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Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

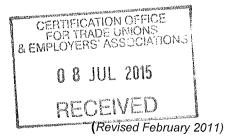
Name of Trade Union:	Alliance for Finance
Year ended:	31/12/2014
List no:	CO/768T
Head or Main Office:	c/o 2 Shottesford Avenue Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7XU
Website address (if available)	www.alliance4finance.org.uk
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes No (Click the appropriate box)
General Secretary:	Gwyn Bates
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Contact name for queries regarding	Same as above
Telephone Number:	
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List of Officers in post for year ending 31 Dec 2014 (Alliance for Finance Executive Committee)

Chair

Dawn Jackson

Vice Chair

Mary Alexander

Secretary

Gwyn Bates

Treasurer

Fiona Steele

Assistant Treasurer

Alan Gibson

Members

Ania Lomax

Brian McDaid

Janette Vizard

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				2004	Α	11
Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:						11	
Number o	of members at end of y	ear contributing to	the Gen	eral Fund			11
this form	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	e of Office	Name of Office	1		me of Appointed	Date	
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		ATT I STATE OF THE					
State who	ether the union is:		<u></u>				J
a. A b	ranch of another trade	union?	Yes		lo 🔀		
If ye	f yes, state the name of that other union:						
b. A fe	ederation of trade unio	ns?	Yes		lo 📗		
If ye	es, state the number o	f affiliated	11				
and	names:		SURG		ance, CWU, Leeds BS S the Union, VIVO, West		

GENERAL FUND

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
INCOME From Momboury Contributions and Subscriptions		7,150
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
From wembers. Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		
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)		
round (as at page 1)		
EVDENDITUDE	TOTAL INCOME	7,150
EXPENDITURE 5)		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		5,654
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		
	LEVENDITUE	
IOIA	L EXPENDITURE	5,654
Surplus (deficit) for year		1,496
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Amount of general fund at beginning of year		2,612
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Amount of general fund at end of year		4,108

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	
	l r	
TOTAL OF ALL	OTHER INCOME	

ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation -		brought forward	
Employment Related Issues		Education and Training services	
		Ladoution and Training Scribes	
Representation –			
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications			
		Salary Costs	
		Calary Costs	
Advisory Services			
,			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Dispute Benefits			
Other Cash Payments			
·			
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	
		General Pullu)	

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2	(Goo Hotel 2 Faira 20)		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income		***************************************	
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	- 1	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
·	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		tal Expenditure	
		ι	
	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year [
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members as a tribution		
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

FUND 3			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
	·	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

FUND 4			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	***************************************
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	To	tal Expenditure	
		<u>'</u>	
		icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members containutin	a at and af year	
	Number of members contributin	g at end of year	

FUND 5			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Evnanditura			
Expenditure	Benefits to members		100000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
			<u> </u>
		cit) for the year	-
	Amount of fund at the and of year (see		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Dalance Sneet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

FUND 6			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	otal Expenditure	
			
		icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Baiance Sneet)	
	Number of members contributin	a at end of year	Γ
	Number of members contributing	g at end or year	

FUND 7			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
			
Expenditure	Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	•	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	eginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1 To be completed by trade unions which maintain their		ich maintain their o	wn fund
		t	t
Income	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12) Other income (specify)		
	Total other i	ncome as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure	Funcasitives and a section 00 of the Torde United and Labour Bulletine	m	
	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	
	Surp	lus (deficit) for year	
	Amount of political fund a	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		to the political fund	
Number of mem political fund	bers at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore	contribute to the	

POLITICAL I	FUND ACCOUNT 2	To be completed by trade unions which act	t as components of a c	entral trade union
			t	£
Income	Contributions and levies	collected from members on behalf of central political fund	d	
	Funds received back for Other income (specify)	om central political fund		
		Total oth	er income as specified	-wnac-r
		Total our	Total income	
Expenditure			rotal income	
Experientare		ection 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations 992 (specify)		
	Administration expen	ses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expendi	ture		
			Total expenditure	
		S	urplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fur	nd at beginning of year	
		Amount remitted to	to central political fund	
		Amount held on behalf of central politi	cal fund at end of year	
		Number of members at end of year contributi	ng to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of the year not contributi	ng to the political fund	m = 100 100 MMV
Number of me political fund	embers at end of year who	have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore	re contribute to the	

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

(see notes 32 and 33)

