)	(35,000)	(40,000)
Total Receivables		525,187	1,083,497

Ageing of receivables from exchange transactions:

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		;	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
			£	£
Current			49,877	699,055
> 12 months			475,310	384,442
Total Receivables			525,187	1,083,497

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4. Other Receivables from Exchange Transactions (Continued)

(a) Cost share debtors represent the amounts due to CFTC in respect of bilateral projects carried out with the host country contributing a share of the costs.

	Provision at 1 July 2020	Increase in provision	(Decrease) in provision	Provision at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£
Provision for doubtful debt	36,557	-	-	36,557

The provision for doubtful debts relates to cost share contributions from prior periods which are proving difficult to collect.

5. Cost Share Debtors 2020-21

5. (a) (i) Cost Share Debtors 2020-21

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Country / Organisation	Balance Receivable as at 1 July 2020	Contributions Invoiced in 2020-21	Receipts in 2020-21	Balance Receivable as at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£
Grenada	36,557	-	-	36,557
Provision for doubtful debt	36,557	-	-	36,557

5. (a) (ii) Cost Share Debtors 2019-20

Country / Organisation	Balance Receivable as at 1 July 2019	Contributions Invoiced in 2019-20	Receipts in 2019-20	Balance Receivable as at 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£
Grenada	36,557	-	-	36,557
Provision for doubtful debt	36,557	-	-	36,557

5. (b) Debt Management Recovery Debtors 2020-21

	Provision at 1 July 2020	Increase in provision	(Decrease) in provision	Provision at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£
Provision for doubtful debt	40,000	-	(5,000)	35,000
Total	40,000	-	(5,000)	35,000

6. Payables and Other Liabilities from Exchange Transactions

Amounts falling due within one year

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	£	£
Trade Payables and Accruals	1,210,957	961,357
Staff Expenses	15,521	13,173
Commonwealth Secretariat	56,895	-
Total Payables and Current Liabilities	1,283,373	974,530

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7. Deferred Income from Non-Exchange Transactions

Revenue which should be recognised in a future period has been deferred for special projects. A summary of the balances carried forward at the year-end are as follows:

	Notes	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
		£	£
Special Projects	1.15(a)(ii)	2,220,127	2,615,810
Total Deferred Income	10a (i),10 a (ii)	2,220,127	2,615,810

8. Provisions

The provisions classified as such in the Statement of Financial Position are as follows:

	At 30 、	June 2021	At 30 June 2020		
	Due within one year	Due after one year	Due within one year	Due after one year	
	£	£	£	£	
Relocation Expenses	354,517	384,465	345,527	445,639	
Home Leave Expenses	99,678	3,428	36,825	-	
Grant Agreement Expense Claim	167,216	-	167,216	-	
Total Provisions	621,411	387,893	549,568	445,639	

Movements in all provisions during the year are as follows:

Provision for Liabilities and Charges	Notes	As at 1 July 2020	(Decrease)/ Increase in Provision	Amount Used in the year	As at 30 June 2021
		£	£	£	£
Relocation Expenses	(a)	791,166	(41,496)	(10,687)	738,983
Home Leave Expenses	(b)	36,825	70,720	(4,440)	103,105
Grant Agreement Expense Claim	(c)	167,216	-	1	167,216
Total Provisions for Liabilities and Charges		995,207	29,224	(15,127)	1,009,304

- (a) CFTC incurs relocation expenses for overseas recruited staff and experts at the beginning and end of their contracts. The costs of relocation are variable because they depend on the timing of the relocation, which can be at any stage within the maximum contract period of nine years (depending on renewal of three year contracts), the location from which the staff member is relocated, the size and circumstances of the family, and the complexity of the individual's affairs at the time. The level of the provision is based on an annual review of future costs and the movement in the provision for the year has been included in the Statement of Financial Performance under staff costs.
- (b) The provision relates to home leave passages for overseas recruited staff. Overseas recruited staff and their dependents are provided with one home leave passage per contract. The level of provision is based on an annual review of future costs and the movement in the provision for the year has been included in the Statement of Financial Performance under staff costs.
- (c) The provision relates to a potential repayment claim for disallowed costs on a grant agreement.

