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# FORM AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

# ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:	News Union
Year ended:	31 July 2018
List no:	
LIST 110.	_765T
Head or Main Office:	Room 8-06 1 London Bridge Street London SE1 9GF
Website address (if available)	
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes No Click the appropriate box)
General Secretary:	Jeremy Vine
Telephone Number:	0207 7826844
Contact name for queries regarding	Cathy Cooper
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For Unions based in Scotland: Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations Melrose House, 69a George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2JG



# **RETURN OF MEMBERS**

	N	JMBER OF ME	MBERS AT THE	E END OF THE YE	AR
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	TOTALS
MALE	1,132				1,132
EMALE	589				589
TOTAL	1,721				A 1,721
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lease compl					s covered by this
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and names:

# **GENERAL FUND**

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	
INCOME	L	£
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total all and a second		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		
Investment income (as at page 12)		173
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	272,000	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		272,173
	TOTAL INCOME	272,173
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		22,061
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		201,213
Federation and other bodies (specify)		201,213
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Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		
		33
тотл	AL EXPENDITURE	223,307
Surplus (deficit) for year		48,866
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Amount of general fund at beginning of year		108,431
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Amount of general fund at end of year		157,297

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

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies		
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TOTAL FEDERATION AN	D OTHER BODIES	
	D OTHER BODIES	
Other income Grant received from News UK	272,000	
TOTAL	OTHER INCOME	272,000
TOTAL OF ALI	OTHER INCOME	272,000

# ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation –		brought forward	15,000
Employment Related Issues Legal fees	15,000	Education and Training services	
	10,000	Training	7,061
			.,,,,,
Representation –			
Non Employment Related Issues			
		N (18)	
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications			
		Salary Costs	
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		outer behalf and crame (specify)	
Dispute Benefits			
Other Cash Payments			
Other Cash Payments			
carried forward	15,000	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	22,061

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2			Fund Account
Name:		£	Name:
Income			Income
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			Evnenditure
Expenditure	Benefits to members		Expenditure
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
		cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at the ond of year (as		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Dalance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	at end of year	

FUND 3			Fund Account
Name:	34.	£	Name:
Income			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	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	1	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	g 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 inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Alumbar of manhan and the still		
	Number of members contributing	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	t
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Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
		cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (e.g.		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Daiance Sneet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

# (See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 6			<b>Fund Account</b>
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
ļ	Other income (specify)		
  -			
	Total other inco	me as specified	
1		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	at and of year	
	induiner of members continuating	g at end of year	

FUND 7			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
1	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
6.		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	

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1 To be completed by trade unions which maintain their		own fund	
		£	ŧ
Income	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12) Other income (specify)		
	Total other	income as specified	
Expenditure		Total income	
	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	olus (deficit) for year	
	Amount of political fund	at beginning of year	
	Amount of political fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members at end of year contributing	to the political fund	
	Number of members at end of the year not contributing		
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 as	s components of a	central trade union
			·	f
Income	Contributions and levies c	ollected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back fro Other income (specify)	om central political fund		
		Total other i	ncome as specified	
			Total income	
Expenditure	F			
	Expenditure under sec (Consolidation) Act 19	ction 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations 192 (specify)		
	Administration expens	es in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expendit	ıre		
			Total expenditure	
		Surp	lus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund a	at beginning of year	
		Amount remitted to d	entral 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 me political fund				

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

(see notes 32 and 33)

(see notes 32 and	1 33)	1
Administrative Expenses		£
Remuneration and expenses of staff		169,703
Salaries and Wages included in above	£169,703	
Auditors' fees		8,580
Legal and Professional fees		4,786
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		250
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		16,838
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Computer costs		132
Consultancy fees		-
Bursaries		₽:
Restructuring		-
Subscriptions		506
Bank charges		48
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		370
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
General office equipment (non-capital)		~
Gifts		244
	Total	201,213
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	201,213
	Fund (Account )	
	Fund (Account )	
	Total	201,213

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

Per
Contribution
S H
1,113

# **ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME**

(see notes 45 and 46)

Rent from land and buildings			Fund(s) £
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Dividends (gross) from:			
Equities (e.g. shares)			
Interest (gross) from:			
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			173
Other investment income (specify)			
			173
	Total in	vestment income	173
Credited to:	Canar	al Fund (Dans 2) Î	
		al Fund (Page 3)	173
		und (Account )	
		und (Account ) und (Account )	
		und (Account )   und (Account )	
	• •	Political Fund	
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	Total Inv	estment Income	173

