



**Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')**

**Report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 December 2015**

# Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')

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## **Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')**

**Year ended 31 December 2015**

### **Responsibilities of the Management Committee**

The Management Committee of the SDLP is required by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the SDLP and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the party will continue in business.

Section 41 of the Act requires that the Management Committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the SDLP and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act. The Management Committee are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the party and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')**

### **Report of the Auditors to the Management Committee of the Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')**

We have audited the financial statements of the Social Democratic and Labour Party for the year ended 31 December 2015 on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and auditors**

The responsibilities of the Management Committee for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Management Committee's Responsibilities on page 1.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Management Committee's Financial Review is not consistent with the financial statements, if the party has not kept proper accounting records or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have read the Report of the Party Officers and have considered whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We have considered the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies within the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

#### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Management Committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the party's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

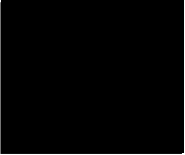
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the party's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

  
**Daly Park & Company Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors**



**27 June 2016**

**Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')**

**Income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 31 December 2015**

		2015	2014
	Notes	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Donations & fund-raising	2	314,714	194,232
Membership subscriptions, affiliation fees & services	3	42,709	51,388
Electoral Commission policy grant		135,749	148,106
Conference income		50,532	46,618
Other sundry income		-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>543,704</u>	<u>440,344</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Costs of fundraising		71,862	58,457
Campaign expenses		64,520	63,370
Running costs	5	412,146	238,344
Conferences		32,091	35,633
Interest payable		5,958	9,571
Bank charges		3,940	3,850
Depreciation		5,099	4,548
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		-	-
Other expenses		5,235	4,773
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>600,851</u>	<u>418,546</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year before taxation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(57,147)</b>	<b>21,798</b>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year after taxation</b>		<u><u>(57,147)</u></u>	<u><u>21,798</u></u>

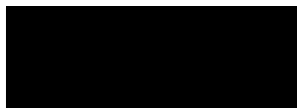
The notes on pages 7 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 December 2015**

		2015		2014	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		282,321		283,419
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	8	7,627		9,562	
Cash at bank and in hand		79,033		59,426	
		<u>86,660</u>		<u>68,988</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(239,195)</u>		<u>(159,095)</u>	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<u>(152,535)</u>		<u>(90,107)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			129,786		193,312
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	7		<u>(61,626)</u>		<u>(68,005)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>68,160</u></u>		<u><u>125,307</u></u>
<b>Financed by</b>					
<b>SDLP Capital Account</b>					
Revaluation reserve	8		157,435		157,435
Retained earnings	8		<u>(89,275)</u>		<u>(32,128)</u>
			<u><u>68,160</u></u>		<u><u>125,307</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the Management Committee of the Social Democratic and Labour Party on 27 June 2016 and were signed on its behalf by Gerry Cosgrove, the Authorised Treasurer.



**Gerry Cosgrove**  
**Authorised Treasurer**

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Cash flow statement  
for the year ended 31 December 2015**

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>				
<b>Operating loss</b>	(57,147)		21,798	
Depreciation & loss on disposal of assets	5,099		4,548	
Increase/(Decrease) in debtors	1,935		(1,054)	
Increase in trade creditors	55,710		-	
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>(19,982)</u>		<u>(25,257)</u>	
		(14,385)		35
<b>Application of cash</b>				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(4,001)</u>		<u>(824)</u>	
		(4,001)		(824)
<b>Net decrease in cash in the year</b>		<b>(18,386)</b>		<b>(789)</b>
Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at beginning of year		<u>(141,219)</u>		<u>(140,430)</u>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at end of year</b>		<b><u>(159,605)</u></b>		<b><u>(141,219)</u></b>
Consisting of:				
Cash at bank and in hand		79,033		59,426
Overdrafts		(166,809)		(122,437)
Loans		<u>(71,829)</u>		<u>(78,208)</u>
		<b><u>(159,605)</u></b>		<b><u>(141,219)</u></b>



## Social Democratic & Labour Party ('SDLP')

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1. Basis of preparation

The SDLP is not incorporated in law and is not bound by the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. The SDLP is required to prepare financial statements in accordance with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('PPERA'). Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Accounts Guidance Notes issued by the Electoral Commission.