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9. Members' Contributions - Pledges from Non-Exchange Transactions

9. (a) Members' Contributions - Pledges from Non-Exchange Transactions 2020-21

Revenue from pledges in the Statement of Financial Performance is calculated as follows:

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Amounts Pledged for Current Year	10,255,377	11,502,098
Retroactive Pledges	408,877	10,000
Total Members' Pledges	10,664,254	11,512,098

Members' contributions - pledges receivable from non-exchange transactions in the Statement of Financial Position are calculated as follows:

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	£	£
Current	270,077	651,018
Provisions for Doubtful Accounts	(85,392)	(189,436)
Total Net Current Pledges Receivable	184,685	461,582
Non-Current	77,151	17,106
Provisions for Doubtful Accounts	(67,598)	(17,106)
Total Net Non-Current Pledges Receivable	9,553	-

In order to manage and reduce long outstanding arrears, affected member countries are invited to discuss and agree suitable payment plans. Three member countries had agreed a payment plan for arrears amounting to £77,796 (2020: £24,602).

Ageing of member contribution pledges receivables from non-exchange transactions:

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	£	£
Less than one year	151,120	271,891
Between one and two years	5,000	182,000
More than two years	38,118	7,691
Total	194,238	461,582

	Provision as at 1 July 2020		(Decrease) in provision	Provision as at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£
Provision for Doubtful Debt	206,542	-	(53,552)	152,990

The increase in provision of £Nil (2020: £85,305) is for additional outstanding balances from member states assessed as doubtful pledges as at 30 June 2021 due to delays in settlement of arrears.

The decrease in the provision of £53,552 (2020: £7,691) is due to receipts received during the year in respect of outstanding contribution balances previously provided for as doubtful.

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9 (b) Members' Contributions from Non-Exchange Transactions

9. (b) (i). Members' Contributions from Non-Exchange Transactions 2020-21

	Balance as a	at 1 July 2020	Retroactive Pledges	Pledges	Receipts	Balance as at 30 June 2021	
Country	Receivable	Prepaid	2020-21	2020-21	2020-21	Receivable	Prepaid
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Anguilla	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000	-
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	-	2,044	2,044	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	268,367	268,367	-	-
Bahamas	-	-	-	130,405	130,405	-	-
Bangladesh	-	-	-	148,705	148,705	-	-
Barbados	-	-	-	10,000	20,000	-	(10,000)
Belize	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	-	-
Botswana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brunei Darussalam	-	-	-	100,000	100,000		-
Cameroon	182,000	-	61,225	61,225	305,475	-	(1,025)
Cyprus	71,087	-	-	-	71,087	-	-
Cook Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica	11,988	-	-	1,944	5,505	10,371	(1,944)
Fiji	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-
Ghana	-	-	-		332,480	-	(332,480)
Gibraltar	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	64,608	125,467	-	(60,859)
India	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-
Jamaica	-	-	-	165,126	165,126	-	-
Kenya	-	-	329,000	329,000	660,049	-	(2,049)
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesotho	-	-	-	116,328	116,328	-	-
Malawi	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000	-
Malaysia	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	-
Maldives*	66,090	-	-	5,000	13,219	57,871	-
Malta	-	(57,539)	-	57,539	57,539		(57,539)
Mauritius	-	-	-	194,363	194,363		-
Namibia	-	-	-	15,000	15,000		-
Nauru	3,654	-	-	-	3,654	-	-
New Zealand	-	-	-	1,545,000	1,545,000	-	-
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niue	331	-	-	-	-	331	-
Pakistan	100,000	-	-	250,000	350,000	-	-
Papua New Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	10,060	10,060	-	-
Seychelles	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-		-	-
Singapore	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-
South Africa	-	-	-	281,372	281,372	-	-
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	53,226	53,226	-	-
St Kitts & Nevis	-	-	-	19,455	19,455	-	-
St Lucia	-	(306)	18,652	-	18,652	-	(306)
St Vincent & The Grenadines	12,614	-	-	5,000	8,061	9,553	-
Eswatini	-	-	-	80,000	-	80,000	-
Tanzania	-	-	-	64,176	-	64,176	-
The Gambia	33,565	-	-	-	-	33,565	
Tonga	-	-	-	10,000	10,000		-
Trinidad & Tobago	95,434	-	-	95,434	190,868	-	-
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zambia	83,361		_			83,361	
Total	668,124	(57,845)	408,877	10,255,377	11,393,507		(466,202)

^{*} Maldives rejoined The Commonwealth in 2020.