(See Holes 32 and 33)	
Administrative	£
Expenses	
Remuneration and expenses of staff	
Salaries and Wages included in above	
Auditors' fees	600
Legal and Professional fees	4,000
Occupancy costs	
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	170
Expenses of conferences	
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Sundry expenses	40
Secretarial support	844
Other Outgoings	
Interest payable:	
Bank loans (including overdrafts)	
Mortgages	
Other loans	
Depreciation	
Taxation	
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
Total	
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	5,654
Fund (Account)	
Total	5,654

ANALYSIS OF OFFICIALS SALARIES AND BENEFITS (see notes 34 to 44 below)

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Total		ч										
	ifits	Value £										
Benefits	Other Benefits	Description										
	Pension Contribution	S										
Employers N.I.		сų										
Gross Salary		3	Z	Nii	Ï	Ī						
Office held			Chair	General Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Treasurer						

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)				
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	L		'	
		Total in	vestment income	
Credite	nd to:			
Credite	5G (O.	Gene	ral Fund (Page 3)	
			und (Account)	
			und (Account)	
			und (Account)	WHO WAS
			und (Account)	
			und (Account)	
		·	Political Fund	
		Total In	vestment Income	

BALANCE SHEET as at

31 December 2014

(see notes 47 to 50)

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

FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Freehold Leasehold	ngs £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year						
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer						
s	7					
At end of year						
		 		<u></u>	l	
Accumulated Depreciation At start of year						
Charges for year						
Disposals	:					
Revaluation/Transfer						
s						
At end of year						
			A STATE OF THE STA	L	<u> </u>	L
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? If YES name the relevant companies:		YES	NO
II 1 LO Hame the relevant companies.	COMPANY PEGI	STRATION NUMB	ED (if not
COMPANY NAME		land & Wales, state	
		······································	
		to deleterate at the action of the second of	
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?		YES	NO
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.			
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAF	REHOLDERS	
			W7407444-L-1

SUMMARY SHEET

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
From Members	7,150		7,150
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income	7,150		7,150
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of			(A)
Total Expenditure	5,654		5,654
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year	2,612 4,108		2,612 4,108
(including reserves)	4,100		4,100
ASSETS			
	Fixed Assets		
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		4,708
		Total Assets	4,708
LIABILITIES		Total Liabilities	600
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total	ıl Liabilities)		4,108

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 histo applicable accounting procedures.	rical cost cor	nvention and in	acco	rdance with			
Income and expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.							
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SIGNATURES TO TH	IE ANNU	JAL RET	TUR	.N			
(see notes	76 and 77)						
including the accounts and balar	nce sheet co	ntained in the	retui	'n.			
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Secretary's	Chairmar	M N ** / N	c ro				
Signature	Signature (or other office	cial whose position s	should b	e stated)			
Name: GWN BATES	Name: <u></u>	DAMN	<u> </u>	<u> (KSON </u>			
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Date:	Date:	<u> </u>			_		
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(please tick a	s appropriate	e)					
IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED?		YES		NO			
(see Page 2 and Note 12)							
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEI	ΞN	YES		ŅΟ	\square		
COMPLETED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)				NA			
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED?	······································	YES		NO			
(see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)		0			L		
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED	?	YES		NO			
(see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)							
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED?		YES		NO			
(see Notes 8 and 78) A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS:		ENCLOSE	$\vdash \sqcap$	TO FOLLOW			
(see Note 80)		D		1010LLOVV			
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED		YES		NO	IIII		

(see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)

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 2014 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 2014 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:	Frans Marnoth W	d
Name(s):	Fearns Marriott Ltd	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors	
Address(es):	Ford House Market Street Leek Staffs, ST13 6JA	
Date:	06 07 2015	
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 2014

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

ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	£	2014 £	£	2013 £
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		4,708		3,212
Creditors: amounts falling				
due within one year				
Sundry creditors	600		600	
		(600)		(600)
Net assets		4,108		2,612
Capital and reserves				
Revenue reserves		4,108		2,612

These accounts were approved on

2015 by:-

Secretary

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

ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

Income	£	2014 £	£	2013 £
Subscriptions		7,150		6,750
Expenses				
Secretarial services	4,000		4,400	
Secretarial support	844		2,033	
Accountancy & audit fees	600		600	
Executive meeting expenses	170		100	
Sundry expenses	40		40	
		(5,654)		(7,173)
(Deficit)/surplus for year		1,496		(423)
Reserves brought forward		2,612		3,035
Reserves carried forward		4,108		2,612

Accounting Policies
The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE

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Respective responsibilities of the committee of management and auditors

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ALLIANCE FOR FINANCE

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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 2014 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

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• we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purpose of our audit.

Fearns Marriott Ltd

Statutory Auditor

06/07/2015

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