

# Treasurer's report

ASDC AGM on 27 September 2012



## Annual accounts for 2012/13

Please refer to the finalised accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The financial sections of the accounts are to be found from pages 12 onwards.

## Explanation of results

Total income was markedly up on 2010/11 (£90,436) at £377,826, a good result, particularly in the current economic climate – please see Table 1.

The organisation is still feeling the effects of the cessation of the BIS grant of £57,000 in 2010, however the STFC partnership which came into effect during the latter part of the year has helped to stabilise the charity's position and has led to increased income for project activity. Much of the increased income is dispersed to member organisations.

Table 1: ASDC income

Funding type	£		
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Core funding	57,000	-	-
Project funding	100,636	68,192	347,613
Subscriptions	18,789	19,260	19,423
Other income	264	2,682	10,582
Interest received	273	302	208
Totals	394,582	90,436	377,826

Costs have continued to be managed robustly, with staff costs falling for the third year running from £104,029 in 2009/10 to £95,457 in 2011/12 and office rent falling from £16,800 in 2009/10 to £8,655. Some increases in expenditure occurred towards the end of the year as the level of project activity increased again due to the STFC's involvement, and the total expenditure in 2011/12 of £335,672 also reflects this extra activity. For example, external costs of projects were £205,204 compared to £9,319 in the previous year. Table 2 shows the overall position, with a full breakdown appearing at note 3 of the annual report on page 15.

Table 2: Expenditure

	£		
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Expenditure	174,388	170,254	335,672

## Reserves

The reserves position has improved somewhat, following the reductions of recent years – see Table 3. The reserves stood at £182,580 at 31<sup>st</sup> March, a sufficient level for operation of the charity. The situation continues to be monitored closely by the trustees.

Table 3: ASDC reserves

	£		
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Restricted funds	-	-	15,055
Unrestricted funds	220,244	140,426	167,525
Totals	220,244	140,426	182,580

Stable sources of income for core costs are still sought.

## Financial overview

Once the distorting effect of the transfer of reserves to the new charity are taken into account, the present financial situation for ASDC is very clear and the key problem was the withdrawal of core funding, the £57,000 grant from BIS.

Determined effort to resolve this clear problem has taken place during the year, as ASDC is now drawing heavily on its reserves. The current economic climate remains very difficult, and important decisions must be made for 2012 to ensure that ASDC can remain a going concern and find a formula that is more sustainable.

## Thanks

Thanks are due to Corrigan Associates for carrying out the independent examination of the accounts, Chris Godden for his careful work and helpful advice in all matters connected with the accounts, and to Penny and her team for their contributions to managing the finances successfully.

## Examination of accounts

The annual income of ASDC falls within the levels at which full audit is not required. Provision is made in law for small and medium charities to use an intermediate method of scrutiny known as an independent examination.

## Conclusion

I recommend that the accounts are accepted and submitted to the Charity Commission.

Peter Trevitt, Treasurer  
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