

#### Trade Union's details

Name of Trade Union:	The Rugby Players' Association		
Year ended:	31 August 2018		
List number:	755T		
Head or Main Office address:	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Regal House London Road Twickenham Middlesex TW1 3QS		
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes No X (Tick as appropriate)		
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#### **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	718					718
Female	21					21
Total	739				Α	739

Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund	0
Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:	0

Change of officers

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

Position held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date of change
Board member	L Baldwin		1 September 2018
Board member	C Day		1 September 2018
Board member	N Hunt		1 September 2018
Board member	G Kruis		1 September 2018
Board member	H Orr		1 September 2018
Board member	K Palmer-Newport		1 September 2018
Board member	B Ransom		1 September 2018
Board member	C Rimmer		1 September 2018
Board member	H Wells		1 September 2018
Board member		C Ewels	1 September 2018
Board member		D Fleming	1 September 2018
Board member		J Freeman	1 September 2018
Board member		D Porecki	1 September 2018
Board member		M Tait	1 September 2018
Board member		A Waller	1 September 2018
Board member		E Waller	1 September 2018
Board member		J Wray	1 September 2018

State whether the union is:		
a. A branch of another trade union?	Yes	No X
If yes, state the name of that other		
b. A federation of trade unions?	Yes	No X
If yes, state the number of affiliated		
and names:		

#### Officers in post

(see note 12)

### Please insert a complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this return relates.

Name of Officer

Position held

M Atkinson Board member L Baldwin Board member J Beaumont Board member P Burgess Board member C Day Board member N Hunt Board member N Fenton-Wells Board member **G** Kruis Board member

M Lambert Board member and Chairman

H Orr Board member
K Palmer-Newport Board member
B Ransom Board member
A Reider Board member
C Rimmer Board member
H Wells Board member

### General fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

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£	£
	121,955
	121,955
	25
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1,431,007	
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lotal income	1,613,787
	4 000 004
	1,083,304
	608,830
	1,692,134
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tal expenditure	1,692,619
1	(79.922)
	(78,832)
	334,504
L	
ſ	255,672
	1,491,807  Total income

# 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 Grants from RFU and Premiership Rugby	1,491,807	
Total other income		1,491,807
Total of all other income		1,491,807

# Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at general fund (see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation –		brought forward	58,962
Employment Related Issues		Education and Training services	
		Staff training and welfare	20.404
		Stair training and wenare	29,181
		Player Development Programme	835,986
Representation			
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications			
		Salary Costs	
		Board member fees	79,969
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		Board member expenses	12,164
Advisory Services			
havioury convices			
		*	
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		Player insurance	80,000
Dispute Benefits		Player medical projects	(12,958)
Legal and Professional fees	58,962		(12,000)
-	33,332		
Other Cash Payments			
carried forward	50.000	Total (should agree with figure in	1 000 001
	58,962	General Fund)	1,083,304

# Accounts other than the revenue account/general fund (see notes 21 to 23)

Fund 2			<b>Fund Account</b>
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	
	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	ginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
		9	
	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)		
Т	otal Expenditure	
Surplus (De	icit) for the year	
Amount of fund at b	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 21 to 23)

Fund 4	( <u>oce notes 21 to 25)</u>		Fund Account
Name:	lame: £ £		
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)		
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	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as		
	and an are and on your (as	Zalanoc Onoct,	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	
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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	
Expenditure		·	
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	ginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

(See notes 21 to 23)

Fund 6	(500 110100 21 10 220)		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other incon	ne as specified	
		Total Income	
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Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at		
	page 10)	. I. E	
	lot	al Expenditure	
	0 1 0 5		
		cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at beg	0	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as I	Balance Sheet)	
	Normalian of manufacture (1)		
	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 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	

### Political fund account

(see notes 24 to 33)