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9 (b) Members' Contributions from Non-Exchange Transactions

9. (b) (ii). Members' Contributions from Non-Exchange Transactions 2019-20

	Balance as a	at 1 July 2019	Retroactive Pledges	Pledges	Receipts	Balance as at	30 June 2020
Country	Receivable	Prepaid	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	Receivable	Prepaid
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Anguilla	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000	-
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	-	2,044	2,044	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	254,622	254,622	-	-
Bahamas	-	-	-	130,405	130,405	-	-
Bangladesh	_	-	_	148,704	148,704	-	-
Barbados	13,647	_	_	20,000	33,647	l <u>-</u> l	_
Belize	-	_	_	32,000	32,000		_
Botswana	_	_	_	338,713	338,713		_
Brunei Darussalam	_	_	_	200,000	200,000		_
Cameroon	182,000	_		200,000	200,000	182,000	_
Cyprus	71,087	_	_	71,087	71,087		_
Cook Island	11,007	-	-	5,000	5,000		-
Dominica	10,044	-	-	1,944	5,000	11,988	-
	10,044	-	-		20,000		-
Fiji	407.450	-	-	20,000	20,000		-
Ghana	407,156	-	-	118,023	525,179		-
Gibraltar	-	-	-	15,000	15,000		-
Grenada	-	- 	-	18,198	18,198	-	-
Guyana	-	(65,961)	-	65,961	-	-	-
India	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000		-
Jamaica	-	-	-	165,126	165,126	-	-
Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kiribati	-	-	-	5,056	5,056	-	-
Lesotho	-	-	-	116,328	116,328		-
Malawi	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Malaysia	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	-	-
Maldives*	66,090	-	-	-	-	66,090	-
Malta	-	-	-	57,539	115,078		(57,539)
Mauritius	-	-	-	194,363	194,363		-
Namibia	15,000	-	_	15,000	30,000		-
Nauru	3,654	_	_	_	_	3,654	_
New Zealand	_	_	_	1,546,200	1,546,200		_
Nigeria	_	_	_	-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	l <u>-</u> l	_
Niue	331	_	_	_	_	331	_
Pakistan	100,000	_	_	250,000	250,000		_
Papua New Guinea	100,000	(57,975)	_	57,975	200,000	100,000	_
Rwanda	_	(31,313)	_	57,975	_]	_
Samoa	_	_	_	10,048	10,048]	_
Seychelles	-	-	-	16,048	16,048	-	-
	-	-	-	10,036	10,056	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	- 00 000	-	-	-
Singapore	-	-	-	20,000	20,000		-
South Africa	-	-	-	302,749	302,749		-
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	53,226	53,226		-
St Kitts & Nevis	-		-	19,455	19,455	-	
St Lucia	-	(306)	-	-	<u>-</u>		(306)
St Vincent & The Grenadines	12,244	-	-	5,000	4,630		-
Eswatini	-	-	-	80,000	80,000		-
Tanzania	-	-	-	64,176	64,176		-
The Gambia	33,565		-	-	-	33,565	-
Tonga	-	-	10,000	10,000	20,000	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	95,434	-	-	95,434	95,434	95,434	-
Uganda		-	_	_	-	'	-
United Kingdom	721,664	-	_	4,721,664	5,443,328	_	-
Vanuatu	-1,001	-	_		-,	<u>-</u>	-
Zambia	83,361	_			_	83,361	-
Total	1,818,277	(124,242)	10,000	11 502 008	12,595,854		(57,845)

^{*} Maldives rejoined The Commonwealth in 2020.

