

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	Voice		
Year ended:	31 December 2019		
List no:	265T		
Head or Main Office address:	2 St James Court		
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Postcode	DE1 1BT		
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Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	('X' in appropriate box)
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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	4,036	42		6	4,084
Female	17,845	152		11	18,008
Other					
Total	21,881	194		17	A 22,092

Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund

10,890

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:

285

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
President	Christopher Wilson	Melynda Standring	15 June 2019
Vice President	Melynda Standring	Joy Rowley	15 June 2019
Past President	Geraldine Everett	Christopher Wilson	15 June 2019

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:



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National Officers in post at 31 December 2019

Post	Holder
National President	Mrs Melynda Standing
National Vice-President	Mrs Joy Rowley
Immediate Past President	Rev Christopher Wilson
Honorary Secretary	Mrs Yvonne Johns
Honorary Treasurer	Mrs Margaret Volpé
General Secretary	Ms Deborah Lawson

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	
Any Other Sources	
Commission	12
Settlement Agreements	13,858
Sundry income	12,590
Total other sources	26,460
Total of all other income	26,460

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation – Employment Related Issues	81,554	brought forward Advisory Services	213,835
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues		Other Cash Payments	
		Education and Training services	
Communications	132,281	Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward	213,835	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	213,835

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 8		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

Fund 9		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

Political fund account

(see notes 24 to 33)

£

£

Political fund account 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own political fund	
	Income		
	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure under section (82) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 on purposes set out in section (72) (1) where consolidation of expenditures from the political funds exceeds £2,000 during the period			
	Expenditure A (as at page i)		
	Expenditure B (as at page ii)		
	Expenditure C (as at page iii)		
	Expenditure D (as at page iv)		
	Expenditure E (as at page v)		
	Expenditure F (as at page vi)		
	Non-political expenditure (as at page vii)		
		Total expenditure	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount of political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of political fund at the end of year (as <u>Balance Sheet</u>)	
		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 members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not contribute to the political fund	
Political fund account 2		To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union	
Income	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central political fund		
	Other income (specify)		
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure	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	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount remitted to central political	
		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 members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund	

Analysis of administrative expenses and other outgoings excluding amounts charged to political fund accounts

(see notes 34 and 35)

	£
Administrative Expenses	
Remuneration and expenses of staff	1,077,639
Salaries and Wages included in above	933,655
Auditors' fees	17,314
Legal and Professional fees	33,571
Occupancy costs	177,967
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	53,039
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	20,156
Expenses of conferences	594
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Volunteers	13,222
Bank charges	8,527
Other Outgoings	
Depreciation	17,667
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
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Total	1,419,696
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	1,419,696
Total	1,419,696

Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold £	Leasehold £				
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year	1,000,000		793,208			1,793,208
Additions			6,545			6,545
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	1,000,000		799,753			1,799,753
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year	231,706		781,389			1,013,095
Charges for year	8,743		8,924			17,667
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	240,449		790,313			1,030,762
Net book value at end of year	759,551		9,440			768,991
Net book value at end of previous year	768,294		11,819			780,113

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Quoted	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)		
	Market Value of Quoted Investment		
Unquoted	Equities		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)		
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	1,564,990		1,564,990
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	26,460		26,460
Total Income	1,591,450		1,591,450
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	1,633,531		1,633,531
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	691,918		691,918
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	649,837		649,837
Assets			
Fixed Assets			768,991
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			121,052
		Total Assets	890,043
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	240,206
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			649,837

Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

(see notes 74 to 80)

Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?	No
If Yes How many ballots were held: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	
For each ballot held please complete the information below:	
Ballot 1	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ³
	1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"
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	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
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	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
Ballot 2	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ³
	1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"
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	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
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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	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
Ballot 3	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ³
	1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"
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	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
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	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>

Ballots & Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Ballot 4

Number of individual 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 2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

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

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

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

Ballot 5

Number of individual 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 2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

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

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

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

Ballot 6

Number of individual 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 2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3

1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"

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

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

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

Ballots and Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

(see note 81)

***Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute**

- A: terms and conditions of employment, or the physical conditions in which any workers require 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:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 2

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 3

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

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Industrial Action 4

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 5

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 6

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 7

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 8

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:

A B C D E F G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ENTITY INFORMATION

Voice is a trade union, which is registered with the Certification Officer under section 3 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. The address of the head office is 2 St James' Court, Friar Gate, Derby, DE1 1BT.

JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION
UNCERTAINTY

There are no significant judgements and estimates made by management in the preparation of the financial statements.

PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Union operates defined contributions pension schemes for the majority of staff members. Scheme contributions are paid to, and managed by, an insurance company in separate funds, with an individual policy for each member.

OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31 December 2019 the Union had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	<i>Office equipment</i>		<i>Land & buildings</i>	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				
within 1 year	7,384	5,120	-	12,888
within 2 to 5 years	<u>7,624</u>	<u>5,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,008</u>	<u>10,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,888</u>

POLITICAL FUND

The Union does not contribute to any political fund.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets that are measured at amortised cost	<u>65,823</u>	<u>42,035</u>
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities that are measured at amortised cost	<u>127,272</u>	<u>86,834</u>

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost comprise debtors receivable and cash.

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost comprise other loans, trade payables, other taxes and accruals.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 – ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (‘FRS 102’).

Going Concern

At the time of approval, the COVID19 virus continues to develop and has just been designated a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation. Both short term and long term effects of the rapidly escalating situation are unknown but the National Council consider that, whilst there is uncertainty, the nature of Voice as a Trade Union in a sector funded by public money reduces the potential impact on membership numbers.

The National Council have undertaken planning and forecasting and continue to closely monitor the developing situation. Despite the current circumstances the National Council believe that the Union’s financial resources and contingency planning is sufficient to ensure the ability of the Union to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Members’ subscriptions

Members’ subscriptions shown in the Revenue Account are those received in respect of the year.

Depreciation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and impairment charges. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of all tangible fixed assets, except investment properties, evenly over their expected useful lives. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation of other assets is calculated at the following rates:

Freehold buildings	-	over 100 years
Office equipment, fixtures and fittings	-	over 5 years
Computer equipment	-	over 3 years
Conference equipment	-	over 5 years

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

Pensions

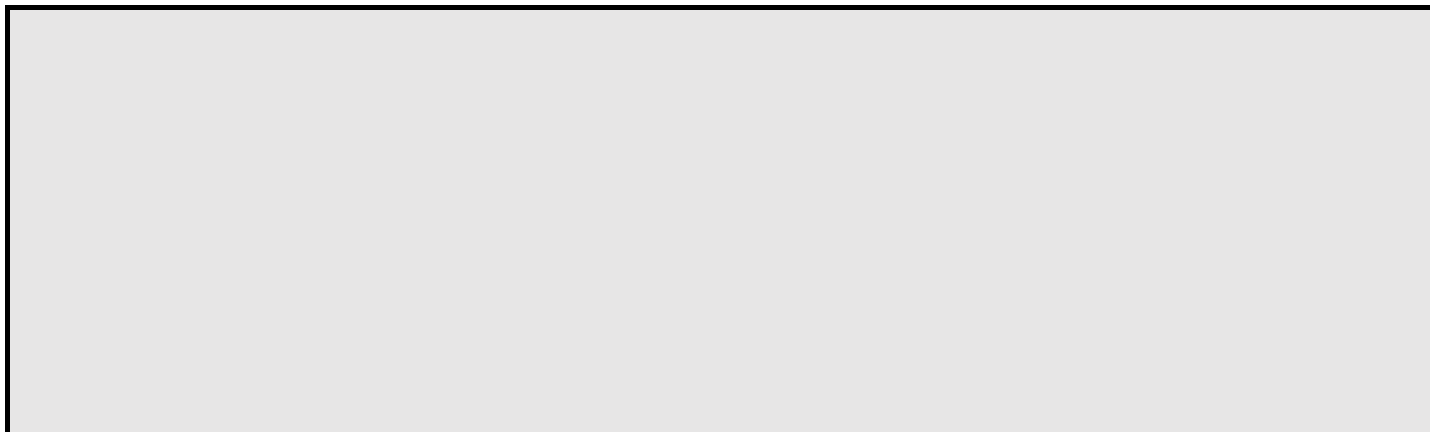
The Union operates defined contribution pension schemes for eligible members. Contributions in respect of the year are charged to the Revenue Account.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Revenue Account as incurred.

Accounting policies



(see notes 84 and 85)



Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 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:	Yvonne Johns		Name:	Melynda Standing
Date:	26 May 2020		Date:	26 May 2020

Checklist

(see notes 88 to 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 2 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 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	✓	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	✓	No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	Enclosed		To follow	✓
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	✓	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	✓	No	

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 90 and 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 related? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 92 and 93)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

2. 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 note 92)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached

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.
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

*Made in accordance with section 36 of the
United Kingdom Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992*



Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Voice for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the "Statement of Income", the "Balance Sheet" and 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Union's members as a body. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Union'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 Union and the Union's members as a body, for our audit work, or for the opinion we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Union's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its transactions 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 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 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 Officers' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Officers have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the 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.

