#### Form AR21

#### **Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992**

#### **Annual Return for a Trade Union**

Name of Trade Union:	Association of Local Authority Chief Executives (ALACE)			
Year ended:	31 December 2023			
List no:	421-451			
Head or Main Office address:	12 Woodland Drive			
	Watford			
	Hertfordshire			
Postcode	WD17 3BX			
Website address (if available)	www.alace.org.uk			
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes No X ('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 Northern Irish Elsewhere Abroad Britain Ireland Republic (including Channel Islands)					6		
	382					382		
Total	382				А	382		

						Ch	annel Is	lands)		Totals	
	3	382									382
Total	3	382							Α		382
Number of	of members at end o	f year co	ntributing to the	Gene	ral Fund				I		382
Number of held:	of members included	l in totals	box 'A' above f	or who	om no home o	or author	ised add	dress is			None
			Chang	ge o	of Offic	ers					
Please c	omplete the followi	ing to re	cord any chan	ges of	officers dur	ing the t	welve r	months co	vere	d by this r	eturn
Po	osition Held		me of Officer	се		me of Appoint	ed	Da	ate o	f change	
	ether the union is:		···: - ··· • •		Vas			la V	1		
a. <i>P</i>	A branch of anothe	r trade u	inion?		Yes			lo X	<u> </u>		
lf	yes, state the nan	ne of tha	it other union:								
b. A	A federation of trad	e unions	s?		Yes		N	lo X			
	If yes, state the r	number	of affiliated un	ions:							
			and nai	mes:							

#### 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
Tracey Lee	Chairman 30/6/2021
Dave Perry	Vice Chairman 30/6/2021
lan Miller	Hon Secretary 30/6/2021
Michel Saminaden	Hon Treasurer 30/6/2021

#### **General Fund**

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income  From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions From Members: Other income from members (specify)		128,650
Additional Work  Contributions towards consultancy fees  Stripe contributions & Loyalty rewards		26,122 2,175 258
Total other income from members		28,555
Total of all income from members		157,205
Investment income (as at page 12)		2,284
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
Total of other income (as at page 4)		
Total income Interfund Transfers IN		159,489
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		63,510
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		62,605
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation Total expenditure		106 115
Total expenditure Interfund Transfers OUT		126,115
Surplus (deficit) for year		33,374
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		160,001
Amount of general fund at end of year		193,375

## 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	
Total other sources	
Total of all other income	

## Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

	(SCC HOLCS 2	,	£
Representation –		brought forward	
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
	43,255		10,029
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Education and Training services	
Communications			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		Non members benefits	10,226
carried forward	43,255	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	

Fund 2			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	ome as specified	
		Total Income	
	Inte	rfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Т	otal Expenditure	
	Interfu	nd Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (De	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at b	eginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	s Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributi	ng at end of year	

Fund	3		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	ome as specified	
		Total Income	
	Inte	rfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	1	Total Expenditure	
	Interfu	ind Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (De	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at b	peginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	s Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributi	ng at end of year	

Fund	4		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other in	come as specified	
		Total Income	
	In	terfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Inter	fund Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (I	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 contribu	ting at end of year	

Fund 5	ie.		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	ome as specified	
	Inte	rfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Interfu	ind Transfers OUT	
		,	
		eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at b	peginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	s Balance Sheet)	
		ı	
	Number of members contributi	ng at end of year	

6		Fund Account
	£	£
From members		
Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other income (specify)		
Total other i	ncome as specified	
	Total Income	
Ir	nterfund Transfers IN	
Benefits to members		
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure	
Inte	rfund Transfers OUT	
Surplus	Deficit) for the year	
	•	
Amount of fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sneet)	
Number of members contrib	uting at end of year	
	From members Investment income (as at page 12) Other income (specify)  Total other in  In  Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)  Inte  Surplus ( Amount of fund at the end of year	From members Investment income (as at page 12) Other income (specify)  Total other income as specified Total Income Interfund Transfers IN  Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)

Fund	7		Fund Accoun	
Name:		£	£	
ncome				
	From members			
	Investment income (as at page 12)			
	Other income (specify)			
	Total other	income as specified		
	Total Income			
		Interfund Transfers IN		
xpenditure			•	
	Benefits to members			
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
		Total Expenditure		
	Int	terfund Transfers OUT		
		( <b>-</b> (1) (1)	Г	
		(Deficit) for the year		
		at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year	ar (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contri	buting at end of year		

Fund	8		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other in	come as specified	
		Total Income	
	International	erfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure		,	
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Interf	und Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (D	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at	beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (	as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribute	ting at end of year	
	Humber of members continue	at end or year	