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10. (a) (i). Deferred Income for Non-Exchange Transactions 2020-21

Special Projects	Deferred Income Balance 1 July 2020	Project Cash Receipts	Project Expenses	Adjustment	Deferred Income Balance 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Global Financial and Economic Policy and the G20	70,652	-	(70,652)	-	-
Tackling Cyber Crime	-	297,172	(35,419)	-	261,753
The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub	434,711	-	(201,135)	11,380	244,956
Countering Violent Extremism	1,491,144	273,504	(547,353)	1,972	1,219,267
Trade Competitiveness	6,388	-	(6,388)		-
Complete the development of the 'Law and Climate Change Toolkit'	1,272	-	-	-	1,272
Strengthening Co-operation among Commonwealth Member States to tackle the illicit proliferation of conventional weapons	22,288	-	-	-	22,288
A Resilient Blue Commonwealth: Mobilising Climate Finance to Strengthen Resilience	27,098	32,624	(58,654)	(1,068)	-
A Resilient Blue Commonwealth: Building Sustainable Ocean Governance	218,490	-	(222,742)	4,252	-
A Resilient Blue Commonwealth: Building Sustainable Ocean Governance and Mobilising Climate Finance to Strengthen Resilience	-	70,580	-	-	70,580
Assessment of the Effects of LDC Graduation on the Agricultural and Social Sectors in Solomon Islands	32,086	-	-	-	32,086
Disaster Risk Management Laws Workshop-Caribbean	9,650	-	(9,650)	-	-
Geneva Trade Adviser	9,641	91,754	(102,288)	925	32
Improved and Constructive Engagement with the UN UPR	8,308	130,816	(135,337)	540	4,327
Short Term Trade Capacity Development Support for Pacific ACP Countries	4,493	47,177	(45,398)	-	6,272
The World Resources Institute's (WRI) Technical Assistance Fund (TAF), on behalf of the NDC Partnership Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP)	-	113,209	(170,516)	57,307	-
Analytical Support for the 2021 Commonwealth Trade Review	-	45,000	(45,000)	-	-
UN Development Programme	-	114,850	(18,900)		95,950
To Foster Engagement, Attendance and Participation of Commonwealth States at ISA Meetings	21,901	-	-	-	21,901
Common Sensing Project	257,688	120,730	(132,275)	(6,700)	239,443
Total	2,615,810	1,337,416		68,608	2,220,127

Amonuts in the adjustment column represents balances transferred to debtors to be recovered from donors, as well as corrections to the opening balance.

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10. (a) (ii). Deferred Income for Non-Exchange Transactions 2019-20

Special Projects	Deferred Income Balance 1 July 2019	Project Cash Receipts	Project Expenses	Adjustment	Deferred Income Balance 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Global Financial and Economic Policy and the G20	127,126	1	(56,474)	-	70,652
Promoting Human Resources Standards - Universal Periodic Review	8,110	1	(8,110)	-	-
Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative (CCI)	8,601	-	(8,601)	-	-
Trade Policy Formulation (Hubs & Spokes II)	19,804	-	(49,470)	29,666	-
The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub	368,477	249,536	(183,302)	-	434,711
Countering Violent Extremism	1,040,568	1,249,536	(798,960)	-	1,491,144
Trade Competitiveness	6,388	-	-	-	6,388
Complete the development of the 'Law and Climate Change Toolkit'	-	22,678	(21,406)	-	1,272
Strengthening Co-operation among Commonwealth Member States to tackle the illicit proliferation of conventional weapons	136,988	-	(114,700)	-	22,288
A Resilient Blue Commonwealth: Mobilising Climate Finance to Strengthen Resilience	126,079	200,000	(298,981)	-	27,098
A Resilient Blue Commonwealth: Building Sustainable Ocean Governance	201,932	200,000	(183,442)	-	218,490
Assessment of the Effects of LDC Graduation on the Agricultural and Social Sectors in Solomon Islands	66,286	-	(34,200)	-	32,086
Cyber Resilience Review and Cybercrime Legislative Reforms in Africa	74,343	19,094	(46,383)	(47,054)	-
Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Training in the Caribbean	106,519	80,218	(137,051)	(49,686)	-
Disaster Risk Management Laws Workshop- Caribbean	9,650	-	-	-	9,650
Geneva Trade Adviser	-	321,629	(291,495)	(20,493)	9,641
Improved and Constructive Engagement with the UN UPR	-	274,205	(233,140)	(32,757)	8,308
Short Term Trade Capacity Development Support for Pacific ACP Countries	-	91,974	(71,108)	(16,373)	4,493
Strengthening Election Cyber-security in the Commonwealth	29,022	158,209	(231,473)	44,242	-
Strengthening of International Co-operation in Cybercrime Investigation	-	142,897	(142,644)	(253)	-
To Foster Engagement, Attendance and Participation of Commonwealth States at ISA Meetings	3,411	28,946	(10,456)	-	21,901
Common Sensing Project Total	- 2,333,304	276,267 3,315,189	(1,689) (2,923,085)	(16,890) (109,598)	257,688 2,615,810

