

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	ACCORD			
Year ended:	31 December 2021			
List no:	588T			
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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
	19,697	1,330		55	21,082
Total	19,697	1,330		55	A 21,082

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

21,082

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

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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
Trustee	Marilyn Morris		Deceased - 7 August 2021
Principal Executive Council Member	Maura Kelly		Deceased - 26 June 2021
Principal Executive Council Member	Gareth White		Resigned 30/06/2021
Trustee		Christopher Goldthorpe	18 August 2021

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:

Officers in post

(see note 12)

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

Name of Officer	Position held and date elected
Neil Magill	President - 24 April 2020
Richard Joyce	Vice President - 24 April 2020
Carol Knowles	Vice President - 24 April 2020
Ged Nichols	General Secretary - 2 October 2017
Joan Bland	Trustee
Jim Searle	Trustee
Rodney Grainger	Trustee
Christopher Goldthorpe	Trustee
Stuart Cairney	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Craig Thomas	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Sarah Cockburn	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Donna McGeary	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Dianne Cousins	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Nicola Hunter	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Angie James	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Helen Poole	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Sheeba Hamid	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Caroline Pollock	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Lucy Maller	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Clare Buss	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020
Allison Howie	Principal Executive Council Member - 24 April 2020

General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		2,392,664
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
SUBSCRIPTION DRAW INCOME		189,296
Total other income from members		189,296
Total of all income from members		2,581,960
Investment income (as at page 12)		15,077
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	417,869	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		417,869
Total income		3,014,906
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		166,309
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		1,983,823
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
N/A		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		44,910
Total expenditure		2,195,042
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		819,864
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		6,885,864
Amount of general fund at end of year		7,705,728

Analysis of income from federation and other bodies and other income

(see notes 19 and 20)

Description	£
Federation and other bodies	
N/A	
Total federation and other bodies	
Any Other Sources	
OTHER INCOME	234
UNREALISED GAIN ON FAIR VALUE MOVEMENTS OF INVESTMENTS	417,635
Total other sources	417,869
Total of all other income	417,869

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		brought forward	
		Advisory Services	
		LEGAL ADVICE LINE	18,720
		TAX & PENSIONS LINE	62,400
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues		Other Cash Payments	
		Education and Training services	
Communications			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		DEATH BENEFIT	5,700
		MEMORIAL FUNDS	11,404
		BUPA EXCESS CASHBACK SCHEME	68,005
		MEDICAL FEES	80
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	166,309

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 6		Fund Account	
Name:	N/A	£	£
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 7		Fund Account	
Name:	N/A	£	£
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		

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 8		Fund Account	
Name:	N/A	£	£
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:	N/A	£	£
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)	n/a		
	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		

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 by a political party	
Name of political party in relation to which money was expended	Total amount spent during the period £
N/A	
Total	

Political fund account expenditure (c)

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.

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 33(iii))	£
N/A			
Total			

Political fund account expenditure (d)

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.

Expenditure on the maintenance of any holder of political office	
Name of office holder	£
N/A	
Total	

Political fund account expenditure (f)

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

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	£
N/A	
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	£
N/A	

Total expenditure

(b) the name of each organisation to which money was paid (otherwise than for a particular cause of campaign), and the total amount paid to each one

£

Total expenditure

£

(c) the total amount of all other money expended

Total expenditure

Total of all expenditures

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		1,196,796
Salaries and Wages included in above	1,146,301	
Auditors' fees		21,641
Legal and Professional fees		121,673
Occupancy costs		14,771
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		34,531
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
STAFF TRAINING		4,117
MOTOR EXPENSES		7,572
HQ STAFF MEETINGS & TRAVEL EXPENSES		22,413
BALLOT EXPENSES		11,652
CAMPAIGNS & PUBLISHING		86,704
CHARITY DONATIONS		15,690
BANK CHARGES		8,338
SUNDRY		2,830
INSURANCE		29,465
MEMBERS MEETINGS & TRAVEL EXPENSES		20,545
Other Outgoings		
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (CONT)		
AFFILIATION FEES		120,550
MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS & IT SUPPORT		108,445
DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION		56,160
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
SUBSCRIPTION DRAW PRIZES & DONATIONS		99,930
Total		1,983,823
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	1,983,823
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	N/A	
	Total	1,983,823