Fund 9	)		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other in	ncome as specified	
	In	terfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure	Benefits to members  Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Inter	fund 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 contribu	uting at end of year	

#### Political fund account

		(see notes 24 to 33)	£	£
Political fun	d account 1 To be con	npleted by trade unions which maintain their o	own political fund	
	Income	Members contributions and levies		
		Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)			
		Total oth	er income as specified	
			Total income	
		ion and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act olitical funds exceeds £2,000 during the perio		out in section (72) (1)
		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	
		S	urplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount of political fur	nd at beginning of year	
		Amount of political fund at the end of ye	ear (as <u>Balance Sheet</u> )	
		Number of members at end of year contribut	ing to the political fund	
		mber of members at end of the year not contribut	· ·	
Numi	ber of members at end of year who ha	ve completed an exemption notice and do not contri	bute to the political fund	
Political fun	d account 2 To be completed	by trade unions which act as components of	a central trade union	
Income	Contributions and levies collected fro	m members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central po	litical fund		
	Other income (specify)			
		_	Total other income a	as specified
			T	otal income
Expenditure				
	Expenditure under section 82 of the	Frade 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 fu	und at beginning of year	
		Amount rer	mitted to central political	
		Amount held on behalf of central poli	· •	
		Number of members at end of year contribu		
		Number of members at end of the year not contribu	uting to the political fund	
Number of mei	mbers at end of year who have comple	eted an exemption notice and do not therefore contri	bute 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.

Total		
Name of political party in relation to which money was expended	Total amount spent during the period £	
Contribution to the funds of, or on the payment of expenses incurred directly or indirectly by a political party		

#### Political fund account expenditure (b)

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 of money on the provision of any services or property for use by or on behalf of any political party

Name of political party to which payment was made

Total amount paid during the period

£

**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))	£
		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 maintaince of any holder of political office		
Name of office holder	£	
Total		

#### Political fund account expenditure (e)

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.

The expenditure of money on the holding of any conference or meeting by or on behalf of a political party or of any other meeting the main purpose of which is the transaction of business in connection with a political party		
Name of political party	£	
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 pursuade 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	£
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	on is-	
(a) the nature of each cause or campaign for which money was expended, and the total amount expended in relation to each one		£
	<u> </u>	
Total expen	diture	
(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 expen	diture	
(c) the total amount of all other money expended		£
Total expen	diture	
Total of all expendi	turos	

# 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	
Salaries and Wages included in above  Auditors' fees	2,500
Legal and Professional fees	_,
Occupancy costs	
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	
Expenses of conferences	44
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Branch contributions	2,494
Administrative support	44,000
Accountancy	5,000
Insurances	1,031
Website development & hosting	2,534
Bank charges	450
Stripe fees	1,432
Members' subs written off	410
Certification Office fee	2,039
Sundry expenses	2,039
Other Outgoings	231
Taxation	434
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
tretert	
Total	62,605
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	62,605
Total	62,605

#### Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

(see notes 36 to 46 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I. contributions		Benefits	Total
			Pension Contributions	Other Benefits	
				Description Value	
	£	£	£	£	£

#### **Analysis of investment income**

(see notes 47 and 48)

		Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings Dividends (gross) from: Equities (e.g. shares) Interest (gross) from: Government securities (Gilts) Mortgages Local Authority Bonds Bank and Building Societies				2,284
Other investment income (specify)				
				2,284
		Total i	nvestment income	2,284
	Credited to:		eral Fund (Page 3) Political Fund	
		Total	Investment Funds	2 204
		างเลเ	mivesument Funds	2,284

#### Balance sheet as at

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year		£	£
	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
4,137	Sundry debtors		13,878
203,726	Cash at bank and in hand		220,332
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Cutors (speedify)		
207,863	Total of other assets		234,210
207,863		Total assets	234,210
160,001	General fund (page 3)		193,375
100,001	General rana (page 3)		100,070
		1	
	Political Fund Account		
	Folitical Fully Account		
	Liabilities	1	
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund	1	
22.2	·		
£39	Taxation		434
£47,823	Accrued expenses		40,401
£47,862 £207,863		Total liabilities Total assets	40,835 234,210

#### **Fixed assets account**

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Freehold £	Buildings Leasehold £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year						
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year						
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year						
Charges for year						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year						
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of previous year						

## Analysis of investments (see notes 58 and 59)

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

# 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	No X
If YES name the relevant companies:			
Company name			mber (if not registered e where registered)
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?  If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.		Yes	No
Company name	Names c	f shareholders	