Adjustments represent funds recovered from donors and project balances returned to donors on completion of the project or balances transferred to debtors to be recovered from donors.

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11. Interest Receivable from Exchange Transactions

Interest bearing accounts and investments yielded an average rate of 0.16% (2020: 0.65%) during the reporting period.

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Interest on Bank Deposits	14,133	86,779
Total Interest Receivable	14,133	86,779

12. Other Income from Exchange Transactions

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Debt Management Recovery Fees	18,000	107,500
Currency Gain	-	27,408
Special Project Administration Fees	127,579	209,539
Miscellaneous Income	30	17,578
Total Other Income	145,609	362,025

13. Staff Costs

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Salaries and Allowances	3,891,925	3,512,687
Employers National Insurance Contributions	369,688	345,056
Contributions to Staff Gratuity Fund	470,630	416,498
Contributions to Staff Defined Contribution Scheme	57,102	38,668
Pension Expense	81,404	48,641
Long-term Consultants Costs - Direct Projects	497,884	445,033
Long-term Consultants Costs – Special Projects	631,466	845,007
Staff Provisions	36,434	28,353
Total Staff Costs	6,036,533	5,679,943

14. Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The members of the Board of Governors do not receive any remuneration from the organisation for their roles. The aggregate remuneration paid or payable to key management personnel on a full time equivalent basis for CFTC during the year was as follows:

	Number of Persons		Aggregate Remuneration		
	2020-21 2019-20		2020-21	2019-20	
			£	£	
Senior Management Committee	2	3	240,651	304,491	
Directors	1	1	106,536	77,056	
Total	3	4	347,187	381,547	

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14. Remuneration of Key Management Personnel (Continued)

Key management personnel includes members of the Senior Management Committee, which is comprised of the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General, Director and Head of Office of the Secretary-General and Senior Directors. The Senior Management Committee has the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of The Commonwealth. Key management personnel also includes the Directors of Divisions.

Aggregate remuneration includes salary, allowances and employer's contribution to the gratuity fund and/or workplace pension scheme as analysed further below. The Secretary-General is provided with rent-free accommodation at The Commonwealth's official residence at Hill Street along with a chauffeur driven car for official use which is also available for the Secretary-General's private use.

	Senior Management Committee		Directors	
	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£	£	£
Salary	174,703	211,326	83,678	56,481
Allowances	28,939	50,182	7,458	9,968
Gratuity	37,009	42,983	13,357	6,019
Contributions to Staff Defined Contribution Scheme	-	•	2,043	4,588
Total	240,651	304,491	106,536	77,056

There were no loans to key management personnel that were not available to other staff during the year.

15. Other Costs

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Short-term Consultants	1,694,333	1,365,539
Professional Fees	807,751	901,031
Miscellaneous Expenses	313,525	255,475
Conference Costs	250,799	666,010
Communications	210,393	94,894
Equipment Maintenance	191,626	149,091
Property Services and Maintenance Costs	174,376	210,906
Currency Loss	151,881	-
Publication, Information and Printing	94,838	91,461
Rent and Rates	62,722	337,624
Audit Fees	56,000	46,649
Accommodation and Venue Costs	47,470	438,985
Insurance	39,166	46,721
Pension Administration Costs	34,194	25,083
Utilities	33,972	37,880
Other Property Costs	25,619	30,147
Staff Development and Training	20,254	25,600
Library and Subscriptions	18,246	20,921
Travel Costs	11,379	1,348,810
Bank and Financial Charges	3,686	586
(Decrease)/Increase in Provision for Doubtful Balances	(58,552)	117,614
Total Other Costs	4,183,678	6,211,027

