

Charity Commission announces statutory inquiry into Moss Side and Hulme Community Development Trust

Press release

The Commission has opened a statutory inquiry into the Moss Side and Hulme Community Development Trust



[The charity](#) has previously been placed under inquiry (28 August 2018) following a failure to submit its accounts for the financial year ending 31 August 2017, and concerns about potential unauthorised payments to a trustee. That inquiry concluded in November 2020.

During that inquiry, the 2017 accounts were submitted and in July 2020 the Commission issued two trustees with an order made under section 84 of the Charities Act 2011. The order, among other things, required the trustees to appoint additional trustees and to hold an annual general meeting. The trustees were required to supply the Commission with an update within 6 months of the order. They failed to do so and requested an additional 6 months to comply.

Despite numerous attempts made by the Commission to engage with the trustees, the regulator is yet to receive any evidence that the charity has complied with its order.

The Commission says the trustees' engagement with the regulator has been below the expected standard.

This inquiry will examine:

- The extent to which the trustees are complying with their legal duties in respect of their administration, governance, and management of the charity
- The extent to which trustees have complied with the s.84 order and the regulatory advice and guidance previously issued by the Commission

The Commission may extend the scope of the inquiry if additional regulatory issues emerge.

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. Reports of previous inquiries are available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Ends

Notes to Editors

1. The inquiry has been opened in line with Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011.
2. The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales. Its purpose is to ensure charity can thrive and inspire trust so that people can improve lives and strengthen society.
3. See the [report of our previous inquiry](#) into the Moss Side and Hulme Community Development Trust.

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[Call for bids: green initiatives in Oman](#)

World news story

British Embassy in Oman is inviting bids from partners to deliver in-country projects focusing on green initiatives, demonstrating long-term sustainable impact.



UK Government

The UK, alongside our partner Italy, are hosting the COP26 with world leaders in Glasgow to deliver on the Paris Agreement and seek to secure global net zero by 2050.

Climate change affects us all and we must all take steps to tackle it. Oman Vision2040 has outlined Oman's ambition for climate protection and sustainable development. The British Embassy wants to support these aims by working with a number of partners to deliver in-country projects focusing on green initiatives which will have demonstrable effect and long-term sustainable impact in Oman.

Objectives

Our objective is to support as many local projects that demonstrate positive effect on green initiatives within Oman.

We are seeking partners who have an ability to deliver projects locally within Oman to:

- educate and increase awareness of climate issues and promote positive action
- support research initiatives focused on the environment and effects in Oman
- bring together key stakeholders across country to promote positive and cohesive action
- promote projects focusing on environmental protection and long term preservation including recycling and/or other initiatives

- promote accelerator programmes or other similar initiatives which are focused on offering green solutions
- have a sustained impact after the project ends to secure long term effects
- demonstrate positive effect to a cross section of society including where possible women and youth engagement, and reaching outside of Muscat

Timing

All activity must be completed by 31st March 2022.

Funding

We are inviting bids of up to £500,000 (~250,000 OMR).

How to apply

An Embassy programme board panel will assess the bids by 1st December 2021.

The outcome of the programme board will be communicated to all bidders by 2nd December 2021.

Key criteria against which bids will be assessed:

- we can only grant this funding to non-profit organisations
- consideration of environmental impact of the proposed projects
- a strong theory of change with outputs, outcomes and long term impact clearly articulated
- feasibility of proposals setting out project objectives and how activity will be delivered
- value for money
- alignment with Embassy objectives
- how impact will be sustained after close of project
- consideration of how proposed activities engage cross sections of society including but not restricted to youth and women
- consideration of risks to delivery

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[UK funding to support developing cities and regions transition to net zero by 2050](#)

- A new multi-million UK Urban Climate Action Programme launched today to help developing cities reduce their emissions and grow sustainably
- UK as COP26 Presidency calls on cities and regions across the world to commit to net zero emissions by 2050
- decarbonising the world's urban buildings, which are responsible for around 40% of global emissions, crucial in combating climate change

The UK government has today (Thursday 11 November 2021) launched the new Urban Climate Action programme (UCAP) to support the cities and regions in developing countries most impacted by climate change to accelerate their transition to net zero.

Backed with £27.5 million of new UK government funding as part of the UK's

International Climate Finance commitment, the programme will support cities across Africa, Asia and Latin America to take action to tackle climate change and create a sustainable future, by helping them to become carbon neutral by 2050 and prepare low-carbon infrastructure projects.

The programme will help cities like Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, and Bogotá develop low-emission public transport systems, renewable energy generation, sustainable waste management, new climate-smart buildings codes and climate risk planning.