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	Income	Members contributions and levies	£		
		Investment income (as at page 12)	£		
		Other income (specify)	£		
		Total other inco	ome as spe	ecified	
			Total ir	ncome	
Expenditure un	der section (82) of the Trade	Union and Labour Relations (Consolid	ation) Act	1992 on purpo	oses set out
		penditures from the political funds exce	eds £2,00	0 during the	period
Expenditure A			£		
Expenditure B			£		
Expenditure C	, , ,		£		
Expenditure D	· - ·		£		
Expenditure E	, , ,		£		
Expenditure F			£		
Non-political e	xpenditure (as at page vii)		£	121	
			otal expen		
		·	(deficit) fo		
		Amount of political fund at b	•	,	
		nt of political fund at the end of year (as		· ·	
		members at end of year contributing to	•	-	
	Number of member	rs at end of the year not contributing to	the politica	al fund	
Number of mem	bers at end of year who have complet	ed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribu	ite to the politi	ical fund	
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### The following pages 9i to 9vii relate to the Political Fund Account Expenditure Political fund account expenditure (a)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

Contribution to the funds of, or on the payment of expenses incurred directly or indirectly

Name of political party in relation to which money was expended	Total amount spent during the peri			
7,011404	2			

Total

### Political fund account expenditure (b)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (b) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

Expenditure of money on the provision of any services or property for use by or on behalf of any political party

Name of political party to which payment was made	Total amount paid during the period £
Total	
I Otal	

#### Political fund account expenditure (c)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (c) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

Expenditure in connection with the registration of electors, the candidature of any person, the selection of any candidate or the holding of any ballot by the union in connection with any election to a political office

Title and Date of election	Name of political party/organisation	Name of candidate, organisation or political party (see note 33(iii))	£
		Total	
		rotar	

### Political fund account expenditure (d)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (d) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

Name of office holder  £		
	161	
Name of office holder	£	
	Total	

#### Political fund account expenditure (e)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (e) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

The expenditure of money on the holding of any conference or meeting by or on behalf of a political party or of any other meeting the main purpose of which is the transaction of business in connection with a political party

Name of political party	£
Total	

#### Political fund account expenditure (f)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (f) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates.

On the production, publication or distribution of any literature, document, film, sound recording or advertisement the main purpose of which is to persuade people to vote for a political party or candidate or to persuade them not to vote for a political party or candidate

Name of organisation or political party	£	
		-
	Total	

# Expenditure from the political fund not falling within section 72(1) of the trade union & labour relations (consolidation) act 1992

For expenditure not falling within section 72(1) the required information is-	
(a) the nature of each cause or campaign for which money was expended, and the total amount expended in relation to each one	£
Total	
Total expenditure	
(b) the name of each arganization to which manage was noid (atherwise their face	
(b) the name of each organisation to which money was paid (otherwise than for a particular cause or campaign), and the total amount paid to each one	£
Total	
Total expenditure	
(c ) the total amount of all other money expended	£
Total	
Total expenditure	

# Analysis of administrative expenses and other outgoings excluding amounts charged to political fund accounts (see notes 34 and 35)

A dualistic functions		£
Administrative		
Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		538,782
Salaries and Wages included in above	£457,200	
Auditors' fees		6,500
Legal and Professional fees		18,415
Occupancy costs		35,647
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		13,313
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Computer running costs		17,862
Subscriptions		4,523
Travel & subsistence, sundry, bank charges, repairs		(28,024)
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		1,812
Taxation		485
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
	Total	609,315
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	609,315
	Fund (Account )	
	Total	609,315

Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits (see notes 36 to 46)

Total		3	152,582	79,969							
	əfits	Value £		79,969							
Benefits	Other Benefits	Description									
	Pension Contributions	£	10,541								
Employers N.I. contributions	स		19,997								
Gross Salary	£		122,044								
Position held			General Secretary	RPA Players Board							

## Analysis of investment income (see notes 47 and 48)

		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)				
Bank interest				25
				25
		Total in	vestment income	0.5
		i otai ii	vestment moonie	25
	Credited to:			
		Gene	ral Fund (Page 3)	25
		F	fund (Account )	
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			Political Fund	
		_		
		Total In	vestment Income	25

### Balance sheet as at

31 August 2018

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year	(300 110103 40 10 02)	£	£
1,679	Fixed Assets (at page 14)	4,529	2
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)	,	
	Quoted (Market value £ )		
2	Unquoted	2	
1,681	Total Investments		4,531
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
612,253	Sundry debtors	545,551	
260,377	Cash at bank and in hand	261,807	
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
872,630	Total of other assets		807,358
874,311		Total assets	811,889
	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		
37,060	Tax payable		44,411
56,925	Sundry creditors		99,067
436,086	Accrued expenses		411,968
286	Provisions		771
9,450	Other liabilities		0
539,807	To	tal liabilities	556,217
334,504		Total assets	255,672

### Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Buildings Leasehold £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business	Total £
Cost or Valuation					
At start of year		11,438			11,438
Additions		4,662			4,662
Disposals		(11,442)			(11,442)
Revaluation/Transfers					
At end of year		4,658			4,658
Accumulated Depreciation At start of year	- 1	0.750			0.750
Charges for year		9,759			9,759
Disposals		1,812			1,812
Revaluation/Transfers		(11,442)			(11,442)
At end of year		129			129
Net book value at end of year		4,529			4,529
ond or your					
Net book value at end of previous year		1,679			1,679

# Analysis of investments (see notes 58 and 59)

Quoted		All Funds	Political Fund
		Except Political Funds	£
		Political Funds	I.
	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		
-	Group Undertakings	2	
	Group Gridertakings	_	
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	(====,		
	Mortgages		
	Workgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Dank and Building Societies		
	Other unquested investments (to be appointed)		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	Total consusted (as Dalamas Chast)		
	Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	2	
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

## Analysis of investment income (controlling interests) (see notes 60 and 61)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?		YES X	NO 🗆
If YES name the relevant companies:			
Company name	Company regist England & Wales	ration number (if r , state where regist	not registered in ered)
RPA Management Ltd	3173163		
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?		YES X	NO $\square$
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.			
Company name	Names of share	holders	

### Summary sheet (see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	121,955		121,955
From Investments	25		25
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	1,491,807		1,491,807
Total Income	1,613,787		1,613,787
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)	(1,692,619)		(1,692,619)
Total Expenditure	(1,692,619)		(1,692,619)
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	334,504		334,504
	334,504		334,504
(including reserves)	255,672		255,672
Assets			
	Fixed Assets		4,529
	Investment Assets		2
	Other Assets		807,358
		Total Assets	811,889
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	556,217
Net assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			

### Information on Industrial action ballots

(see notes 74 to 80)

Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?
YES NO
If Yes How many ballots were held:
For each ballot held please complete the information below:
Ballot 1
Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3
* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y / N
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? Y / N
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y / N
Ballot 2
Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 1
Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3
* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y / N
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? Y / N
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y / N

For additional ballots please continue on next page

Ballot 3
Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3
* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y $/$ N
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? Y / N
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y $/$ N
Ballot 4
Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question 2
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3
* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y $/$ N
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? Y / N
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot $$ Y $$ / $$ N
Ballot 5
Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question 2
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3
* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y $/$ N
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? Y / N
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question(or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot Y / N

Use a continuation sheet if necessary

#### Information on Industrial action

(see note 81)

*Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute :			
A: terms and conditions of employment, or the physical conditions in which any workers are required to work;			
B: engagement or non-engagement, or termination or suspension of employment or the duties of employment, of one or more workers;			
C: allocation of work or the duties of employment between workers or groups of workers;			
D: matters of discipline;			
E: a worker's membership or non-membership of a trade union;			
F: facilities for officials of trade unions;			
G: machinery for negotiation or consultation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters, including the recognition by employers or employers' associations of the right of a trade union to represent workers in such negotiation or consultation or in the carrying out of such procedures			
Did Union members take industrial action during the return period in response to any			
inducement on the part of the Union? YES / NO			
If YES, for each industrial action taken please complete the information below:			
Industrial Action 1  1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:			
2. Dates of the industrial action taken:			
3. Number of days of industrial action:			
4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)			
Industrial Action 2  1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:			
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2. Dates of the industrial action taken:			
3. Number of days of industrial action:			
4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)			
Industrial Action 3  1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the			
categories* below:			
A D B D C D D E D F D G			
2. Dates of the industrial action taken:			
3. Number of days of industrial action:			

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4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

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	categories* below:
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2.	Dates of the industrial action taken:
3.	Number of days of industrial action:
4.	Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)
	strial Action 5
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3.	Number of days of industrial action:
4.	Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)
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### Notes to the accounts

(see notes 82 and 83)

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

See accounts.	

