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# FORM AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

## ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:

Year ended:

List no:

Head or Main Office:

Website address (if available)

Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?  Yes  No *(Click the appropriate box)*

General Secretary:

Telephone Number:

Contact name for queries regarding

Telephone Number:

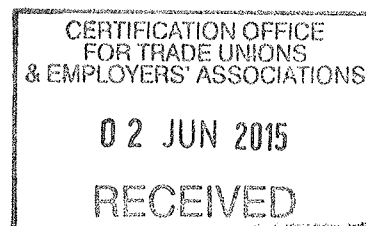
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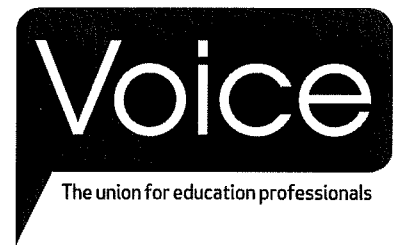
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#### National Officers in post at 31 December 2014

Post	Holder
National Chairman	Mrs G Everett
National Vice-Chairman	Mr M Barton
Immediate Past Chairman	Mrs Y Johns
Honorary Secretary	Mr D Whitewright
Honorary Treasurer	Mrs M Volpé
General Secretary	Ms D Lawson

# 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	3,590	13		2	<b>3,605</b>
FEMALE	19,292	29		4	<b>19,325</b>
TOTAL	22,882	42		6	<b>22,930</b>

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

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17,021

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
National Chairman	Mrs Yvonne Johns	Mrs Geraldine Everett	21 June 2014
National Vice Chairman	Mrs Val Payne		7 April 2014
National Vice Chairman		Mrs Geraldine Everett	30 April 2014
National Vice Chairman	Mrs Geraldine Everett	Mr Michael Barton	21 June 2014
Immediate Past Chairman	Mr Michael Barton	Mrs Yvonne Johns	21 June 2014

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:

and names:

# GENERAL FUND

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>From Members:</b> Contributions and Subscriptions		2,003,797
<b>From Members:</b> Other income from members (specify)		
<b>Total other income from members</b>		2,003,797
<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)	21,511	
<b>Total of other income (as at page 4)</b>		21,511
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>
		2,025,308
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Benefits to members (as at page 5)</b>		395,544
<b>Administrative expenses (as at page 10)</b>		1,569,943
<b>Federation and other bodies (specify)</b>		
<b>Total expenditure Federation and other bodies</b>		
<b>Taxation</b>		
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	1,965,487
Surplus (deficit) for year		59,821
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		1,038,342
Amount of general fund at end of year		1,098,163

# 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>		
Commissions	571	
Advertising and publications	2,533	
Conferences	1,870	
Insurance premiums	350	
Provision of legal advice	15,225	
Miscellaneous	962	
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>		21,511
<b>TOTAL OF ALL OTHER INCOME</b>		21,511

# ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation – Employment Related Issues	200,069	<b>brought forward</b>	395,544
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues		Education and Training services	
Communications	195,475	Negotiated Discount Services	
Advisory Services		Salary Costs	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Other Cash Payments			
<b>carried forward</b>	395,544	<b>Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)</b>	395,544

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2		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 3		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 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	1,152,361
Salaries and Wages included in above	£983,746
Auditors' fees	13,378
Legal and Professional fees	31,443
Occupancy costs	152,068
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	118,008
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	42,476
Expenses of conferences	8,222
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
<b>Other Outgoings</b>	
Interest payable:	
Bank loans (including overdrafts)	6,698
Mortgages	
Other loans	
Depreciation	44,941
Taxation	
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	348
Other outgoings (specify)	
<b>Total</b>	1,569,943
Charged to:	
General Fund (Page 3)	1,569,943
Fund (Account )	
Fund (Account )	
Fund (Account )	
Fund (Account )	
<b>Total</b>	1,569,943

# ANALYSIS OF OFFICIALS SALARIES AND BENEFITS

(see notes 34 to 44 below)

Office held	Gross Salary £	Employers N.I. contributions £	Benefits		Total £	
			Pension Contributions £	Other Benefits		
				Description		Value £
General Secretary	60,133	7,210	1,773		69,116	

# 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)			
		Total investment income	
		Credited to:	
		General Fund (Page 3)	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Political Fund	
		Total Investment Income	

# BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2014

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
855,198	<b>Fixed Assets</b> (at page 14)		826,495
	<b>Investments</b> (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £ )		
	Unquoted		
	<b>Total Investments</b>		826,495
	<b>Other Assets</b>		
	Loans to other trade unions		
86,187	Sundry debtors	98,910	
396,047	Cash at bank and in hand	506,286	
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	<b>Total of other assets</b>		605,196
1,337,432	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		1,431,691
1,038,342	Fund (Account )		1,098,163
	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		
44,141	Sundry creditors		64,080
76,971	Accrued expenses		98,405
	Provisions		
177,978	Other liabilities		171,043
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		333,528
1,337,432	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		1,431,691

