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FORM AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:	Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers
Year ended:	31 December 2015
List no:	728T
Head or Main Office:	National Union of Mineworkers Northumberland Area 7 Esther Court Wansbeck Business Park Ashington NE63 8QZ
Website address (if available)	
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:	Denis Murphy
Telephone Number:	01670853300
Contact name for queries regarding	Denis Murphy
Telephone Number:	016708053300
E-mail:	dm@link-connect.co.uk

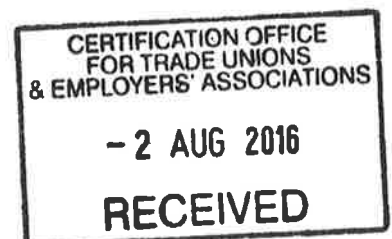
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(Revised February 2011)

Annexe 1

Annual Return for a Trade Union Form AR21

Name of Trade Union: Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers

Year ended: 31 December 2015

List no: 728T

Officers in Post

Denis Murphy
Allan Stewart

Secretary
Chairman

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	14				14
FEMALE					
TOTAL	14				A 14

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

None
14

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

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

NUM Northumberland Area

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)

	£	£
INCOME		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		56
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
 Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		56
Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
 Total of other income (as at page 4)		
	TOTAL INCOME	56
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		-333
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
NUM Northumberland Area	389	
Donations to other than members	0	
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		389
Taxation		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	56
Surplus (deficit) for year		0
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		107686
General fund transferred to NUM Northumberland		-107686
Amount of general fund at end of year		0

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

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

ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		brought forward	
		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			
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	

(See notes 24 and 25)

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

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

(See notes 24 and 25)

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

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

(See notes 24 and 25)

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

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

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own fund	
		£	£
Income	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total income		
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Donation to NUM Northumberland	48	
	Non-political expenditure		
	Total expenditure		48
	Surplus (deficit) for year		-48
	Amount of political fund at beginning of year		48
	Amount of political fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		0
	Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund		0
	Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund		14
Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund		0	

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 2		To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union	
		£	£
Income	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		
Expenditure	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)

		£
Administrative Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		932
Salaries and Wages included in above	£	
Auditors' fees		228
Legal and Professional fees		
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		673
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Loan written back		-2166
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
	Total	-333
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
	Total	-333

ANALYSIS OF OFFICIALS SALARIES AND BENEFITS

(see notes 34 to 44 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I. contributions	Benefits			Total
			Pension Contribution s £	Other Benefits		
				Description	Value £	
£	£					

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 2015

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £)		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
119117	Loans to other trade unions	0	
	Sundry debtors		
333	Cash at bank and in hand	0	
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
109450	Total of other assets		0
109450	TOTAL ASSETS		0
107686	Fund (Account)		0
	Fund (Account)		
	Fund (Account)		
	Superannuation Fund (Account)		
48	Political Fund (Account)		0
	Revaluation Reserve		
	LIABILITIES		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions		
	Loans: Other		0
	Bank overdraft		
	Tax payable		
	Sundry creditors		
1716	Accrued expenses		0
	Provisions		
	Other liabilities		
1764	TOTAL LIABILITIES		0
109450	TOTAL ASSETS		0

FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold	Leasehold				
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year						
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer s						
At end of year						
Accumulated Depreciation						
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		
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)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES name the relevant companies:			
COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)		
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?		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 £
INCOME			
From Members	56		56
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income	56		56
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	107,790 56		107,790 56
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	107686	48	107734
Transferred to NUM Northumberland	-107686	-48	-107734
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	0	0	0
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			0
		Total Assets	0
LIABILITIES			
		Total Liabilities	0
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			0

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.

Remuneration and expenses of staff	2015	2014
	£	£
Officials		
Salary	-	-
Expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Others		
Salary	-	-
Expenses	932	4,800
	<u>932</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total salaries and benefits of staff	<u>932</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Loans to other trade unions	2015	2014
	£	£
NUM Northumberland Area	<u>0</u>	<u>109,117</u>

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(see notes 74 and 75)

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are drawn up under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Revenue Recognition

Income from members is recognised on a receivable basis. Investment income and all other income is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for when incurred on an accruals basis.