# BALANCE SHEET as at

31 July 2017

(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		
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		2,241
	Cash at bank and in hand		488,023
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Total of other assets		490,264
	TO	TAL ASSETS	490,264
	General Fund (Account )		157,297
	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		.1
	Loans: Other		
	Bank overdraft		
	Tax payable		
2	Sundry creditors		317,000
	Accrued expenses		15,967
	Provisions		
	Other liabilities		
	TOTAL	L LIABILITIES	490,264
	TOT	AL ASSETS	490,264
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# **FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT**

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Freehold Leasehold	Furniture and Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Not used for union business	Total £
Cost or Valuation					
At start of year			12,348		12,348
Additions			,_,,,,,		12,010
Disposals					
Revaluation/Transfer					
s					
At end of year			12,348		12,348
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Accumulated Depreciation At start of year			11.079		11.070
Charges for year			11,978 370		11,978
Disposals			370		370
Revaluation/Transfer					
s					
At end of year			12,348		12,348
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Net book value at end of year			0		0
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Net book value at			370		370
end of previous year					

# **ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS**

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
Ξ	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⊠
COMPANY NAME		STRATION NUMB and & Wales, state	
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 SHAP	REHOLDERS	
		F	

# **SUMMARY SHEET**

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
From Members			
From Investments	173		173
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	272,000		272,000
Total Income	272,173		272,173
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of	223,307		223,307
Total Expenditure	223,307		223,307
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year	108,431		108,431
(including reserves)	157,297		157,297
ASSETS		ja	
	Fixed Assets	:	
	Investment Assets	:	
	Other Assets		490,264
		Total Assets	490,264
LIABILITIES		Total Liabilities	332,967
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total	157,297		

# **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.

SEE ACCOUNTS ATTACHED

# **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(see notes 74 and 75)

See Accounts attached		×		
SIGNATURES TO THE ANN (see notes 76 and 77)	UAL RET	UR		
including the accounts and balance sheet c	ontained in the	retu	rn.	
Secretary's Signature: (or other official whose position should be stated)  Name: Na				<b>=</b> 2. <b>=</b> 2.
CHECK LIST (see notes 78 to 80) (please tick as appropria	te)			
IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED?	YES	$\boxtimes$	NO	
(see Page 2 and Note 12)  HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN  COMPLETED?  (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES		NO	
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED?	YES		NO	
(see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77) HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	YES		NO	
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED?	YES		NO	
(see Notes 8 and 78) A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS: (see Note 80)	ENCLOSE D		TO FOLLOW	
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED	YES		NO	

(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.

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

#### YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

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

#### YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

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

(See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in rule 83)

## YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

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

# **AUDITOR'S REPORT** (continued)

SEE ACCOUNTS ATTACHED				
a				
Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	Wills Kend Audit Sence			
Name(s):	Wilkins Kennedy Audit Services			
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Statutory Auditors			
Address(es):	Greytown House 221-227 High Street Orpington BR6 0NZ			
Date:	6 December 2018			
Contact name and telephone number:	Cathy Cooper 01689 827505			

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**

(see notes 88 to 94)

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

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

5. 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

6. 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 5 or 6 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)

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

# **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	tweny fine	
Name	JEREMY VINE	
Office held	GENERAL SECRETARY	
Date	14/11/18	

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION

#### Opinion

This report is issued in respect of an audit carried out under the Trade Union and labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

We have audited the financial statements of News Union for the year ended 31 July 2018 which comprise the Balance Sheet, the income and expenditure account and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of New Union's affairs as at 31 July 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;

#### 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 News Union 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 members use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about News Union'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.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION (CONTINUED)

## Responsibilities of members

The members are 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 members determine 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 members are responsible for assessing News Union'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 members either intend to liquidate New Union, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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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: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to New Union's members, as a body, in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 New Union and News Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Greytown House 221-227 High Street Orpington Kent

BR6 0NZ

Date: 6/12/18

**WILKINS KENNEDY AUDIT SERVICES** 

Statutory Auditor

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION**

#### Opinion

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In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of New Union's affairs as at 31 July 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice:

# 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 News Union 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 members use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about News Union'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.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice 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.

