Agenda Item No: 101/04



### **CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE**

# Minutes of Meeting Held 0900 Friday 30 July 2004 Executive Meeting Room, Normandy Court

Membership: Martin Saunders (Chair) Non-Executive Director

Ailsa Bernard Non-Executive Director Said Namdarkhan Non-Executive Director

David Edwards Carr, Shepherd, Crosthwaite

In Attendance: Vince Doherty Interim Director of Finance

Tony Bettridge Financial Controller
Dorothy Murphy (Minutes) PA to Finance Director

Present: In Attendance:

Martin Saunders (Chair)

Ailsa Bernard

Vince Doherty
Tony Bettridge

Said Namdarkhan Angela Lacey-Smith (Minutes)

**David Edwards** 

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None					
2.	CARR, SHEPPARD CROSTHWAITE QUARTERLY REPORT					
	DE provided summary to the quarterly report.					
2.1	Portfolio Status:					
	Updated evaluations of the Charitable Funds portfolio were circulated and summary provided by DE.					
	<ul> <li>The value of the portfolio was £2,195,385.</li> <li>More recent holdings included housing development companies which were performing reasonably well.</li> <li>Bank exposure was working reasonably well.</li> <li>9% of the portfolio was within life assurance</li> <li>There were concerns that sterling was considered to be overvalued, and that values would fall, but values of overseas holdings should improve as a result.</li> <li>It was considered that interest rates would rise up to possibly 6% which could result in a swift downturn in the economy.</li> <li>Telecomms had responded extremely poorly over the past 4 years.</li> <li>The Fund had reduced from c.£5m over the past 5 years to £2m as a result of expenditure being encouraged for purchase of capital equipment etc.</li> </ul>					

- Income derived from the portfolio was generally re-invested unless there was a specific requirement.
- No funding had been drawn over the past 3 years.
- Over the last 5 years, the ability to reclaim tax deducted at source had been phased out, this being the last year that any claims could be made.
- From this year, it would operate similarly to a pension fund with no tax being reclaimable.
- It was noted that CGT was not payable.

#### AGREED:

- That the wording in the Investment Strategy be changed to read 'That the Trust's investment objective is to maximise total returns over the long term'.
- That in future, quarterly reports would be included as an agenda item, with supporting documentation being provided.

#### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7 MAY 2004

**AGREED**: The Minutes of the meeting held 7 May 2004 were agreed.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING (Not covered in the agenda)

## 4.1 **Marie Curie Research Wing** (Minute 3.0(i)

- Discussions had been held between VD and Mark Jarvis (and subsequently Graham Reid, Acting Divisional Manager).
- Graham Reid had agreed to meet with Professor Saunders to gain clarity on this fund.
- Should this not be obtained, VD would meet with Professor Saunders, who had written to her regarding UCLH and the charitable fund money.
- Once confirmation had been received on the way this fund had been set up, appropriate action would be taken, if required.

# 4.2 Funds Held by PGMCs (Minute 3.0(ii)

Background on funds held by PGMCs was provided where it was noted that some funds were still held by Watford and Mount Vernon respectively, managed by WHHT staff.

#### AGREED:

• That Graham Reid would follow this up.

#### MSC Document re Unauthorised Funds (Minute 3.0(iii)

VD advised that wording needed to be incorporated into the Consultant contract, which he was discussing with the HR Director.

#### **Investment Strategy** (Minute 4.0)

Discussion took place regarding investment in companies having a significant investment in the tobacco industry, as described in the paper circulated.

#### AGREED!

That the Investment Strategy be accepted, subject to the amendment agreed in Minute 2.

5.	FINANCIAL REPORT (I/E and B/S only)					
	It was reported that legacies were down substantially, resulting in a just under break-even situation.					
6.	SALARIES CHARGED TO CHARITABLE FUNDS					
	It was noted that there had been no salaries charged to Charitable Funds.					
7.	7. FUNDRAISING					
	<ul> <li>AGREED:</li> <li>That Mankit Yau be requested to provide a summary, which would be attached to the minutes.</li> <li>That in future MY would be requested to attend the meeting, and be given an earlier slot.</li> </ul>					
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS					
8.1	Meeting Dates – 2005					
	AGREED: That VD would draw up suggested meeting dates, in liaison with MS.					
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING					
	Date: Friday 5 November Time: 09.00 Venue: Executive Meeting Room, Normandy Court					

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# **ACTION POINTS**

Item No	Item	Action Required	Person Responsible	Timescale
2.	Carr Sheppard Crosthwaite Report	<ul> <li>Wording in the Investment Strategy to be changed to read That the Trust's investment objective is to maximise total returns over the long term'.</li> <li>Quarterly reports to be included as an agenda item, with supporting documentation being provided.</li> </ul>	Vince Doherty  Tony Bettridge	ASAP Ongoing
4.1	MSC Document re Unauthorised Funds	<ul> <li>Graham Reid to follow up staff issues around Charitable Funds and their control.</li> <li>WGH to be similarly resolved.</li> </ul>	G Reid Tony Bettridge	ASAP ASAP
7.	Fundraising	<ul> <li>Mankit Yau to be requested to provide a summary, which would be attached to the minutes.</li> <li>In future MY to be requested to attend the meeting, and to be given an earlier slot.</li> </ul>	Angela Lacey-Smith	ASAP