To date over 1,000 cities and regions across the world – over a fifth of the global urban population – have committed to slashing their emissions to net zero by 2050.

Today, as part of the UN COP26 climate summit's Cities, Regions and Built Environment Day in Glasgow, the UK has called on cities yet to make commitments to step up and set a net zero target that will help protect the places where people live and work, future proofing the world for future generations.

Business and Energy Minister Lord Callanan said:

From our homes and workplaces to our towns and cities, the buildings we live in are a fundamental part of our daily lives, but also a significant source of global emissions.

That's why at COP26 today we are calling on cities, regions, governments and businesses to seize the moment and set bold net-zero targets as we work together as a global community to end our contribution to climate change.

The world's urban buildings, including homes, workplaces, schools and hospitals, are responsible for around 40% of global carbon emissions. By 2050, 1.6 billion people living in cities will be regularly exposed to extremely high temperatures and over 800 million people living in cities across the world will be vulnerable to sea level rises and coastal flooding. Accelerating the transition to net zero emissions for the world's cities will therefore be vital to achieving the goal of keeping global warming to close to 1.5 degrees.

Energy and Climate Change Minister Greg Hands said:

By 2050 urban areas will be home to two thirds of the world population, with the speed and scale of urbanisation set to lock in high-carbon infrastructure and inequality if we do not act now.

The UK's new programme will provide invaluable support to cities across Africa, Asia and Latin America to help them grow sustainably, and make them resilient to climate risks, securing a greener future for generations to come.

Joy Belmonte, Mayor of Quezon City, one of the cities that will be supported through UCAP said:

Quezon City's Enhanced Local Climate Action Plan was successfully developed with the support of the UK government. With the assistance of the C40 Cities Finance Facility, the city is also pioneering the deployment of solar PV on public schools and on critical public healthcare facilities, contributing to a green and just recovery.

We are immensely looking forward to continuing our fruitful partnership with C40 to implement Quezon City's Climate Action Plan as a matter of urgency, continuing the journey together with the support of the UK government.

UCAP will follow on from the flagship Climate Leadership in Cities programme, which was funded by the UK and successfully supported megacities in Latin America and Asia to develop ambitious climate action plans consistent with the Paris Agreement – including developing pathways to net zero by 2050 and committing to ambitious interim targets by 2030 to keep 1.5 degrees within reach.

As the first major economy to legislate to end its contribution to climate change by 2050, the UK is already taking action to tackle emissions from the built environment sector. As heating for homes and workspaces makes up almost a third of all UK carbon emissions, reducing these emissions is key to achieving the goal of net zero by 2050. Through the recent [heat and buildings](#) and [net zero](#) strategies, the UK government has set out how the UK will deploy the low-carbon technology needed to decarbonise homes, workplaces and public spaces.

To address emissions from the wider built environment, the UK government is investing £3.9 billion through the [Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme](#), the Home Upgrade Grant scheme, Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, Boiler Upgrade Scheme and Heat Network Transformation Programme.

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Minister Eddie Hughes said:

Net zero provides a real opportunity as we level up across the UK – delivering new green jobs and skills and boosting local economic growth.

Many local areas are already taking action and we continue to work very closely with them to meet our climate change commitments.

We are also taking action to cut the CO2 emissions of all new build homes by at least 75% from 2025 under the Future Homes Standard, and by 31% through an improvement in building standards later this year.

The transition to net zero will drive levelling up across the country while supporting communities towards a greener future – providing opportunities for economic growth and delivering new green jobs for local people.

Many local areas are already taking strong action on climate change, including:

- the Gateshead District Energy Scheme, a renewable heat network for up to 1,250 new homes, backed by £5.9 million government funding
- Suffolk County Council has set out plans to build new walking and cycling infrastructure, work with industry in Suffolk to utilise innovative waste heat technology, and deliver a public education campaign on the climate emergency to change behaviour

The government is supporting councils to reduce local carbon emissions and take advantage of the opportunities created, including through the Local Net Zero Programme. Almost £22 million has been invested in the programme to date for local places to build capacity and capability to deliver on net zero. A Local Net Zero Forum will also be established to bring together national and local government policymakers on a regular basis.

The Urban Climate Action Programme will work with cities including:

- **Africa:** Addis Ababa, Accra, Nairobi, Lagos, Johannesburg, Tshwane, Dar es Salaam
- **Asia:** Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Quezon City
- **Latin America:** Bogotá, Medellín, Guadalajara, Mexico City, Lima