#### **Summary sheet**

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	157,205		157,205
From Investments	2,284		2,284
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income	159,489		159,489
<b>Expenditure</b> (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	126,115		126,115
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	160,001 193,375		160,001 193,375
	Fixed Assets Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		234,210
		Total Assets	234,210
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	40,835
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Lial	bilities)		193,375

## 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 Lial	bilities)		

(see notes 74 to 80)

(see notes 74 to 60)
Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?
If Yes How many ballots were held:
For each ballot held please complete the information below:
Ballot 1 Number of individual who were entitled to yet a in the hallot
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
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
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 2
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
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
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 3
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
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned3
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 & 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			
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question			
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned [] <sup>3</sup>			
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			
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			
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question			
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 3			
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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)

B: engagement or non-engagement, or termination or suspension of employment or the duties of

C: allocation of work or the duties of employment between workers or groups of workers;

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

Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute

D: matters of discipline;

4. Nature of industrial action.

employment, of one or more workers;

#### E: a worker's membership or non-membership of a trade union; F: facilities for officials of trade unions; G: machinery for negotiation or consulation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters, including the recognition by employers or employers' associations of theright of a trade union to represent workers in such negotiation or consulation 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: Α В С D 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: В С D Ε G Α 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: С Ε 2. Dates of the industrial action taken: 3. Number of days 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:
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:
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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:
2. Dates of the industrial action taken:  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:
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.

Refer to enclosed financial statements	

# ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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## ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The ALACE Council present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **ACTIVITY AND RESULTS**

The outturn figures for the year 2023 show that a surplus of £33,374 (2022: £21,063) was made in the year. The reserves stand at £193,375 on  $31^{st}$  December 2023 (2022: £160,001). I have summarised below the main differences in expenditure and income from the previous year.

- Membership Subscriptions increased by £7.3K
- Bank Interest increased by £2k
- Payments by members for additional work decreased by £9.4K
- Consultants Costs decreased by £13.7K (analysed below)
- Solicitor's/Professional Fees decreased by £1.3k
- STRIPE Costs increased by £0.5k
- Scottish Branch Contribution increased by £0.5k
- Certification Office Fee new charge £2k

During 2023 there were 95 new joiners (81 annual subscribers and 14 two-year discounters). All new members are now using the online STRIPE facility to join. On the other hand, we also had 87 members who left during 2023 and 2 members who changed their subscription from full member to retired member.

In terms of expenditure, the consultants' costs continue to be one of our two major items (the Plymouth contract being the other), therefore it is imperative that we keep these costs under tight control as they represent such a large proportion of our total expenditure. During the year we employed two new consultants and lost the services of three long standing consultants, including the pensions consultant, all of which have impacted on the charges for the year.

#### COUNCIL

The members of the Council during the year were as follows:

Tracey Lee (Chair) David Perry (Vice Chair)
Ian Miller (Honorary Secretary) Michel Saminaden (Honorary Treasurer) Nicola Beach Karen Bradford Dan Gascoyne Steve Riley Duncan Sharkev Dan Swaine Rachael Shimmin Cath Shaw John Hewitt Pervinder Sandhu Jim Savege Peter Hessett **Rob Thomas** Lee Harris Pat Flaherty Scott Crudgington

# ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### STATEMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

The members of the council are responsible for preparing accounts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and for appointing an auditor to audit those accounts. Section 28 of The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires that a trade union shall –

- (a) cause to be kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities, and
- (b) establish and maintain a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances.

Proper accounting records shall not be taken to be kept with respect to the matters mentioned in subsection (a) unless there are kept such records as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the trade union and to explain its transactions.

Section 32 then provides that the Trade Union shall prepare an annual return, a form AR21, that contains the following accounts:

(a)

- (i) revenue accounts indicating the income and expenditure of the trade union for the period to which the return relates,
- (ii) a balance sheet as at the end of that period, and
- (iii) such other accounts as the Certification Officer may require, each of which must give a true and fair view of the matters to which it relates,
- (b) a copy of the report made by the auditor or auditors of the trade union on those accounts and such other documents relating to those accounts and such further particulars as the Certification Officer may require.

#### STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURES TO AUDITORS

So far as the Committee are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trade Union's auditors are unaware, and each committee member has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **APPROVAL**

This Report was approved by the Council on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf.

M Saminaden

(Honorary Treasurer)

Michal Guiroda

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

#### ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE)

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the ALACE (The "Union") for the period ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 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 2023 and of its results for the period then ended; and
- •have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and •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.