The SDLP relies on donation income to meet a large proportion of its expenditure, including most of its non-recurring expenditure. Donation income is inherently unpredictable, but the Management Committee is hopeful that sufficient donations will be received to meet the needs of the SDLP.

Against this background, the Management Committee has reviewed the projected budgets for the SDLP for 2014 and is hopeful that sufficient donation income and other funding will be generated for it to meet its financial obligations and remain within its overdraft facility. On this basis, the Management Committee considers that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

##### 1.2. Income recognition

Donations and constituency income are recognised when received in the form of cash. Membership levies and affiliation fees are included when received. The SDLP does not have any trading activity. However, certain services are provided to elected representatives and these are charged at cost. Invoiced services are recognised within fund-raising income when the service is provided. Amounts receivable at the year end are recorded as trade debtors. Work carried out by the SDLP by volunteers who provide their own time free of charge is not treated as a donation-in-kind.

##### 1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and amounts payable at the year end is recorded as trade creditors.

##### 1.4. Tangible fixed assets

Properties are stated at cost or at valuation, where appropriate. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of these assets concerned, generally over 4 years for computers and 5 years for other office furniture and equipment. Depreciation is normally charged on a straight-line basis.

##### 1.5. Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account when incurred. Assets are not acquired under finance leases.

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**2. Subscriptions & donations**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations from individuals & cos. in Ireland & UK	185,685	75,819
Annual Draw	12,048	-
CS Fund	6,125	10,542
Fundraising Income	110,856	107,871
	<u>314,714</u>	<u>194,232</u>

**3. Membership subscriptions, affiliation fees & services**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership fees	24,082	23,667
Elected members' services	18,627	27,721
	<u>42,709</u>	<u>51,388</u>

**4. Campaign expenses**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Election campaigns	64,520	63,370
	<u>64,520</u>	<u>63,370</u>

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**5. Running costs**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
Organisational & Development Costs	27,079	-
Salaries & wages	151,633	159,689
Stationery & office expenses	16,443	17,498
Telecommunications & postage	4,195	7,264
Affiliation fees & subscriptions	9,820	6,150
Meetings & hospitality	9,745	5,786
Staff expenses, training & development	5,397	5,368
Insurance	8,881	8,518
Advertising & Media	326	347
Legal & Professional	15,000	-
Rent, rates & maintenance	7,785	5,067
Light, heat & power	5,435	5,546
Cleaning	786	1,310
Computer & office equipment maintenance	5,247	5,026
Audit & Accountancy	2,000	2,000
Consultancy fees	139,986	8,775
Bad debts	300	-
Profit/loss on exchange	2,088	-
	<u>412,146</u>	<u>238,344</u>

Staff costs consist of:-

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
Salaries & wages	134,700	141,386
Employers' national insurance	11,632	12,559
Staff pension costs	5,301	5,744
	<u>151,633</u>	<u>159,689</u>

**6. Surplus/(deficit) for the year before taxation**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
The surplus/(deficit) for the year is stated after charging:		
- auditors' remuneration	2,000	2,000
- depreciation	5,099	4,548
	<u>7,099</u>	<u>6,548</u>

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7. Tangible fixed assets	Adaptations to building £	Leasehold building £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost/revaluation</b>				
At 1 January 2015	22,534	275,000	115,863	413,397
Additions	-	-	4,001	4,001
At 31 December 2015	<u>22,534</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>119,864</u>	<u>417,398</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2015	22,534	-	107,444	129,978
Charge for the year	-	-	5,099	5,099
At 31 December 2015	<u>22,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,543</u>	<u>135,077</u>
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 December 2015	<u>-</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>7,321</u>	<u>282,321</u>
At 31 December 2014	<u>-</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>8,419</u>	<u>283,419</u>

