# Form AR21

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

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

Name of Trade Union:	BAKERS, FOOD & ALLIED WORKERS		
Year ended:	31st DECEMBER 2023		
List no:	55T		
Head or Main Office address:	STANBOROUGH HOUSE		
	GREAT NORTH ROAD		
	STANBOROUGH		
	WELWYN GARDEN CITY		
	HERTFORDSHIRE		
Postcode	AL8 7TA		
Website address (if available)	www.bfawu.org		
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 Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)		Totals
	13,999	378				14,377
Total	13,999	378			Α	14,377

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

14,377

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

207

# **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
Executive Council			
Member - Youth Rep	Mr Lee Burns	Mr Curtis Tierney	07.06.23
Executive Council			
member Region 1	Mr Pat Kelly	Mr Peter Pyne	07.06.23
Executive Council	·		
Member - Region 2	Mr Nick Mead	Mr Tony Mansell	07.06.23
Executive Council			
member Region 3		Mr Michael Blundred	07.06.23
Executive Council			
Member - Region 4	Mr Sean Welsby		07.06.23
Executive Council	IVIS FAUIIIIE IVICCALITY ATIO	IVII David Lawrence and	
Member - Region 5	Mr Joe Knapper	Mr Sean Molloy	07.06.24

State	whether the union is.	
a.	A branch of another trade union?	Yes No X
	If yes, state the name of that other union:	
b.	A federation of trade unions?	Yes No X
	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
Ms Sarah Woolley	General Secretary - 01.05.20
Mr Ian Hodson	National President - 01.01.19
Ms Rachel Mullen	Executive Council member Female Rep 07.06.23
Mr Curtis Tierney	Executive Council member Youth Rep 07.06.23
Mr Peter Pyne	Executive Council member Region 1 07.06.23
Mr Tony Mansell	Executive Council member Region 2 07.06.23
Mr Dumitru Manole	Executive Council member Region 3 07.06.23
Mr Michael Blundred	Executive Council member Region 3 07.06.23
Mrs John Owens	Executive Council member Region 4 07.06.23
Mr David Lawrence	Executive Council member Region 5 07.06.23
Mr Sean Molloy	Executive Council member Region 5 07.06.23
Mr Kevin Flood	Executive Council member Region 7 07.06.23

# **General Fund**

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		0.040.400
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions From Members: Other income from members (specify)		2,342,123
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Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		2,342,123
Investment income (as at page 12)		2,743
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	495,302	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		495,302
Total income		2,840,168
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		103,781
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		2,519,923
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
IUF UITA IUL and EFFATT		31,638
G. F. T. U.		17,824
Trade Union Congress fees Sundry affiliation fees		49,446 5,581
		3,33 .
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		104,489
Taxation		
Total expenditure Interfund Transfers OUT		2,728,193
Surplus (deficit) for year		111,975
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		1,235,850
Amount of general fund at end of year		1,347,825
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# 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 bo	dies
Any Other Sources	
VAT Recoveries (Loss)/Profit on disposal of investments (Loss)/Profit on disposal of motor vehicles (Loss)/Profit on disposal of freehold property Increase/(Decrease) in market value of investments Investment income Interest received Administration charge - political fund Sundry commissions and other income	37,849 -15,518 -20,000 392,172 62,215 16,670 1,882 20,000 32
Total other soul	rces 495,302
Total of all other inco	ome 495,302

# Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

	(See Hotes A	,	£
Representation –		brought forward	59,537
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Legal defence costs incurred	35,222		
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Education and Training services	
		Training	2,868
		Health and Safety	5,262
Communications			
"Foodworker" printing and distribution	24,315		
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dianuta Danefita			
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		Sickness benefits	20,201
		Sundry grants	10,228
		Funeral grants	2,475
		Free Card grants	3,150
		Unemployment benefits	60
carried forward	59,537	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	103,781

Fund	Fund 2 Fund Account				
Name:	BENEVOLENT FUND	£	£		
Income					
	From members		5,106		
	Investment income (as at page 12)				
	Other income (specify)				
	Total other in	come as specified			
		Total Income	5,106		
	In	terfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure					
	Benefits to members		3,679		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		391		
		Total Expenditure	4,070		
	Inter	fund Transfers OUT			
	Surplus (I	Deficit) for the year	1,036		
	Amount of fund at	beginning of year	21,107		
	Amount of fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	22,143		
	Number of members contribu	ting at end of year	4,271		