#### **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 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 audit 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 12 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.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Council are 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.

#### 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 financial report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters to which the *Trade Union and Labour Relations* (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the *Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act* 1993 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Union, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Union has not maintained a satisfactory system of controls over transactions; or
- •the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE)

• we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Council

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Council's Responsibilities, 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 members 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

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.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Union through discussions with council members and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector in which the union operates:
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the union, including the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, UK accounting and taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery and employment law.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Union's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with the Certification Office and any other relevant regulators as required.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE)

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Councils website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Union's members, as a body, in accordance with the provisions 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 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's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

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THP Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 34-40 High Street Wanstead London E11 2RJ

11 March 2024

# ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE) SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions	163,710	144,075
Subscriptions in relation to later years	(35,060)	(22,755)
Stripe contribution & Loyalty rewards	258	258
Bank interest	2,284	208
Sundry income	2,175	1,800
Additional Work	26,122	35,559
	159,489	159,145
EXPENDITURE		
Accountancy assistance	5,000	5,000
Plymouth consultancy	44,000	44,001
Stripe costs	1,432	978
Consultant's fees and expenses	63,510	77,283
Solicitors/Professional fees	, <u>-</u>	1,340
Scottish branch contribution	2,494	1,950
Room Hire/Conference expenses	44	· -
Audit fee	2,500	2,608
Insurance	1,031	1,002
Taxation/fees	434	39
Members' Subs written off	410	1,025
Website costs	2,534	2,412
Bank charges	450	444
Certification Office fee	2,039	-
Sundry expenses	237	-
	126,115	138,082
Surplus for the period	33,374	21,063

The notes form part of these financial statements.

# ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE) BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
ASSETS Debtors	12,378	4,137
Local Authority Contribution	1,500	4,137
Business tracker account	207,852	194,568
Current account	12,480	9,158
	234,210	207,863
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	38,335	45,362
Provision for audit fees	2,500	2,500
	40,835	47,862
NET ASSETS	193,375	160,001
RESERVES		
Accumulated funds brought forward	160,001	138,938
Surplus for the year	33,374	21,063
	193,375	160,001

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf.

M Saminaden Honorary Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements.

# ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVES (ALACE) NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

ALACE is a trade union within the Trade Union and Employer Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

The functional and presentation currency is Pound Sterling (£).

#### 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities".

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements and going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Income Recognition**

Income is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable, net of any discounts.

Subscription income is recognised in the period to which it relates and income received in advance is deferred on the balance sheet at year end.

All other income is recognised on a receivable basis.

#### Creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as accrued expenses.

#### **Provisions for liabilities**

Provisions are recognised when there is a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the trade union will be required to settle that obligation and, a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

## **Accounting policies**

(see notes 84 and 85)

Refer to enclosed financial statements		

# 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:	IRMiller	Chairman's Signature:	Míchel Saminaden (Hon Treasurer)
			(or other official whose position should be stated)
Name:	lan Miller	Name:	Michel Saminaden
Date:	25 March 2024	Date:	25 March 2024

### **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	x	No	
Has the list of officers in post been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	x	No	
Has the return been signed? (see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes	x	No	
Has the audtor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	х	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	x	No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	Enclosed	x	To follow	
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	x	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	х	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.

th	In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are containents return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they related? (See section 36(1) and (2) 392 Act and notes 92 and 93)
ΡI	lease explain in your report overleaf or attached.
	. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of t 992 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 hold and all its receipts and remittances. (See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in note 92)
Ы	lease explain in your report overleaf or attached
3.	. Your auditors or auditor must include in their report the following wording:
ln	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 nd 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

#### **Auditor's report (continued)**

Refer to enclosed financial statements		
Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	L\	
	JHP Limited	
Name(s):	THP Limited	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors	
Address (so)		
Address(es):	34 - 40 High Streed	
	Wanstead	
	London	
Destarda	E11 2D I	
Postcode	E11 2RJ	
Date	26 March 2024	
Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:	Shahid Hameed - 020 89895147	

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?

#### 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
- state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.

## Membership audit certificate (continued)

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

## Membership audit certificate

### Section two

For a trade union with no audit relates.	more than 10,000 members at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this			
its duty to compile	r knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with and maintain a register of the names and addresses of it members and secured, so y practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?			
Yes				
If "No" Please exp	If "No" Please explain below:			
Signature	Milel Friede			
Name	Michel Saminaden			
Office held	Honorary Treasurer			
Date	25-Mar-24			



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