

Explanatory statement

This ballot gives you the opportunity to vote on whether your union should be able to spend money for political purposes. The law says it must have a political fund to do this.

Your union wishes to set up a political fund and seeks your approval.

The political purposes on which money in a political fund may be spent are governed by section 72 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, which is set out [overleaf/on the reverse of the ballot paper/or state where the terms of section 72 can be found].

This ballot is about your union establishing a political fund. It is not about whether you contribute to the fund. All members have the right to vote and, if the vote is in favour of retention, the right not to contribute to the fund.

If you agree that the union should have a political fund vote 'yes' on the resolution [below] [enclosed][attached]. If you disagree vote 'no'."