Fund	3		Fund Account
Name:	NORTH EASTERN SOCIAL FUND	£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other i	ncome as specified	
		Total Income	
	lr	nterfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		70
		Total Expenditure	
	Inte	rfund Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (	Deficit) for the year	-70
	Amount of fund a	t beginning of year	2,197
	Amount of fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	2,127
	Number of members contrib	uting at end of year	

Fund	Fund 4 Fund Account				
Name:	PENSION FUND	£	£		
Income					
	From members				
	Investment income (as at page 12)				
	Other income (specify)				
	Total other in	come as specified			
	i otal otilot ii	Total Income			
	In	terfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure					
	Benefits to members				
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		53,000		
		Total Expenditure	53,000		
	Inter	fund Transfers OUT			
	Surplus (	Deficit) for the year	-53,000		
	Amount of fund a	t beginning of year	-3,168,000		
	Amount of fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	-3,221,000		
	Number of members contribu	iting at end of year			

Fund	5		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	lı .	nterfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure		<u> </u>	
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Inte	rfund Transfers OUT	
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		Deficit) for the year	
		nt beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	
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	Number of members contrib	uting at end of year	

Fund 6			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	ome as specified	
		Total Income	
	Inte	erfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure		·	
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	٦	Total Expenditure	
	Interfu	ınd Transfers OUT	
		-	
	Surplus (De	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at I	beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	s Balance Sheet)	
		P	
	Number of members contribut	ing at end of year	

Fund	7		Fund Account	
Name:	£			
Income				
	From members			
	Investment income (as at page 12)			
	Other income (specify)			
	Total other	income as specified		
		Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure		•		
	Benefits to members			
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
		Total Expenditure		
	Inte	erfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus	(Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund	at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of yea	r (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contrib	outing at end of vear		

Fund 8			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	come as specified	
		Total Income	
	Inte	erfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	•	Total Expenditure	
	Interfe	und Transfers OUT	
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	Surplus (D	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at	beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	as Balance Sheet)	
		-	
	Number of members contribut	ing at end of year	

Fund 9			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	come as specified	
		Total Income	
	Inte	erfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Interfe	und Transfers OUT	
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		eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at	beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	as Balance Sheet)	
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	Number of members contribut	ing at end of year	

### Political fund account

		(see notes 24 to 33)	£	£
Political fur	nd account 1 To be co	mpleted by trade unions which maintain their	own political fund	
	Income	Members contributions and levies Investment income (as at page 12)		26,493
	Other income (specify)	(as at page 12)		
	Care: moenie (cpcc.i)			
		Total oth	ner income as specified	
			Total income	26,493
		ion and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act political funds exceeds £2,000 during the perio		
		Expenditure A (as at page i)		1,875
		Expenditure B (as at page ii)	•	
		Expenditure C (as at page iii)	•	
		Expenditure D (as at page iv)	-	
		Expenditure E (as at page v)	ļ	2,294
		Expenditure F (as at page vi)	ļ	, , , , ,
		Non-political expenditure (as at page vii)	-	20,000
			Total expenditure	24,169
		S	Surplus (deficit) for year	2,324
		Amount of political fu	nd at beginning of year	17,810
		Amount of political fund at the end of y	ear (as <u>Balance Sheet</u> )	20,134
		Number of members at end of year contribu	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	13,227
	Ni	umber of members at end of the year not contribu	- ·	1,150
Num		ave completed an exemption notice and do not contr		2
Political fui	nd account 2 To be completed	by trade unions which act as components of	a central trade union	
Income	Contributions and levies collected fro	om members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central po	•		
	Other income (specify)			
	Cities indefine (appearly)			
			Total other income a	s specified
				otal income
Expenditure				
	Expenditure under section 82 of the	Trade Union and Lahour Relations		
	·	Trade Smort and Easter Relations		
	(Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)			
	·	connection with political objects(specify)		
	Non-political expenditure			
			Total expenditure	
			Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political f		
			mitted to central political	
		Amount held on behalf of central po	· •	
		Number of members at end of year contrib	-	
		Number of members at end of the year not contrib	uting to the political fund	
Number of me	embers at end of year who have compl	eted an exemption notice and do not therefore contr	ibute to the political fund	
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### 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