Analysis of investment income

(see notes 47 and 48)

	Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings			2,700
Dividends (gross) from:			
Equities (e.g. shares)			6,933
Interest (gross) from:			
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			5,444
Other investment income (specify)			
			15,077
		Total investment income	15,077
		Credited to:	
		General Fund (Page 3)	15,077
		N/A	
		N/A	
		N/A	
		N/A	
		N/A	
		N/A	
		N/A	
		N/A	
		Political Fund	
		Total Investment Funds	15,077

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	325,860		166,238	159,111		651,209
Additions			25,137			25,137
Disposals				-37,830		-37,830
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	325,860		191,375	121,281		638,516
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year	175,629		105,241	133,874		414,744
Charges for year	3,813		24,227	11,965		40,005
Disposals				-37,831		-37,831
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	179,442		129,468	108,008		416,918
Net book value at end of year	146,418		61,907	13,273		221,598
Net book value at end of previous year	150,231		60,997	25,237		236,465

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

Quoted	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Equities (e.g. Shares)		
Lloyds Banking Group Ordinary Shares	110,398	
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Note - no government securities		
Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
Aberdeen Multidiversity Fund	3,676,251	
Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
St James Place	2,536,590	
Aberdeen Liquidity Fund	916	
Unity Trust Bank Ordinary Shares	250,120	
Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)	6,574,275	
Market Value of Quoted Investment	6,574,275	
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 60 and 61)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If YES name the relevant companies:

Company name	Company registration number (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)
n/a	

Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.

Company name	Names of shareholders
n/a	

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	2,581,960		2,581,960
From Investments	15,077		15,077
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	417,869		417,869
Total Income	3,014,906		3,014,906
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	2,195,042		2,195,042
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	6,885,864		6,885,864
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	7,705,728		7,705,728
Assets			
Fixed Assets			221,598
Investment Assets			6,574,275
Other Assets			1,052,865
		Total Assets	7,848,738
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	143,010
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			7,705,728

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members			
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income			
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure			
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)			
Funds at end of year (including reserves)			
Assets			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			
		Total Assets	
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			

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?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
If Yes How many ballots were held: <input type="text" value="n/a"/>	
For each ballot held please complete the information below:	
Ballot 1	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input 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 type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input 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 type="text"/>
Ballot 2	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input 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 type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input 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 type="text"/>
Ballot 3	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input 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 type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input 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 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

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.

use a continuation page if necessary

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.

See appendix AR21 A

Accounting policies



(see notes 84 and 85)

See appendix AR21 A

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

Including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return. Please copy and paste your electronic signature here

Secretary's Signature:		Chairman's Signature:	
Name:	GED NICHOLS	Name:	NEIL MAGILL - PRESIDENT
Date:	31st May 2022	Date:	31st May 2022

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the list of officers in post been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the return been signed? (see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	Enclosed		To follow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. CONSTITUTION

The Union was formed on 1 August 1977. Membership is open to all employees of Lloyds Banking Group plc, which is to include any subsidiary or merged organization and any limited company or firm owned by or under the control of Lloyds Banking Group plc, or other such employers as the Principal Executive Council shall from time to time determine. The Union represents the interests of its members in all matters relating to their employment.

The Union is registered as an independent trade union affiliated to the TUC and the Scottish TUC. The Union has received its Certificate of Independence under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

The registered office of the Union can be found on the union information page. The principal activities of the Union continued to be provision of advice, support and guidance for its members, as set by the Rules and Constitution 2018.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

The presentational and functional currency of the Union is Sterling.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Union's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 Income

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Union and the income can be reliably measured. Income is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before income is recognised:

Income from subscriptions is recognised in the period in which subscription is due from the member and when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of income can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Union will receive the consideration due under the subscription.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.4 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	- 50 years
Motor vehicles	- 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 3-4 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.6 Investment property

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

2.7 Valuation of investments

Investments in unlisted Union shares, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to market value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income for the period. Where market value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment.