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16. Direct Project expenses

16. (a) Direct Project Expenses by Outcome

A breakdown of direct project expenses analysed according to the outcomes in the four year Strategic Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 is provided below:

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Public Institutions	841,806	985,217
Youth and Social Development	59,206	355,805
Small and Other Vulnerable States	590,535	575,776
Economic Development	4,495,023	4,196,044
Cross-Cutting	785,170	
Internal Outcomes	799,817	791,996
Sub-Total Direct Expenses	7,571,557	7,912,424
Staff Provision	145,616	(78,932)
Total Direct Expenses	7,717,173	7,833,492

16. (b) Direct Project Expenses by Cost Type

For additional information, direct project expenses are further analysed according to cost types below:

	Notes	2020-21	2019-20
		£	£
Direct Staff Costs	13	5,405,067	4,834,936
Other Costs	15	2,312,106	2,998,556
Total		7,717,173	7,833,492

17. Segmental Information

Segment information is based on the principal activities and sources of financing of CFTC. These segments are as follows:

(a) General Fund

This segment includes all resources of CFTC that are commingled and not earmarked. The main funding sources of this segment are voluntary contributions from member states, other voluntary contributions and miscellaneous revenue. Funding from the contributions is used to carry out programme activities as set out in the annual budget and delivery plan approved by the Board of Governors.

(b) Special Project Funds

This segment receives additional contributions and grants from member states, non-Commonwealth countries and other organisations to carry out special projects. The resources in this segment can only be used for the purpose of expenditure subject to specific performance conditions as set out in the agreements with the donors.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION BY SEGMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

17.	Segment	al In	format	tion (cont	inued)
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17. Segmental information (continued)	General Fund	Special Projects	TOTAL
ASSETS	£	£	£
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	12,207,482 6,118,000	2,319,861	14,527,343 6,118,000
Prepayments	12,641	-	12,641
Members' Contributions Receivable from Non-exchange Transactions Other Receivables from Exchange Transactions	184,685 467,880	57,307	184,685 525,187
TOTAL ASSETS	18,990,688	2,377,168	21,367,856
Non-Current Assets			
Members' Contributions Receivable from non-exchange transactions	9,553		9,553
TOTAL ASSETS	19,000,241	2,377,168	21,377,409
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Provisions Deferred Income from Non-exchange Transactions	555,470 -	65,941 2,220,127	621,411 2,220,127
Members' Contributions Prepaid from Non-exchange Transactions Payables and Other Liabilities from Exchange Transactions	466,202 1,250,090	33,283	466,202 1,283,373
	2,271,762	2,319,351	4,591,113
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	330,076	57,817	387,893
Total Non-Current Liabilities	330,076	57,817	387,893
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,601,838	2,377,168	4,979,006
NET ASSETS	16,398,403		16,398,403
FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES			
General Reserve	7,448,909	-	7,448,909
Working Capital Reserve Designated Reserve	4,066,420 4,883,074	-	4,066,420 4,883,074
TOTAL FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES	16,398,403		16,398,403

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFOMANCE BY SEGMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

17. Segmental Information (continued)				
	General Fund	Special Projects	Elimination	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
REVENUE FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS				
Pledges to CFTC Special Projects	10,664,254	- 1,801,707	- (127,579)	10,664,254 1,674,128
SUB-TOTAL REVENUE FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS	10,664,254	1,801,707	(127,579)	12,338,382
REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS				
Interest Revenues Other Income	14,133 145,609	- -	-	14,133 145,609
SUB-TOTAL REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS	159,742			159,742
TOTAL REVENUE	10,823,996	1,801,707	(127,579)	12,498,124
EXPENSES				
Staff Costs Other Costs Common Service Charge	5,405,067 3,141,016 2,097,420	631,466 1,170,241 -	- (127,579) -	6,036,533 4,183,678 2,097,420
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,643,503	1,801,707	(127,579)	12,317,631
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	180,493	-		180,493

Some internal activities result in accounting transactions which create inter-segment revenue, expense, advance or loan balances in the financial statements. Inter-segment transactions are reflected in the elimination columns to accurately present these financial statements for example special project administration fees.