Labour Party

1,875

Labour Party

1,875

## 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

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	£	
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### 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	£
	_
Labour Party	2,294
Total	2,294

### 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

to vote for a political party of carriduate			
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 informat	ion is-		
(a) the nature of each cause or campaign for which money was expended, and the total amount expended in relation to each one			£
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Total exper	nditure		
(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			£
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Total exper	nditure		
(c) the total amount of all other money expended		-	£
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Total exper	nditure		20,000
Total of all expend	itures	Г	20,000

# 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		1,379,695
Salaries and Wages included in above	970,097	
Auditors' fees		60,295
Legal and Professional fees		47,172
Occupancy costs		185,034
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		39,503
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		221,930
Expenses of conferences		80,819
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Computer and website expenses		145,650
Branch secretaries		88,628
Collectors Commission		58,775
Office Cleaning and Sundry		12,082
Investor Manager Charges		17,145
Promotion		2,333
Charitable Donations		300
Other Outgoings		
Interest Payable		14,538
Depreciation		11,097
VAT		121,101
Movement in defined benefit pension liability		53,000
Corporation tax		34,287
Oorporation tax		54,207
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Outgoings on rand and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
	Total	2,573,384
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	
	BENEVOLENT FUND	391
	NORTH EASTERN SOCIAL FUND	70
	PENSION FUND	53,000
	Total	2,573,384

# Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits (see notes 36 to 46 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I.		Benefits		Total
		contributions	Pension Contributions	Other Benefits		
	£	£	£	Description	Value £	£
General Secretary	53,136	6,027	11,043	Car & Medical	9,237	79,443
National President	53,136	6,027	11,043	Car & Medical	10,419	80,625

# Analysis of investment income (see notes 47 and 48)

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# Balance sheet as at

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year	(666 1.666 1.6 66 2)	£	£
59,843	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		40,560
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
1,083,522	Quoted (Market value £ (		1,131,627
300	Unquoted		300
	Total Investments		1,131,927
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
156,553	Sundry debtors		252,311
128,624	Cash at bank and in hand		137,093
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
43,408	Contributions Receivable		41,065
	Total of other assets		430,469
		Total assets	1,602,956
1,235,850	General fund (page 3)		1,347,825
21,107	BENEVOLENT FUND		22,143
2,197	NORTH EASTERN SOCIAL FUND		2,127
-3,168,000	PENSION FUND		-3,221,000
17,810	Political Fund Account		20,134
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
£195,286	Sundry creditors		210,727
£3,168,000	Provisions - pension scheme deficit		3,221,000
		Total liabilities	3,431,727

# **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	211,611	33,884	53,472			298,967
Additions			16,354	23,950		40,304
Disposals	-76,488			-23,950		-100,438
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	135,123	33,884	69,826			238,833
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year	162,114	32,191	44,819			239,124
Charges for year		847	10,251			11,098
Disposals	-51,949					-51,949
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	110,165	33,038	55,070			198,273
Net book value at end of year	24,958	846	14,756			40,560
<u> </u>						
Net book value at end of previous year	49,497	1,693	8,653			59,843

# Analysis of investments (see notes 58 and 59)

_	(See Hotes 30 and 39)		5 5
Quoted		All Funds Except	Political Fund
		Political Funds	_
		£	£
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	001 1 1 10 10 10 10		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	City Asset Managed Funds	1,131,627	
	Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)	1,131,627	
	Market Value of Quoted Investment	1,101,021	
	Market value of Quoted investment		
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Unquoted	Equities		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Covernment descurines (Cinto)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
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	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	Unquoted Loans	300	
	Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	300	
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments		
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# 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?  If YES name the relevant companies:		Yes	No X
Company name			nber (if not 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 x
Company name	Names o	f shareholders	

