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# FORM AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

## ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:	Alliance for Finance	
Year ended:	31/12/2015	
List no:	CO/768T	
Head or Main Office:	c/o 2 Shottesford Avenue Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7XU	
Website address (if available)	www.alliance4finance.org.uk	
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Click the appropriate box)
General Secretary:	Gwyn Bates	
Telephone Number:	07802845918	
Contact name for queries regarding	Same as above	
Telephone Number:		
E-mail:	Gwyn.bates@alliance4finance.org.uk	

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE NOTES IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS RETURN.**

Any difficulties or problems in the completion of this return should be directed to the Certification Officer as below or by telephone to: 020 7210 3734

The address to which returns and other documents should be sent are:

For Unions based in England and Wales:  
Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Euston Tower, 286 Euston Road, London NW1 3JJ

For Unions based in Scotland:  
Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations  
Melrose House, 69a George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2JG



(Revised February 2011)



**List of Officers in post for year ending 31 Dec 2015 (Alliance for Finance Executive Committee)**

Chair	Dawn Jackson
Vice Chair	John Nicholas
Secretary	Gwyn Bates
Treasurer	Fiona Steele
Assistant Treasurer	Alan Gibson
Members	Ania Lomax
	Nick Caton
	Gerard Moloney

# RETURN OF MEMBERS

(see notes 10 and 11)

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR					
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	TOTALS
MALE					
FEMALE					
TOTAL	11				A <b>11</b>

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:

	11

Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund

## OFFICERS IN POST

(see note 12)

**Please attach as an annexe to this form a complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this form relates, with the title of each persons office.**

## RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS

**Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months covered by this return.**

Title of Office	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date
Vice Chair	Mary Alexander	John Nicholas	11 Sept 2015

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

11

and names:

Accord, Advance, Aegis, CWU, Leeds B/Soc Staff Association, Unite, UFS, Vivo, West Bromwich B/Soc Staff Association, Aegis Skipton Group Branch, Aegis Yorkshire Group Branch

# GENERAL FUND

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>From Members:</b> Contributions and Subscriptions		7,249
<b>From Members:</b> Other income from members (specify)		
 <b>Total other income from members</b>		
<b>Total of all income from members</b>		
<b>Investment income (as at page 12)</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
 <b>Total of other income (as at page 4)</b>		
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	7,249
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Benefits to members (as at page 5)</b>		
<b>Administrative expenses (as at page 10)</b>		5,609
<b>Federation and other bodies (specify)</b>		
 <b>Total expenditure Federation and other bodies</b>		
<b>Taxation</b>		
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	5,609
Surplus (deficit) for year		1,640
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		4,108
Amount of general fund at end of year		5,748

# ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
<b>Federation and other bodies</b>		
<b>TOTAL FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES</b>		
<b>Other income</b>		
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>		
<b>TOTAL OF ALL OTHER INCOME</b>		

# ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		<b>brought forward</b>	
		Education and Training services	
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications			
		Salary Costs	
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Dispute Benefits			
Other Cash Payments			
<b>carried forward</b>		<b>Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)</b>	

(See notes 24 and 25)

<b>FUND 2</b>		<b>Fund Account</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		
	<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>		

<b>FUND 3</b>		<b>Fund Account</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		
	<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>		

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 4		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		
<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>			

FUND 5		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		
<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>			



(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 6		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		
<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>			

FUND 7		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		
<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>			

(see notes 26 to 31)

<b>POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1</b>		<b>To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own fund</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total income		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
	Total expenditure		
	Surplus (deficit) for year		
	Amount of political fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of political fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund		
	Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund		
	Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund		

<b>POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 2</b>		<b>To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central political fund		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total income		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
	Total expenditure		
	Surplus (deficit) for year		
	Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund at beginning of year		
	Amount remitted to central political fund		
	Amount held on behalf of central political fund at end of year		
	Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund		
	Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund		
Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund			

# ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND OTHER OUTGOINGS EXCLUDING AMOUNTS CHARGED TO POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNTS

(see notes 32 and 33)

		£
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		
Salaries and Wages included in above	£	
Auditors' fees		600
Legal and Professional fees		4,400
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		86
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Sundry expenses		40
Secretarial support		483
<b>Other Outgoings</b>		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
<b>Total</b>		
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	5,609
	Fund (Account )	
	Fund (Account )	
	Fund (Account )	
	Fund (Account )	
<b>Total</b>		5,609

# ANALYSIS OF OFFICIALS SALARIES AND BENEFITS

(see notes 34 to 44 below)

Office held	Gross Salary £	Employers N.I. contributions £	Pension Contributions £	Benefits		Total £
				Description	Value £	
Chair	Nil					Nil
General Secretary	Nil					Nil
Treasurer	Nil					Nil
Assistant Treasurer	Nil					Nil

# ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME

(see notes 45 and 46)

	Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings			
Dividends (gross) from:			
Equities (e.g. shares)			
Interest (gross) from:			
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			
Other investment income (specify)			
		<b>Total investment income</b>	
<b>Credited to:</b>			
		General Fund (Page 3)	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Political Fund	
		<b>Total Investment Income</b>	

# BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2015

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
	<b>Fixed Assets</b> (at page 14)		
	<b>Investments</b> (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £      )		
	Unquoted		
	<b>Total Investments</b>		
	<b>Other Assets</b>		
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		
4,708	Cash at bank and in hand	6,348	
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
4,708	<b>Total of other assets</b>		6,348
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		6,348
	Fund (Account    )		
	Fund (Account    )		
	Fund (Account    )		
	Superannuation Fund (Account    )		
	Political Fund (Account    )		
	Revaluation Reserve		
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions		
	Loans: Other		
	Bank overdraft		
	Tax payable		
600	Sundry creditors		600
	Accrued expenses		
	Provisions		
	Other liabilities		
600	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		600
4,108	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		5,748

# FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold	Leasehold				
	£	£				
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>						
At start of year						
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer s						
At end of year						
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
At start of year						
Charges for year						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer s						
At end of year						
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of previous year						

# ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund  £
Equities (e.g. Shares)		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet)		
Market Value of Quoted Investment		
<b>UNQUOTED</b> Equities		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Bank and Building Societies		
Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)		
Market Value of Unquoted Investments		



# ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME (CONTROLLING INTERESTS)

(see notes 58 and 59)

<b>Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?</b>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES name the relevant companies:			
COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)		
<b>Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?</b>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.			
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAREHOLDERS		

# SUMMARY SHEET

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME</b>			
From Members	7,249		7,249
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Income</b>	7,249		7,249
<b>EXPENDITURE</b> (including decreases by revaluation of			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	5,609		5,609
<b>Funds at beginning of year</b> (including reserves)	4,108		4,108
<b>Funds at end of year</b> (including reserves)	5,748		5,748
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			6,348
<b>Total Assets</b>			6,348
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			600
<b>NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)</b>			5,748

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

(see notes 72 and 73)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

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# ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(see notes 74 and 75)


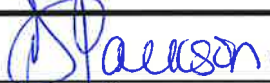
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting procedures.

Income and expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.

## SIGNATURES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN

(see notes 76 and 77)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

Secretary's Signature:  Name: <u>GWYN BATES</u> Date: <u>20/5/16</u>	Chairman's Signature:  (or other official whose position should be stated) Name: <u>DAWN JACKSON</u> Date: <u>22-6-2016</u>
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## CHECK LIST

(see notes 78 to 80)

(please tick as appropriate)

IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN COMPLETED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED? (see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED? (see Notes 8 and 78)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS: (see Note 80)	ENCLOSED	<input type="checkbox"/>	TO FOLLOW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

(see notes 81 to 86)

made in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Alliance for Finance

We have audited the financial statements of Alliance for Finance for the year ended 31 December 2015 on pages 1 to 2, which comprise the balance sheet and the income and expenditure account. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the association's members, as a body, in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of the committee of management and auditors

### Committee of management's responsibilities

The Committee of Management's responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out below:

Law requires the Committee of Management to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the surplus or deficit of the association for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Committee of Management is required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue in business.

The Committee of Management is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association, and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Committee of Management is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the association's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the Committee of Management has taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken to make itself aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

### Auditors' responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practice Boards (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

## Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Alliance for Finance (continued)

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates by the Committee of Management; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the association's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept in accordance with the requirements of section 28; or
- the association has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purpose of our audit.

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	<i>Fearn Marriott Ltd</i>	
Name(s):	Fearn Marriott Ltd	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors	
Address(es):	Ford House Market Street Leek Staffs, ST13 6JA	
Date:	23   06   2016	
Contact name and telephone number:	Peter Grindey 01538 399231	

N.B. When notes to the accounts are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

**ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 DECEMBER 2015**


Fearns Marriott Ltd  
Ford House, Market Street, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 6JA.

**ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		6,348		4,708
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Sundry creditors	600		600	
		<u>(600)</u>		<u>(600)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>5,748</u>		<u>4,108</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>				
Revenue reserves		<u>5,748</u>		<u>4,108</u>

These accounts were approved on <sup>13 June</sup>~~20 May~~ 2016 by: ~~GUYN BATES~~ *The Alliance for Finance Executive Committee*



Secretary

The notes on page 2 form part of the financial statements.



**ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2015**

		2015		2014
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions		7,249		7,150
<b>Expenses</b>				
Secretarial services	4,400		4,000	
Secretarial support	483		844	
Accountancy & audit fees	600		600	
Executive meeting expenses	86		170	
Sundry expenses	40		40	
		<u>(5,609)</u>		<u>(5,654)</u>
<b>Surplus for year</b>		<b>1,640</b>		<b>1,496</b>
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>		<b>4,108</b>		<b>2,612</b>
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>		<b><u>5,748</u></b>		<b><u>4,108</u></b>

**Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

## **ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE**

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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue in business.

The Committee of Management is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association, and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Committee of Management is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the association's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the Committee of Management has taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken to make itself aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

## ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE

### Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Alliance for Finance (continued)

#### Auditors' responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practice Boards (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates by the Committee of Management; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the association's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept in accordance with the requirements of section 28; or
- the association has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purpose of our audit.

*Fearn's Marriott Ltd.*

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