



STATEMENT TO MEMBERS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNIONS  
ANNUAL RETURN FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023  
AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 32A OF THE TRADE UNION AND LABOUR RELATIONS (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1992

**Income and Expenditure**

The total income of the union for the period was £76,915. This amount included payments of £76,915, in respect of membership income of the union. The union's total expenditure was £57,924.

**Political Fund**

Skyshare does not operate a political fund.

**Salary paid to and other benefits provided to the General Secretary, Chairman and Executive members**

The General Secretary, Chairman and Executive members were not paid any amount in respect of salary or benefits during the period.

**Statutory Statement**

We are required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 as amended by the Employment Relations Act 1999 to include the following statement in this circular to all members. The wording is as prescribed by the Act:

*"A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or may have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union, may take steps with a view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.*

*The member may raise any such concern with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it; with the officials of the union, the Trustees of the property of the union, the auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.*

*Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of the rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining legal advice."*

**Auditor's report**

The financial statements of Skyshare for the year ended 31st December 2023 were audited by TC Group.

The full text of the Auditors' Report made in respect of those financial statements and included in the annual returns made by the Association to the Certification Officer for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations for the year ended 31 December 2023 was as follows:

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SKYSHARE****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Skyshare ("the Union") for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the General Fund Income Statement, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 transactions for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.



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**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Officer'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The Officers are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

- proper accounting records have not been kept by the Union in accordance with section 28 of the Act;
- a satisfactory system of control over its accounting records, cash holdings and receipts and remittances has not been maintained in accordance with section 28 of the Act;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of Officers**

The Officers are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Officers are responsible for assessing the Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the officers either intend to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 33 of the Act and report in accordance with section 36 of the Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



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Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council’s website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor’s report.

**Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the union operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (“the Act”). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the Union’s ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Union for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were the Act, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation, Environmental protection legislation, Health and safety legislation, taxation legislation and employment legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Executive’s and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to Union’s members as a body. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Union’s members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor’s report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Union and the Union’s members as a body, for our audit work, or for the opinion we have formed.

Signed by:

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