# Summary sheet (see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	2,347,229	26,493	2,373,722
From Investments	2,743		2,743
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	495,302		495,302
Total Income	2,845,274	26,493	2,871,767
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	2,785,333	24,169	2,809,502
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves) Assets	-1,908,846 -1,848,905	17,810 20,134	-1,891,036 -1,828,771
Assets	Fixed Assets		40,560
	Investment Assets	•	1,131,927
	Other Assets		430,469
		Total Assets	1,602,956
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	3,431,727

# **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 Liab	oilities)		

(see notes 74 to 80)

Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return per	iod?	Yes	
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 vote in the ballot 201			
Number of votes cast in the ballot			
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 161			
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question			
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned			
1-3	should total "	Number of votes ca	ast"
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	Yes		
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	No		
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least	10% of the number	er of individuals who w	vere
entitled to vote in the ballot	+0 % Of the fluirible	ei oi ilidividuais who w	/ele
Ballot 2			
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot 308			
Number of votes cast in the ballot			
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 154			
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question 6 2			
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 1			
1.3	should total "	Number of votes ca	ast"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals		rumber of votes of	uot
who were entitled to vote in the ballot	Yes		
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	No		
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least entitled to vote in the ballot	40% of the number	er of individuals who w	vere
Ballot 3  Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot 101			
Number of votes cast in the ballot 60			
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 49 1			
No. 1. Company of the second o			
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned3			
1-3	should total "	Number of votes ca	ast"
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	Yes		
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	No		
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least entitled to vote in the ballot	40% of the number	er of individuals who w	vere

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

Dallat 4
Ballot 4 Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot 61
Number of votes cast in the ballot 61
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 58 1
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question 3 <sup>2</sup>
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
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 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 2
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 and Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Ballots & 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;

E: a worker's membership or non-membership of a trade union;

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

G: machinery for negotiation or consulation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters,

Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute

D: matters of discipline;

employment, of one or more workers;

F: facilities for officials of trade unions;

	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
	Yes
	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	Y B C D E F G
	2. Dates of the industrial action taken: 30.05.23 - 01.06.23 & to 03.06.23 - 05.06.23
	3. Number of days of industrial action: 4
	4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action
	Industrial Action 2
	1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:
Α	B C D E F G
	2. Dates of the industrial action taken:
	Dates of the industrial action taken:      Number of days of industrial action:
	4. Nature of industrial action.
	Industrial Action 3
	please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:
Α	B C D E F G
- •	
	2. Dates of the industrial action taken:
	Number of days of industrial action:     Nature of industrial action.
	use a continuation page if necessary

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Industrial Action 4
1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:
A
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:
A
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:
3. Number of days of industrial action:
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
2. Dates of the industrial action taken:
3. Number of days of industrial action:
4. Nature of industrial action.

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

### Notes to the accounts

(see notes 82 and 83)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

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#### 1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with the items that are considered material in relation to the Union's accounts.

- The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.
- b) Income and Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis, provision being made for contributions receivable for the period to 31st December, but not received by the year end and also for other accrued income and expenditure.
- c) Fixed assets are depreciated down to their residual value over their estimated useful life as follows:

Freehold property Fifty years from the date of purchase or valuation

Leasehold property Forty years
Motor cars Two years

Office and computer equipment Two and a half years

- d) Investments (Fixed asset investments) in listed company shares are remeasured to market value at each Balance Sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the income and expenditure account for the period.
- e) Pension costs (see note 6)
- f) Operating lease rentals are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.
- g) Legal income is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Legal income is recognised in the period in which the legal defence and compensation claims are settled in the Union's favour, only at this stage can income be reliably measured. The Union accounts for costs and disbursements as incurred and for refunded disbursements as received.
- h) Government Grants received are netted off against the direct expenditure incurred on each of the projects. In the case of the Union Learning Fund, a grant has been provided to cover the full cost of the project.
- i) Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities.

### 2. Fixed Assets

All freehold property is stated at cost less depreciation to date.

Movements on fixed assets are disclosed in Schedule IV.

### 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that can affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities, and the results for the year. The nature of estimation is such though that actual outcomes could differ significantly from those estimates.