Accounting policies (see notes 84 and 85) See accounts.

#### Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 and 87)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return. Please send the return with the original signatures. Copies will not be accepted.

Secretary's	Signature:

Chairman's Signature:

(or other official whose position should be stated)

Name: OAMIAN HOPLEY

Name: MARK LAMBERT

Date: /2/02/19

Date: /2/02/19

#### Checklist

(see notes 88 and 89)

(please tick as appropriate)

Has the return of change of officers been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	No
Has the list of officers in post been completed? (see Page 2a and Note 12)	Yes	No
Has the return been signed? (see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes	No
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 24 and 25 and Notes 2 and 92)	Yes	No
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	No
A member's statement is: (see Note 104)	Enclosed	To follow
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	No
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 to 103)	Yes	No

### Checklist for auditor's report (see notes 90 to 96)

The checklist below is for guidance. A report is still required either set out overleaf or by way of an attached auditor's report that covers the 1992 Act requirements.

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 92 and 93)					
	Please explain in your report overleaf or attached. YES.					
2.	Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:					
	<ul> <li>kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>b. established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances.</li> <li>(See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in note 92)</li> </ul>					
	Please explain in your report overleaf or attached. YES.					
3.	Your auditors or auditor must include in their report the following wording:					
	In our opinion the financial statements:					
	• give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate to.					
YES,	<ul> <li>have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the section 28 to 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.</li> <li>SEE ACCOUNTS.</li> </ul>					

### Auditor's report (continued)

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Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	1	
S	Buch cost W	
Name(s):	Buzzacott LLP	
	Duzzacott LLI	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Auditor	
Address(es):	130 Wood Street	
A-2 d.	London	
	EC2V 6DL	
Date:	21/2/2019	
	020/5561200	
Contact name for enquiries	02075561200	
and telephone number:		

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

#### Membership audit certificate

### made in accordance with section 24ZD of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

(See notes 97 to 103)

At the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?

#### YES/NO

If "YES" please complete SECTION ONE below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

If "NO" please complete SECTION TWO below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21

### Membership audit certificate Section one

For a trade union with more than 10,000 members, required by section 24ZB of the 1992 Act to appoint an independent assurer

1. In the opinion of the assurer appointed by the trade union was the union's system for compiling and maintaining its register of the names and addresses of its members satisfactory to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in its register were accurate and up-to-date throughout the reporting period?

#### YES/NO

In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the information and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

#### YES/NO

If the answer to either questions 1 or 2 above is "NO" the assurer must:

- (a) set out below the assurer's reasons for stating that
- (b) provide a description of the information or explanation requested or required which has not been obtained
- (c) state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.

## Membership audit certificate (continued)

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## Membership audit certificate Section two

For a trade union with no **more than 10,000 members** at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates.

To the best of your knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with its duty to compile and maintain a register of the names and addresses of its members and secured, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?

YES/NO

If "NO" Please explain below:

Signature	biller cott /Lf	
Name	CATHERINE BISCOE	
Office held	Auditor	
Date	21/2/2019	



# The Rugby Players Association

## Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 August 2018

Registered Trade Union 755T

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### Reference and administrative information

## **Executive Committee:**

Chairman M Lambert

RPA Board M Atkinson

J Beaumont
P Burgess
C Ewels

N Fenton-Wells D Fleming

J Freeman M Lambert (Chairman)

S Lockwood D Porecki A Reider M Tait A Waller E Waller J Wray

Non-Executive Directors J Batchelar

M Campion H Keogh J Ryan

General Secretary D

D Hopley

Registered office 5th Floor

Regal House London Road Twickenham Middlesex TW1 3QS

Trade Union registration number

755T

Auditor

Buzzacott LLP

130 Wood Street

London EC2V 6DL

## Reference and administrative information

Bankers HSBC Bank Plc

6th Floor

165 Fleet Street

London EC4A 2DT

## Report of the Executive Committee 31 August 2018

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The Executive Committee presents its report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2018.

## Principal activity

The entity is a trade union for the professional rugby players of the Aviva Premiership, England 7s and England Women.

#### **Business review**

There was a deficit for the year after taxation amounting to £78,832 (2017: surplus of £44,897).