Included in total expenses of £10,643,503 is the sum of £7,717,173 which represents direct project expenses incurred by CFTC. Direct project expenses are analysed within note 16 of these financial statements.

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18. Related Party Disclosures

(a) Controlled Entities

The Commonwealth Secretariat as an organisation operates and separately prepares audited accounts for the following three funds:

- Commonwealth Secretariat Fund (COMSEC);
- Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC); and
- Commonwealth Youth Programme Fund (CYP).

As described in note 1.16(c), costs of corporate business support functions are incurred by COMSEC. These costs are recovered from CFTC and CYP as Common Service Charges.

The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth is a member of the Board of Governors of two sister organisations of The Commonwealth. They are the Commonwealth of Learning and Commonwealth Foundation. These fellow intergovernmental Commonwealth organisations each have a separate Memorandum of Understanding, Board of Governors and Executive Management independent of The Commonwealth Secretariat.

In the financial period to 30 June 2021, there were no transactions outside the normal operations between The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation and the two Commonwealth organisations mentioned above (2019: £Nil).

The Senior Management Committee is remunerated through COMSEC and a portion of the cost is allocated to CFTC as disclosed in note 14.

19. Contingencies

As at 30 June 2021 there were no contingent liabilities relating to Arbitral Tribunal claims (2020: £Nil).

20. Commitments

Obligations under Operating Leases

Operating lease costs are shared among the three Funds COMSEC, CFTC and CYP. In this Financial year there are no leases held with COMSEC. The total amount of operating leases recognised in CFTC Statement of Financial Performance for the period is £Nil (2020: £264,901).

21. Financial Instruments

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition and derecognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which gains and losses are recognised in respect of each class of financial asset and liability are set out in Note 1.

The Commonwealth's financial risk management policies are framed within the context of its treasury and investment management policy and financial regulations. The primary objectives of the Commonwealth's treasury and investment management policy are security and liquidity. The Commonwealth continues to operate a framework of internal controls designed to safeguard its assets.

The main risks associated with the use of financial instruments in the normal course of its operations are currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risks.

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21. Financial Instruments (Continued)

(a) Fair Values

The assets of CFTC are categorised as follows:

_	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	£	£
Financial assets	21,364,768	20,748,992
Non-financial assets	12,641	112,310
Total	21,377,409	20,861,302

The liabilities of CFTC are categorised as follows:

_	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	£	£
Financial Liabilities	1,283,373	974,530
Non-financial Liabilities	3,695,633	3,668,862
Total	4,979,006	4,643,392

Set out below, is a comparison by class of the carrying amounts and fair value of CFTC's financial instruments.

	Carrying Amount	Fair Values
	£	£
Financial Assets:		
2021		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	14,527,343	14,527,343
Investments	6,118,000	6,118,000
Current Receivables	709,872	709,872
Non-current Receivables	9,553	9,553
Total	21,364,768	21,364,768
2020		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,603,913	13,603,913
Investments	5,600,000	5,600,000
Current Receivables	1,545,079	1,545,079
Total	20,748,992	20,748,992

	Carrying Amount	Fair Values
	£	£
Financial Liabilities:		
2021		
Payables	1,283,373	1,283,373
Total	1,283,373	1,283,373
2020		
Payables	974,530	974,530
Total	974,530	974,530

Cash and short-term deposits, receivables, payables and other current liabilities approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

Non-current liabilities are carried at their principal amounts, which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

21. Financial Instruments (Continued)

(b) Foreign Currency Risk

CFTC is exposed to foreign currency risk arising primarily from Non-GB Pound Sterling holdings to support local operating activities in programme countries. CFTC maintains a minimum level of assets in local currencies, and whenever possible, maintains bank accounts in GB Pound Sterling.