Listed investments are remeasured to market value at each Balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss for the period.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Union only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

2.11 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Union operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Union pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Union has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Union in independently administered funds.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.13 Taxation

Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Union operates and generates income.

3. JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. The nature of estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The following judgments have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- depreciation and amortisation rates adopted.
- valuation of the investment property at open market value.
- valuation of fixed asset investments at the market value at the balance sheet date.

4. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Membership subscriptions	2,392,664	2,539,661
Rent receivable	2,700	4,750
Dividends and interest receivable	12,377	9,845
Other income	234	2,074
	<u>2,407,975</u>	<u>2,556,330</u>

All income arose within the United Kingdom.

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5. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Subscription draw surplus	89,366	<i>101,025</i>
	89,366	<i>101,025</i>

6. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Union's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Union's annual accounts	12,450	<i>12,450</i>

7. EMPLOYEES

Wages, salaries and benefit costs were £1,146,301 (*2020: £1,133,286*). The cost of defined contribution pension scheme contributions were £50,495 (*2020: £51,988*). The total costs were therefore £1,196,796 (*2020: £1,185,274*).

Key management compensation, including employer pension and National Insurance contributions, amounted to £174,891 (*2020: £169,274*).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 20 (*2020 - 24*).

8. TAXATION

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Corporation tax		
Current tax on surplus for the year	44,910	<i>-</i>

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8. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2020 - *lower than*) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>864,774</u>	<u>589,288</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%)	164,307	111,965
Effects of:		
Non-taxable expenditure	354,764	383,618
Non-taxable income	(472,099)	(501,731)
Deferred tax not recognised	5,232	3,241
Other timing differences leading to an increase (decrease) in taxation	(7,294)	2,907
Total tax charge for the year	<u>44,910</u>	<u>-</u>

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

Deferred tax has not been recognised as any potential liability would be covered by future costs and so there would be no liability arising.

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9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Database £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	251,905
At 31 December 2021	<u>251,905</u>
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2021	50,085
Charge for the year on owned assets	25,190
At 31 December 2021	<u>75,275</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	<u>176,630</u>
<i>At 31 December 2020</i>	<u>201,820</u>

Within intangible assets there exists a database and website with a total net book value of £176,630 (2020: £201,820) at the balance sheet date. The website element of this asset was previously held under construction but is now in use and is being amortised. The net book value of this element is £42,008 (2020: £46,675).

Amortisation has been included within expenditure in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2021	325,860	159,111	166,238	651,209
Additions	-	-	25,137	25,137
Disposals	-	(37,830)	-	(37,830)
At 31 December 2021	<u>325,860</u>	<u>121,281</u>	<u>191,375</u>	<u>638,516</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	175,629	133,874	105,241	414,744
Charge for the year on owned assets	3,813	11,965	24,227	40,005
Disposals	-	(37,831)	-	(37,831)
At 31 December 2021	<u>179,442</u>	<u>108,008</u>	<u>129,468</u>	<u>416,918</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	<u>146,418</u>	<u>13,273</u>	<u>61,907</u>	<u>221,598</u>
<i>At 31 December 2020</i>	<u>150,231</u>	<u>25,237</u>	<u>60,997</u>	<u>236,465</u>

The freehold property was revalued at open market value in 2015 by an independent qualified valuer and the element relating to the investment property was incorporated into the accounts. The Principal Executive Council considers that there has been no material change in the open market value of the freehold property in the year.

If the land and buildings had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Freehold - own occupation at cost	50,418	54,231
Freehold - investment property at valuation	96,000	96,000
Net book value	<u>146,418</u>	<u>150,231</u>

If the land and buildings had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention at £74,918 (2020: £78,731) being cost of £254,360 less depreciation of £179,442 (2020: £254,360 less £175,629)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2021	81,970	5,571,863	5,653,833
Additions	2,807	500,000	502,807
Revaluations	25,621	392,015	417,636
At 31 December 2021	<u>110,398</u>	<u>6,463,878</u>	<u>6,574,276</u>

Listed and unlisted investments are valued using an active market valuation at the balance sheet date.