The Executive Committee is satisfied that the Association has adequate resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The Executive Committee also believes that the Association is well placed to manage its business risks and cash flows successfully over the forthcoming year.

#### **Executive Committee members**

## Chairman

**M** Lambert

## General Secretary

D Hopley

### RPA Board members

The following were members of The Rugby Players Association Board throughout the year:

- M Atkinson
- L Baldwin
- J Beaumont
- P Burgess
- C Day
- N Hunt
- N Fenton-Wells
- G Kruis
- M Lambert (Chairman)
- H Orr
- K Palmer-Newport
- **B** Ransom
- A Reider
- C Rimmer
- H Wells

## Report of the Executive Committee 31 August 2018

#### **Executive Committee members**

### RPA Board members (continued)

The following members of The Rugby Players Association Board resigned on 1 September 2018:

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C Day

N Hunt

G Kruis

H Orr

K Palmer-Newport

B Ransom

C Rimmer

H Wells

The following members of The Rugby Players Association Board were appointed on 1 September 2018:

C Ewels

D Fleming

J Freeman

S Lockwood

D Porecki

M Tait

A Waller

E Waller

J Wray

#### Non-executive directors

The following were non-executive directors of The Rugby Players Association Board throughout the year, except where shown:

J Batchelar

Appointed 5 December 2018

M Campion

H Keogh

J Ryan

### Statement of Executive Committee's responsibilities

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Report of the Executive Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards.

The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidated) Act 1992 requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at the year end and of its transactions for the year then ended.

In preparing these financial statements, the Executive Committee is required to:

## Report of the Executive Committee 31 August 2018

## Statement of Executive Committee's responsibilities (continued)

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

The Executive Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them 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 trade union and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Executive Committee is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the trade union's auditor is unaware; and
- The Executive Committee have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

## **Auditor**

Under Section 35, chapter 3, part 1 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, Buzzacott LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dani Haby Secretary 12/02/19

Statement to Members issued in accordance with the Rugby Players Association's Annual Return as required by section 32A of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 31 August 2018

## Income and expenditure

The total income of the Association for the period was £1,613,787 (2017: £1,549,963). The Association's total expenditure for the year was £1,692,134 (2017: £1,504,284). The Association does not maintain a political fund.

The income from subscription membership for the period was £121,955 (2017 - £117,512).

## Salary paid and other benefits provided to the General Secretary

The General Secretary of the union was paid £142,041 (2017 - £84,758) in respect of salary and £10,541 (2017 - £6,318) in respect of benefits.

## Irregularity statement

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

The members may raise any such concern with such one or more of the following as it deems appropriate to raise it with: the officials 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 the rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or Executive Committee, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice.

## Independent auditor's report 31 August 2018

## Independent auditor's report to the members of The Rugby Players Association

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rugby Players Association for the year ended 31 August 2018 which comprise the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of principal accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 August 2018 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.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Executive Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Executive Committee has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Association's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

## Independent auditor's report 31 August 2018

#### Other information

The Executive Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the Association has kept proper accounting records in accordance with the requirements of section 28 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and has maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; and
- the financial statements agree with the accounting records.

## Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

As explained more fully in the Executive Committee's responsibilities statement, the Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Executive Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Executive Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Independent auditor's report 31 August 2018

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Association's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 Section 33 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.

21/2/2019

Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL

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## Statement of income and expenditure Year ended 31 August 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2018 £	2017 £	2017 £
Income and expenditure					
Income					
Subscriptions	1		121,955		117,512
Contributions from funding bodies	1		1,491,807		1,432,333
Bank interest			25		118
			1,613,787		1,549,963
Expenditure					
Wages and salaries		457,200		272,039	
Employers' national insurance		65,153		29,410	
Staff pension cost		16,429		11,717	
Staff training and welfare		29,181		32,264	
Player insurance		80,000		80,000	
Player medical projects		(12,958)		30,000	
Player legal support		58,962		41,637	
Personal Development Programme		835,986		814,942	
Board member fees		79,969		79,318	
Board member expenses		12,164		6,714	
Legal and professional		18,415		3,681	
Rent		35,647		33,624	
Telephone		3,070		8,844	
Printing, postage and stationery		10,243		5,651	
Computer running costs		17,862		14,531	
Travelling and subsistence		1,879		2,210	
Subscriptions		4,523		1,325	
Repairs and renewals		4,523 (598)		5,822	
Accountancy		1,346		5,070	
Insurance					
Depreciation		2,562		(303)	
Audit fees		1,812		1,683	
		6,500		6,000	
Sundry		(34,099)		16,993	
Bank charges	11-	886	1,692,134	1,112	1,504,284
Operating (deficit) profit before taxation	2		(78,347)		45,679
Taxation charge	4		(485)		(782)
(Deficit) profit for the year	10		(78,832)		44,897
Accumulated surplus as at 1 September 2017			334,504		289,607
Accumulated surplus as at 31 August 2018			255,672		334,504