The following judgements have had the most significant impact on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

### Pension Scheme

Values are determined using the actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation involves making assumptions about discount rates, future salary increases, mortality rates and future pension increases are used in calculating scheme assets and liabilities. Due to the complexity of the valuation, the underlying assumptions and the long term nature of these plans, such estimates are subject to significant uncertainty. After taking appropriate professional advice, management determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each reporting period. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows to be required to settle the pension obligations.

#### 4. Contingent Liabilities

As at the year end the Union was administering ongoing legal cases on behalf of its members. For cases lodged the Union may receive legal income in relation to cases with a successful outcome, and will incur legal costs in relation to the ongoing cases. Legal costs are recognised only when they can be reliably measured which is usually at the conclusion of each case. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the financial statements in respect of legal cases still in progress, as the outcome of such cases cannot be reliably predicted and the associated legal costs cannot be reliably measured.

### 5. Operating Lease Commitments

At the Financial year end, The Union had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023					
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Motor cars	Office equipment	Land and buildings	Motor cars	Office equipment	Land and buildings
Not later than one year One to two years Two to five years	76,496 39,059 8,311	23,996 23,583 17,688	9,414 9,414 4,707	71,098 50,173 12,737	24,063 23,583 41,271	5,339 - -
The charge against income for the year was	84,147	26,729	20,244	80,074	26,951	19,399

#### 6. Pension costs

The Union operates a UK registered trust-based pension scheme that provides defined benefits. For service up to 31 May 2011, pension benefits are linked to the members' final salaries and service up to 31 May 2011 (or date of leaving if earlier). From 1 June 2011, pension benefits are built up on a Career Averaged Revalued Earnings (CARE) basis, where benefits are linked to members' salaries in each year and increased to retirement broadly in line with inflation.

The Trustees are responsible for running the Scheme in accordance with the Scheme's Trust Deed and Rules, which sets out their powers. The Trustees of the Scheme are required to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the Scheme.

There are three categories of pension scheme members:

- · Active members: currently employed by the Union
- $\cdot$  Deferred members: former active members of the Union and not yet in receipt of a pension
- · Pensioner members: in receipt of pension.

The Trustees are required to carry out an actuarial valuation every 3 years.

An actuarial valuation of the Scheme was performed by the Scheme Actuary for the Trustees as at 31 December 2021. This valuation revealed a funding shortfall of £3,008,000. Following this valuation, the Union has agreed to pay annual contributions of 19.2% of members' pensionable salaries (less the member's contribution) with effect from 1 April 2023.

### 6. Pension costs (continued)

The Union has also agreed to pay contributions towards the funding shortfall in the Scheme, expenses and PPF levy of £268,000 per annum from 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2034.

The Union therefore expects to pay £401,000 to the Scheme during the accounting year beginning 1 January 2024.

The results for the most recent formal actuarial valuation as at 31 December 2021 have been updated to 31 December 2023 by a qualified independent actuary. The assumptions used were as follows:

Significant actuarial assumptions	Year ended 31/12/23 pa	Year ended 31/12/22 pa
Discount rate	4.60%	4.90%
Retail prices inflation (RPI)	3.05%	3.15%
Consumer prices inflation (CPI)	2.65%	2.70%
Other actuarial assumptions	2.65%	2.70%
Salary increases Pension increases:	2.03%	2.7070
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Post 88 GMP	2.30%	2.30%
Pre 1 June 2011	3.00%	3.10%
Post 31 May 2011	2.65%	2.70%
CARE revaluation:		
Active members	3.05%	3.15%
Deferred members	2.65%	2.70%
Revaluation of deferred pensions		
in excess of GMP	3.05%	3.15%

### Mortality assumptions

Description	Year ended 31/12/23	Year ended 31/12/22
- Mortality (pre-retirement)	As per post retirement	As per post retirement
- Mortality (post-retirement)	S3PA CMI 2022 [1%] (yob) rated	S3PA CMI 2021 [1%] (yob) rated up by
	up by one year	one year

### Life expectancies (in years)

	Year ended 31/12/23		Year ended 31/12/22	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
For an individual aged 65 at the year end	20.30	22.10	20.80	22.60
At age 65 for an individual aged 45 at the year end	21.20	23.20	21.70	23.70

### 6. Pension costs (continued)

### **Assets**

The fair value of the assets of the Scheme were:

Asset class	Year ended 31/12/23 Mkt value £'000	Year ended 31/12/22 Mkt value £'000
Equities/Growth Assets	2,717	2,885
Liability driven investments	1,654	1,426
Trustee bank account	7	49
Sundry debtors & creditors	40	32
Owed to the Union	(20)	(20)
Insured annuities	87	83
	4,485	4,455
The return on the asset was: Asset class	£'000	£'000
Interest income	213	125
Return on assets less interest income	41	(2,203)
Total return on assets	254	(2,078)

There have been no amendments, curtailments or settlements over the accounting period.