Fund accounting

The union operates a separate political fund which is used to collect funds on behalf of the National Union of Mineworkers.

SIGNATURES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN

(see notes 76 and 77)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

Secretary's Signature: <u>D. Murphy</u> Name: <u>28/07/2016 DENIS MURPHY</u> Date: <u>28/07/2016</u>	Chairman's Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> (or other official whose position should be stated) Name: <u>MARSH STANLEY</u> Date: <u>28/07/2016</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	X	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN COMPLETED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	X <input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED? (see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)	YES	X	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	YES	X	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED? (see Notes 8 and 78)	YES	X	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS: (see Note 80)	ENCLOSED	X	TO FOLLOW	<input 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

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

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

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)

AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

Independent auditors' report to the members of the Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers

We have audited the financial statements of Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the General and Political Fund Income and Expenditure Accounts, Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation is the applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

This report is made solely to the union's members, as a body. 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 auditors' 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 and the union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of officers' responsibilities, the officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounts

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

Opinion on the accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Opinion on other matters

In our opinion the information given in the Officers' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

Mai Mak

Name(s):

Mai Mak

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Chartered Accountant

Address(es):

Kinnair and Company
Aston House, Redburn Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE5 1NB

Date:

28/07/2016

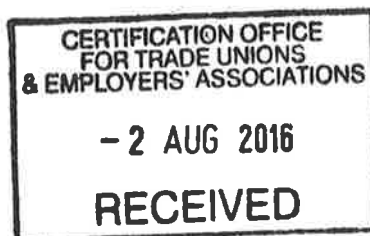
Contact name and telephone number:

Mai Mak 0191 2867777

**ELLINGTON BRANCH
OF THE NORTH EAST AREA
OF THE NATIONAL UNION
OF MINeworkERS**

Statement to members
for the year ended

31 December 2015



**Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers
Statement to the Members issued in connection with the Union's
Annual return for the year ended 31 December 2015 as required by
Section 32A of Trade Union and Labour Relations(Consolidation) Act 1992**

Income and Expenditure

The total income of the union for the period was £56, all of which was in respect of membership of the union; and total expenditure of the union was £56. There was no income or expenditure in respect of the union's political fund.

Salary paid to and other benefits provided to the Secretary and members of the Executive

No salaries or pensions were paid to the Secretary or members of the executive committee during the year.

Irregularity Statement

A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with a view of investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

The member may raise any such concern with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the official of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice.


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D Murphy - Secretary

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28/7/2016

Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers

General fund

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
Income		
Contributions and subscriptions from members	56	84
	<u>56</u>	<u>84</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure	2,222	11,459
Loan written back	(2,166)	(3,003)
Total expenditure	<u>56</u>	<u>8,456</u>
Retained general fund (deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,372)</u>

Political fund

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
Income		
Members contributions and levies	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Retained political fund surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Amounts included within general fund expenditure

	2015 £	2014 £
Remuneration and expenses of staff		
Secretary		
Salary	-	-
Expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Executive committee members		
Salaries	-	-
Expenses	932	4,800
	<u>932</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total Salaries and Benefits to Officials	<u>932</u>	<u>4,800</u>

**Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers
Independent auditors report to the members of Ellington Branch of the North East
Area of the National Union of Mineworkers**

On 28/7/16, we reported as auditors of Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers to the members on the financial statements prepared under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 for the year ended 31 December 2015. Our audit report was as follows:

Auditor's report made in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

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?

YES

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?

YES

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.

YES

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.

**Independent auditors report to the members of Ellington Branch of the North East
Area of the National Union of Mineworkers**

We have audited the financial statements of Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the General and Political Fund Income and Expenditure Accounts, Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

This report is made solely to the union's members, as a body. 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 auditors' 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 and the union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

continued ...

**Ellington Branch of the North East Area of the National Union of Mineworkers
Independent auditors report to the members of Ellington Branch of the North East
Area of the National Union of Mineworkers**

Respective Responsibilities of Officials and Auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of officers' responsibilities, the officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounts

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

In our opinion the accounts:

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- give a true and fair view of the state of the union's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Opinion on other matters

In our opinion the information given in the Officers' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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20/7/16