All activities are continuing.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the deficit for the financial period.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of financial position 37 August 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2018 £	2017 £	2017 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		4,529		1,679
Investments	6		2		1,079
			4,531		1,681
Current assets			.,		1,061
Debtors	7	545,551		612,253	
Cash at bank and in hand		261,807		260,377	
	-	807,358		872,630	
Liabilities:		•		072,000	
Creditors: Amounts falling due					
within one year	8 _	(555,446)		(539,521)	
Net current assets			251,912		333,109
Total assets less current					
liabilities			256,443		204 700
			236,443		334,790
Provision for liabilities					
Deferred tax	9		(771)		(000)
	_		(771)	-	(286)
Net assets			255,672		334,504
Represented by:					
Funds					
General	10	255 672		004.504	
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		65	255 070	-	
			255,672		334,504

The Executive Committee has taken advantage of special exemptions conferred by FRS 102 Section 1A applicable to small companies in the preparation of the financial statements and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the Association qualifies as a small reporting entity.

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 12/02/19and are signed on their behalf by

Chairman

Trade Union Registration Number: 755T.

## Principal accounting policies 31 August 2018

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The format of the financial statements has been adapted from that prescribed by the Companies Act 2006 to better reflect the nature of the Association's activities.

The trade union has not prepared consolidated financial statements on the grounds that, taken together with its subsidiary, it would have qualified as a small group under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the trade union as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

## Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the Executive Committee to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining a deprecation rate; and
- the allocation of staff and other costs between The Rugby Players Association and its subsidiary RPA Management Limited.

### Assessment of going concern

The Executive Committee is satisfied that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

The Executive Committee has concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern.

#### Cash flow statement

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the Association, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A

### Income

Income from player subscriptions is the total amount receivable by the Association from players in the year. Contributions from funding bodies are recognised when agreed amounts are due from the respective bodies for the period being reported on.

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### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the Association an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis using rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

## Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Items are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £250 and the useful economic life is greater than one year. Depreciation on fixed assets is provided at rates estimated to write off the cost or revalued amounts, less the estimated residual value of each asset, over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment

33% straight line

#### Investments

The investment in the subsidiary undertaking is included at its net asset value upon incorporation.

## **Pension costs**

The trade union operates a defined contribution pension scheme for eligible employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the trade union. The annual contributions payable are charged to the statement of income and expenditure.

## **Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

## Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the Asociation anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

### Income

Income is attributable to player subscriptions and funding received by the Association which arose wholly from bodies within the United Kingdom.

## 2 Operating (deficit) profit before taxation

The operating (deficit) profit before taxation is attributable to the principal activity described in the report of the Executive Committee. It is derived entirely from within the United Kingdom.

The operating profit before taxation is stated after:

*	2018 £_	2017 £
Depreciation of tangible assets	1,812	1,683
Auditor's remuneration:		
. Audit fees	6,500	6,000
. Non-audit fees	6,390	4,400
Leases		
Buildings	35,647	33,624

£35,647 (2017 - £33,624) has been recharged by RPA Management Limited in respect of rent.

## 3 Executive Committee and employees

The average number of persons employed by the trade union during the financial year amounted to 16 (2017: 12).

The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:

	2018 £	2017 £
Wages & salaries	877,395	652,781
Social security costs	112,183	84,272
Other pension costs	22,290	11,717
3	1,011,868	748,770

Included in the above are wages and salaries costs of £460,824 (2017 - £408,459) and associated social security and pension costs which are included as expenses of the Personal Development Programme within the income and expenditure account.

