

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.

Trade Unions with political funds must ballot their members at least every ten years if they wish to keep the political fund.

Your union wishes to keep its political fund which was set up in **[Insert date]** 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 (as amended), which is set out **[state where the terms of section 72 can be found]**.

This ballot is about keeping your union's 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 continue to have a political fund vote 'yes' on the resolution [below] [enclosed][attached]. If you disagree vote 'no'.