At 30 June 2021, 93% of cash and cash equivalents are denominated in GB Pound Sterling, 6% in Pakistani Rupees, and the remaining 1% in other currencies (89% in GB Pound Sterling, 10% in Pakistani Rupees and the remaining 1% in other currencies at 30 June 2020).

c) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to CFTC if counterparties and other third parties fail to meet their contractual obligations. CFTC's exposure relates to receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

The treasury and investment management policy manages credit risk by limiting the amount of credit exposure to any one counter party and ensuring these financial assets are held with well-recognised financial institutions. 90% of the outstanding amount is at counterparty banks with a Moody's credit rating of A1 and higher.

Receivables comprise amounts mostly due from Member States and related parties. CFTC manages risk on these receivables by actively seeking recovery of all amounts due. At the reporting date CFTC assessed the past due receivables, creating a provision for those debts where it is considered that CFTC will not collect the full amount due.

(d) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of CFTC not being able to meet its obligations as they fall due. This liquidity risk is managed by monitoring on a regular basis the available funds against anticipated expenditure and commitments.

CFTC ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected funding needs of the organisation through the use of cash flow forecasts, taking into consideration timing of investment maturities. All investments are short term in nature to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet CFTC commitments as and when they fall due.

The following are contractual liabilities as at 30 June 2021:

2021	<6 months
	£
Payables and other liabilities	1,283,373
Total Liabilities	1,283,373

As at 30 June 2021 CFTC had not issued any financial guarantees.

Liquidity Risk also includes the risk of CFTC not being able to access funds held in a Pakistan bank account outside of Pakistan. The liquidity risk is managed by the funds being classified as restricted and CFTC not relying on these funds for use. These funds are excluded from all cash flow forecasts (Refer Note 2).

	Inability to Access Funds	Effect on Surplus
Funds Held In Pakistan	%	£
	0%	-
	80%	(982,889)
	100%	(1,228,611)

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21. Financial Instruments (Continued)

(e) Market Risk

Market risk is the possibility that CFTC might incur financial losses owing to unfavourable movements in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

(f) Interest Rate Risk

Owing to the short maturity of cash and investments an interest rate sensitivity analysis does not disclose significant variations in value. If the weighted average interest rate at 30 June 2021 had been 25% higher or lower, the interest income would have been affected as follows:

	Increase (+)/ Decrease (-)	Effect on Surplus / Deficit
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	£
Movement in the relative value of the GB Pound Sterling	25%	3,533
Movement in the relative value of the GB Pound Sterling	-25%	(3,533)

(g) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency balances in GB Pound Sterling as at 30 June 2021 comprise of the following:

		Other	
2021	GBP	Currencies	Total
	£	£	£
Financial Assets	20,022,579	1,342,189	21,364,768
Percentage of Total	94%	6%	100%
Financial Liabilities	1,283,373	-	1,283,373
Percentage of Total	100%	1	100%

The table below shows the impact of a 25% movement in the relative value of the GB Pound Sterling against the foreign currency balances as at 30 June 2021.

	Increase (+)/	Effect on
	Decrease (-)	Balances
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	£
Movement in the relative value of the GB Pound Sterling	25%	335,547
Movement in the relative value of the GB Pound Sterling	-25%	(335,547)

22. Capital Management

The Commonwealth defines the capital that it manages as the aggregate of its net assets, which is comprised of accumulated balances and reserves. The Commonwealth's objectives in managing capital are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern to fund its asset base and to fulfil its mission and objectives. The Commonwealth's overall strategy with respect to capital management includes the balancing of its operating and capital activities with its funding on an annual basis.

The Commonwealth manages its capital structure in light of global economic conditions, the risk characteristics of the underlying assets, and working capital requirements. The Commonwealth manages its capital by reviewing, on a regular basis, the actual results against the budgets approved by the Board of Governors.

23. Events After Reporting Date

There are no material events, favourable or unfavourable that occurred between the reporting date, 30 June 2021, and the date of authorisation for issue that would have impacted these statements.

The Secretary-General authorised these financial statements for issue on 23 December 2021.

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