The Executive Committee received the following remuneration in the year.

	2018	2017
<del></del>	£	£
General Secretary	142,041	84,758
RPA Players Board and Management Board Members	79,969	79,318

During the year, pension costs totalling £10,541 (2017 - £6,318) were paid in respect of the General Secretary.

## 4 Tax charge on ordinary activities

	2018 £	2017 £
Analysis of tax charge in the year		
UK corporation tax charge on (deficit) profit for the year	_	496
Origination and reversal of timing differences	485	286
Tax on ordinary activities	485	782

## Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2017: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.58%). The differences are explained below:

	2018 £	2017 £
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before tax	(78,347)	45,679
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.58%)	(14,886)	8,943
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Adjust opening and closing deferred tax at average rate of 19.58%	2,608 (57)	79 (43)
Unutilised losses carried forward	12,820	(8,197)
Current tax charge for the year (see note above)	485	782

## 5 Tangible fixed assets

	Office	
	equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 September 2017	11,438	11,438
Additions	4,662	4,662
Disposals	(11,442)	(11,442)
At 31 August 2018	4,658	4,658
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2017	9,759	9,759
Charge for the year	1,812	1,812
Eliminated on disposal	(11,442)	(11,442)
At 31 August 2018	129	129
Net book value		
At 31 August 2018	4,529	4,529
At 31 August 2017	1,679	1,679

## 6 Investments

	Investment in group undertaking £
Cost	
At 1 September 2017	2
At 31 August 2018	2

At 31 August 2018, the Association held 100% (2017: 100%) of the allotted share capital of the following:

Subsidiary undertaking	Country of incorporation	Class of share capital held	Proportion held	Nature of business
RPA Management Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Management services

At 31 August 2018, the aggregate capital and reserves were £313,523 (2017 - £268,660) and the profit for the financial year ended on that date was £44,863 (2017 - profit of £1,678).

## Debtors

Trade debtors	2018 £	2017 £
	34,840	193,981
Prepayments and accrued income	16,596	3,339
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking (note 13)	467,382	400,895
Amounts owed by related undertakings (note 13)	10,440	40
Corporation tax recoverable	2,416	1,920
Other debtors	13,877	12,078
	545,551	612,253

## 8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

2018 £	2017 £
64,650	33,521
506	496
411,968	436,086
43,905	36,564
34,417	23,404
-	9,450
555,446	539,521
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#### 9 Deferred taxation

	2018	2017
y	£	£
At beginning of year	286	
Charged during the year	485	286
At end of year	771	286
0 Accumulated reserves		
	2018	2017
	£	£
At 1 September 2017	334,504	289,607
(Deficit) profit for the year	(78,832)	44,897
At 31 August 2018	255,672	334,504

### 11 Capital commitments

The trade union had no capital commitments at 31 August 2018 or 31 August 2017

## 12 Contingent liabilities

There were no known contingent liabilities at 31 August 2018 or 31 August 2017.

### 13 Related party transactions

Transactions with its subsidiary undertaking are as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Recharges from subsidiary undertaking	214,632	128,387
Recharges to subsidiary undertaking	276,079	410,059

Balances due from related parties at 31 August 2018 and 31 August 2017 are shown in note 7. None of these balances incur interest.

During the year, the Association made a donation of £80,000 (2017: £80,000) towards players' insurance costs to Restart Rugby, which is considered to be a related party by virtue of one of the Trustees of Restart Rugby also being a director of The Rugby Players Association. During the year, wages and salaries of £65,366 (2017 - £38,025) were recharged to Restart Rugby by the Association. At 31 August 2018, £10,440 was owed to Restart Rugby (2017 - £9,450 was owed to Restart Rugby).

Cognacity are used by the Rugby Players Association in order to provide health and wellbeing workshops and seminars for players. Costs amounting to £21,962 (2017 - £71,143) were incurred in the year and amounts of £10,342 (2017 - £1,730) remained outstanding at year end. Whilst Cognacity does not meet the definition of a related party under Section 1A of FRS 102, the members of the Executive Committee consider it appropriate to acknowledge in the financial statements the fact that the CEO of Cognacity is related to the General Secretary of The Rugby Players Association.