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

WILKINS KENNEDY
Bridge House
London Bridge
London SE1 9QR



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION (CONTINUED)

#### Responsibilities of members

The members are 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 members determine 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 members are responsible for assessing News Union'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 members either intend to liquidate New Union, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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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: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Use of our report

This report is made solely to New Union's members, as a body, in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 New Union and News Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Greytown House 221-227 High Street Orpington

Kent BR6 0NZ WILKINS KENNEDY AUDIT SERVICES
Statutory Auditor

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Statutory Auditor

Date: 4/12/18

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# **AS AT 31 JULY 2018**

			2018		2017
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2		S <del>.</del>		370
CURRENT ASSETS Other debtors Cash at bank	3	2,241 488,023 490,264		2,028 390,005 392,033	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	332,967		283,972	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			157,297		108,061
NET ACCETS			0 457 207		£ 400 424
HEI AGGETO			10/350		
MEMBERS FUNDS	5		£ 157,297		£ 108,431

National Chairman NEC

J Vine General Secretary Approved on: 14/11/18

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

# **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

		2018	2	017
	£	£	£	£
INCOME		070.000		
Grants Interest received		272,000		271,537
interest received		173		134
		272,173		271 671
OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE		212,113		271,671
Salaries	169,703		167,060	
Travelling	1,130		3,256	
Meeting expenses	1,264		1,607	
Training costs	7,061		3,617	
Conference Cost	14,444		13,755	
Printing and stationery	250		333	
Postage and telephone expenses			4	
Auditors remuneration	8,580		7,500	
Legal and professional charges	18,846		19,009	
Subscriptions	1,346		1,155	
Depreciation	370		370	
Bank charges	48		96	
Miscellaneous expenses	132		169	
		223,274		217,931
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE		·		
TAXATION		40 000		50.740
TAATION		48,899		53,740
Taxation (Note 6)		33		27
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SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TAXATION				
		£ 48,866		£ 53,713

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) General information

News Union is a trade union and incorporated in England and Wales. The principal place of business is Room 8-06, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.

b) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trade union. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, subject to the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The financial statements incorporate the results of News Union, the activities of which are continuing.

New Union have a reasonable expectation that the trade union has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. It has therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

#### c) Grants

Grants receivable are credited to income for the period for which they are given. Grants received in respect of future periods are treated as deferred income.

#### d) Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are written off by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures & equipment

over 3 years

At each reporting date, property, plant and equipment are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

# e) Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment. Loans are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018**

#### f) Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at their transaction price. Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value net of their transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

# h) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the accounting policies, the National Executive Committee are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no judgements or estimates within these accounts.

### 2. FIXED ASSETS

# Fixtures & Equipment

	£
COST At 1 August 2017	12,348
At 31 July 2018	1 <del></del>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b> At 1 August 2017 Charge for year	11,978 370
At 31 July 2018	12,348
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE At 31 July 2018	
At 31 July 2017	£ 370

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018**

3.	DEBTORS	2018 £	2017 £
	Prepayments	£ 2,241	£ 2,028
4.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year.		
	walling one year.	2018 £	2017 £
	Other creditors	5,717	2,193
	Accruals	10,250 317,000	9,779 272,000
	Deferred income	317,000	272,000
		£ 332,967	£ 283,972
5.	MEMBERS FUNDS		
		2018	2017
	At 1 August 2017	<b>£</b> 108,431	<b>£</b> 54,718
	At 1 August 2017 Surplus for the year	48,866	53,713
	At 31 July 2018	£157,297	£108,431

# 6. TAXATION

The Union is assessable to UK corporation tax at 19% (2017: 20%) on all investment income and capital gains arising on the sale of investments.

	2018	2017
	£	£
Charge for year	33	27
	£ 33	£ 27

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

## 7. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trade Union law requires the members of the National Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trade Union and of its income and expenditure for the year. In preparing the financial statements the members of the National Executive Committee are 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 Trade Union will continue in operation.

The National Executive Committee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trade Union and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trade Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the members of the National Executive Committee are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trade Union's auditor is unaware; and
- they 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.

# 8. RELATED PARTIES

The Union is under the control of its members.

## 9. PENSION CONTRIBUTION

The Union's contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme were £2,012 in the year (2017: £1,490).