7. Reconciliation of Movement in Members' Funds	2023	2022
	£	£
Member's Funds Brought Forward	(1,891,036)	(2,393,820)
Surplus/(Deficit) on General Fund	111,975	(511,801)
Movement ((deficit)/surplus) on Pension Fund Reserve	(53,000)	1,011,000
(Deficit)/surplus on Political Fund	2,324	4,259
(Deficit)/Surplus on Benevolent Funds	1,036	(638)
(Deficit)/Surplus on North Eastern Social Fund	(70)	(36)
Member's Funds Carried Forward	(1,828,771)	(1,891,036)

# **Accounting policies**

(see notes 84 and 85)

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# 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:	
			(or other official whose position should be stated)
Name:	Sarah Woolley	Name:	lan Hodson
Date:	31 May 2024	Date:	31 May 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	х	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		To follow	X
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	х	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	X	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.

1992 A	rn give a true and fair view of the matters to which they related? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the tand notes 92 and 93)
Please	explain in your report overleaf or attached.
	the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the ction and has:
a. ke	ept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
	stablished and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash hold 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. You	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.
	been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the sections 28, 32 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

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

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED		
Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	Kreston Reeves LLP	
	Kreston Keeves het	
	<u> </u>	
Name(s):	Kreston Reeves LLP	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Statutory Auditors and Chartered	
rolession(s) or calling(s).	Accountants	
Address(es):	Springfield House	
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	Horsham	
	West Sussex	
Postcode	RH12 2RG	
Date	31/05/2024	
Contact name for inquiries and telephone	01403 253282	
number:		

N.B. When notes to the account are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BAKERS, FOOD & ALLIED WORKERS' UNION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 15 of Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (the 'Union') for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (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 executive 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 executive council with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The Executive Council are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report of the Executive Council, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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 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 Executive Council's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992 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 within the form AR21 of Officers' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BAKERS, FOOD & ALLIED WORKERS' UNION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### **Responsibilities of Executive Council**

As explained more fully in the Executive Council's responsibilities statement on page 16, the Executive Council 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 Executive Council 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 Executive Council 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 Executive Council either intend 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 extend to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the Trade Union and through discussion with the executive council and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to GDPR and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Trade Union Act 2016 and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended). We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase income or reduce expenditure and management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud, and review of the reports made by management; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements forming the bases of significant accounting estimates; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with relevant tax and regulatory authorities; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Obtaining a bank audit letter at the reporting date to verify the cash at bank balances; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BAKERS, FOOD & ALLIED WORKERS' UNION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

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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 on 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 Executive Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Executive 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 auditor's 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 auditor's 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 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.

Springfield House Springfield Road Horsham West Sussex, RH12 2RG

Kreston Reeves LLP
Chartered Accountants
& Statutory Auditors
Date: 31.05.2024

### Membership audit certificate

# made in accordance with section 24ZD of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

(See notes 97 to 103)

At the end of the reportign period proceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?

#### Yes

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 inforamation 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.

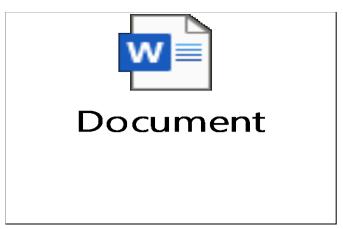
# Membership audit certificate (continued)

Signature of assurer	Kreston Reeves LLP
Name	Kreston Reeves LLP
Address	Springfield House, Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2RG
Date	31.05.24
Contact name and telephone number	01403 253282

# 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	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 practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?
Yes / No	
If "No" Please expl	ain below:
Signature	
Name	
Office held	
Date	



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