The historical cost of investments at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed investments	121,313	121,313
Unlisted investments	4,501,024	4,001,024
	<u>4,622,337</u>	<u>4,122,337</u>

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12. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	153,079	162,849
	<u>153,079</u>	<u>162,849</u>
	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	15,000	16,611
Prepayments and accrued income	2,990	1,593
	<u>17,990</u>	<u>18,204</u>

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Corporation tax	44,910	-
Other taxation and social security	56,196	38,536
Other creditors	4,957	5,535
Accruals and deferred income	36,947	78,320
	<u>143,010</u>	<u>122,391</u>

14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	6,574,278	5,653,834

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss consist of fixed asset investments.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

15. RESERVES

Accumulated funds - Fair value reserve

The balance in the fair value reserve arises from the restatement of fixed asset investments to market value at the balance sheet date.

Accumulated funds - revaluation reserve

The balance in the investment property revaluation reserve is the surplus on the revaluation of the investment property in 2015.

Accumulated funds - general

The balance in the general funds represents the total remaining reserves of the Union.

16. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Union operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Union in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Union to the fund and amounted to £50,495 (2020: £51,988). Contributions totalling £4,957 (2020: £5,535) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Union has advanced a loan to G Nichols, the General Secretary, with interest being charged at 3.2% per annum. At the year end the total outstanding was £168,079 (2020: £177,645). The total interest income recognised by the Union in respect of the loan in the year is £5,444 (2020: £5,741).

Close family members of the General Secretary are employed by the Union, making them related parties. During the year, salaries paid to these related parties amounted to £124,087 (2020: £121,551).

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since the balance sheet date the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to have a significant effect on individuals, businesses and organisations worldwide, including Accord.

The Principal Executive Council has considered the effect on the value of the assets and liabilities of the Union since the balance sheet date, as well as actual and expected future income and expenditure, cash flow requirements and the Union's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Principal Executive Council has taken all necessary measures to satisfy themselves that the Union will continue to be able to operate. Therefore Accord is considered to be a going concern and no adjustments have been made to the figures in these financial statements in respect of events since the balance sheet date.

19. CONTROLLING PARTY

The activities of the Union are controlled by the Principal Executive Council.

There is no ultimate controlling party in the current or comparative year.

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:

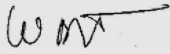
In our opinion the financial statements:

- **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.**

Auditor's report (continued)

See appendix AR21 B

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:



Name(s):

WMT

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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Date

31 May 2022

Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:

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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.

ACCORD

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCORD

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Accord (the 'Union') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Balance sheet, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes, 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Union's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its surplus or deficit 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 sections 28 to 36 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Union's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Council with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCORD (CONTINUED)

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Council is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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

- the information given in the Council's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Council's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Union and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Council's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which our engagement 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
- certain disclosures of Council's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

ACCORD

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCORD (CONTINUED)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

As explained more fully in the Council's responsibilities statement set out on page 1, the Council 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 Council 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 Council is 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 Council either intends to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' 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 Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Discussions with and enquiries of management and those charged with governance were held with a view to identifying those laws and regulations that could be expected to have a material impact on the financial statements. During the engagement team briefing, the outcomes of these discussions and enquiries were shared with the team, as well as consideration as to where and how fraud may occur in the entity.

The following laws and regulations were identified as being of significance to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements include UK financial reporting standards and Tax and Pensions legislation.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the union and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include trade union legislation, operational requirements, health and safety legislation, employment law and data protection laws.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and those charged with governance as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence; review of Council minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCORD (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Union's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Union's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Union to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Union's members, as a body, in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit 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 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 the Union and the Union's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



WMT

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Verulam Point
Station Way
St Albans
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AL1 5HE

Date: 30 May 2022

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

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


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

Yes

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	
Name	WMT
Address	Verulam Point, Station Way, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 5HE
Date	31 May 2022
Contact name and telephone number	Elizabeth Irvine - 01727 838255

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?

N/a

If "No" Please explain below:

[Large greyed-out area for explanation]

Signature	
Name	
Office held	
Date	