# 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	1,000,000		865,786			1,865,786
Additions	-		16,586			16,586
Disposals	-		(98,555)			(98,555)
Revaluation/Transfer s	-		-			-
At end of year	1,000,000		783,817			1,783,817
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
At start of year	187,991		822,597			1,010,588
Charges for year	8,743		36,198			44,941
Disposals	-		(98,207)			(98,207)
Revaluation/Transfer s	-		-			-
At end of year	196,734		760,588			957,322
<b>Net book value at end of year</b>						
	803,266		23,229			826,495
<b>Net book value at end of previous year</b>						
	812,009		43,189			855,198

# 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		
UNQUOTED		
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	2,003,797		2,003,797
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	21,511		21,511
<b>Total Income</b>	2,025,308		2,025,308
<b>EXPENDITURE</b> (including decreases by revaluation of assets)	1,965,487		1,965,487
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	1,965,487		1,965,487
<b>Funds at beginning of year</b> (including reserves)	1,038,342		1,038,342
<b>Funds at end of year</b> (including reserves)	1,098,163		1,098,163
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Fixed Assets			826,495
Investment Assets			-
Other Assets			605,196
		<b>Total Assets</b>	1,431,691
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
		<b>Total Liabilities</b>	333,528
<b>NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)</b>			1,098,163

# 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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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### *Balance Sheet*

The freehold land and buildings of the Union were revalued on an open market value for existing use basis at 11 September 1992 by Frank Innes, Chartered Surveyors, at £1,000,000.

### *Pension Commitments*

The Union operates defined contributions pension schemes for the majority of staff members. Scheme contributions are paid to, and managed by, an insurance company in separate funds, with an individual policy for each member.

### *Capital Commitments*

Capital expenditure authorised but not committed at 31 December 2014 was £NIL, (2013 £NIL).

### *Other Financial Commitments*

As at 31 December 2014 the Union had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	<b>Office equipment</b>		<b>Land &amp; buildings</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Operating leases which expire:				
within 1 year	-	2,084	-	-
within 2 to 5 years	4,858	4,858	28,848	28,848
in over 5 years	3,816	-	-	-
	<b>8,674</b>	<b>6,942</b>	<b>28,848</b>	<b>28,484</b>

### *Political Fund*

The Union does not contribute to any political fund.

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### ***Accounting convention***

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of freehold property. The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

### ***Depreciation of fixed assets***

Freehold land is not depreciated. The net cost or valuation of other fixed assets is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets by equal annual instalments as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 100 years
Office equipment, computers, fixtures and fittings	over 5 years
Conference equipment	over 5 years
Computer equipment	over 3 years

### ***Members' subscriptions***

Members' subscriptions shown in the Revenue Account are those received in respect of the year.

### ***Pensions***

The Union operates defined contribution pension schemes for eligible members. Contributions in respect of the year are charged to the Revenue Account.

### ***Operating leases***

Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Revenue Account as incurred.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(see notes 74 and 75)

## SIGNATURES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN

(see notes 76 and 77)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

X Secretary's Signature: <u><i>Deborah Lawson</i></u> X Name: <u>DEBORAH LAWSON</u> X Date: <u>27.05.2015</u>	VICE Chairman's Signature: <u><i>M. J. Barton</i></u> (or other official whose position should be stated) Name: <u>MICHAEL J. BARTON</u> Date: <u>28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015</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.

1. In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate?  
(See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 83 and 84)

YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

2. Have the auditors or auditor carried out such investigations in the preparation of their audit report as will enable them to form an opinion as to:
- (a) whether the trade union has kept proper accounting records in accordance with section 28 of the 1992 Act;
  - (b) whether it has maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; and
  - (c) whether the accounts to which the report relates agree with the accounting records?  
(See section 36(3) of the 1992 Act, set out in note 83)

YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

3. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:
- (a) kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
  - (b) established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances.  
(See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in rule 83)

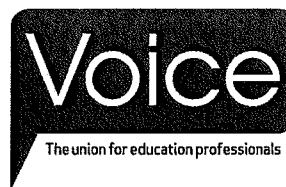
YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

4. Please set out a copy of the report made by the auditors or auditor to the union on the accounts to which this AR21 relates. The report is to set out the basis upon which the audit has been conducted and/or such other statement as the auditor considers appropriate. Such a statement may be provided as a separate document.  
(See note 85)

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

*Made in accordance with section 36 of the  
United Kingdom Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992*



We have audited the accounts on pages 3 to 19, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 19.

This report is made solely to the Union's members, as a body, in accordance with the United Kingdom Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Union'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 Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## **Respective responsibilities of the Council and Auditors**

Trade Union law and rules of the Union require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Union and of the surplus or deficit of the Union for that year. The financial information for the Annual Return is extracted from the audited accounts. In preparing the accounts, the Council is required to:

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

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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 33 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and report in accordance with section 36 of that Act.

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 Practices Board'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 union's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the officers; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We read all the financial and non-financial information in the financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report



## **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Union' s affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its surplus 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;
- a satisfactory system of control over its accounting records, cash holdings and receipts and remittances has not been maintained; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

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