Other information

The Officers are 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trades Union and Labour Relations Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept;
- a satisfactory system of control over its accounting records, cash holdings and receipts and remittances has not been maintained; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

Responsibilities of Officers

As explained more fully in the Statement of Officers' responsibility set out on page 3, the Officers 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 Officers 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 Officers are responsible for assessing the 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 Officers either intend to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

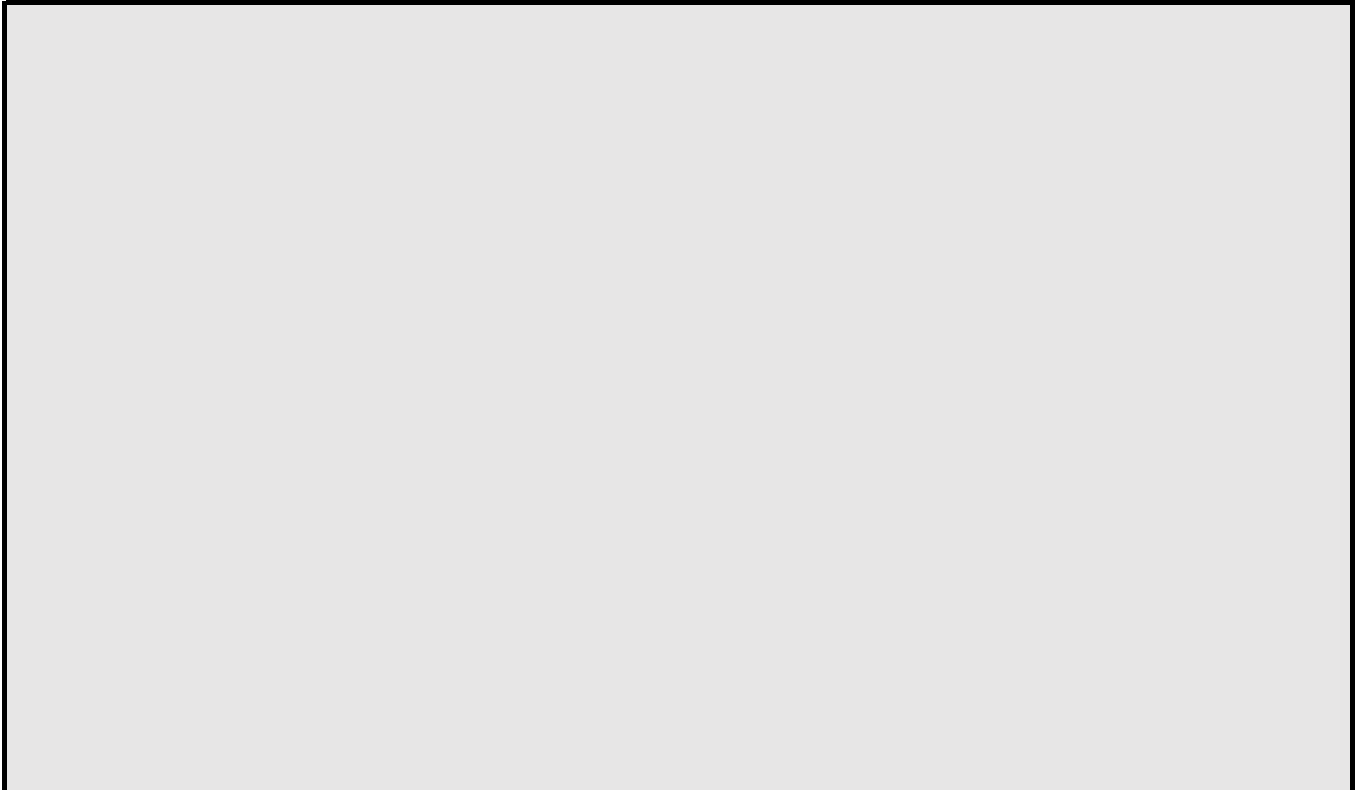
We have been appointed as auditor under section 33 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992 and report in accordance with section 36 of that Act.

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.

Auditor's report (continued)



Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

Crowe UK LLP



Name(s):

Crowe UK LLP



Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Registered Auditors



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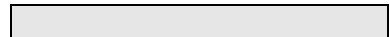


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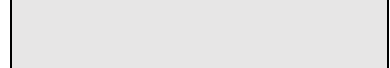
Date

28/5/2020



Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:

Dave Darlaston, Partner
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N.B. When notes to the account 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 reportign period proceding 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

- 2 In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the inforamation 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)

Signature of assurer	<i>Crowe UK LLP</i>
Name	Crowe UK LLP
Address	Black Country House Rounds Green Road Oldbury B69 2DG
Date	28/5/2020
Contact name and telephone number	Dave Darlaston, Partner 0121 543 1900

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	
Name	
Office held	
Date	