8. Debtors	2015 £	2014 £
Sundry debtors	<u>7,627</u>	<u>9,562</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015 £	2014 £
Bank overdrafts	166,809	122,437
Bank loan	10,203	10,203
Trade creditors	55,710	-
Other taxes and social security costs	4,473	3,157
Expense accruals	2,000	23,298
	<u>239,195</u>	<u>159,095</u>

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
			£	£
	Bank loan		<u>61,626</u>	<u>68,005</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Reserves</b>			
		<b>Revaluation reserve</b>	<b>Profit and loss account</b>	
		£	£	
	<b>At 1 January 2015</b>	157,435	(32,128)	125,307
	Retained surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>          </u>	<u>(57,147)</u>	<u>(57,147)</u>
	<b>At 31 December 2015</b>	<u>157,435</u>	<u>(89,275)</u>	<u>68,160</u>

Reserves include a gain on the revaluation of the Party's headquarters at 121 Ormeau Road Belfast. The valuation was an external and professional valuation carried out by Hampton Estate Agents, [REDACTED] on 14th December 2010 whereby the property was uplifted in value to £275,000.

**12. Accounting units and similar affiliated organisations**

The SDLP is constituted under section 26 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 as a central organisation with accounting units. There are 20 accounting units in total. Details of these units are available from party headquarters.

**SDLP**

**REPORT TO ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015**



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## **Administrative Information**

### **Party Officers:**

Leader:	Colum Eastwood MLA
Deputy Leader:	Fearghal McKinney MLA
Chief Whip:	Sean Rogers MLA
Whip:	Pat Ramsey MLA
Chairperson:	Ronan McCay
Vice Chairpersons:	Roisin Lynch Gerald McDonald
International Secretary:	Naomh Gallagher
Hon. Treasurer	Joe Byrne
Registered Treasurer/ General Secretary	Gerry Cosgrove
Nominating Officer	Catherine Matthews

**Party Headquarters:** 121 Ormeau Road Belfast, BT7 1SH

### **Committees:**

Executive Committee:	Ronan McCay (chair)
General Purposes and Finance Committee:	Ronan McCay (chair)
Elections and Organisation Committee:	Roisin Lynch (chair)
Policy Committee:	Gerald McDonald (chair)
Parliamentary/Assembly Group:	Alban Maginness (chair)
Association of SDLP Councillors:	John Gallen (chair)
Youth Group:	Conal Browne (chair)
Women's Group:	Angela Dobbins (chair)

### **Elected Representatives**

#### **Members of the Legislative Assembly**

North Belfast:	Alban Maginness
South Belfast:	Fearghal McKinney Claire Hanna
West Belfast:	Alex Attwood
East Derry:	John Dallat
South Down:	Karen McKeivitt Sean Rogers
Foyle:	Mark H Durkan Colum Eastwood Pat Ramsey



Mid-Ulster:	Patsy McGlone
Newry and Armagh:	Dominic Bradley
Upper Bann:	Dolores Kelly
West Tyrone:	Joe Byrne

#### **Westminster MPs**

South Down:	Margaret Ritchie
Foyle:	Mark Durkan
South Belfast:	Alasdair McDonnell

#### **Local Government Councillors - elected May 2014**

**Antrim and Newtownabbey:** Thomas Burns, Roisin Lynch, Brian Duffin and Noreen McClelland.

**Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon:** Mealla Campbell, Thomas O'Hanlon, Seamus Doyle, Declan McAlinden, Sharon Haughey-Grimley and Joe Nelson.

**Belfast:** Donal Lyons, Tim Attwood, Declan Boyle, Patrick Convery, Brian Heading, Kate Mullan and Nichola Mallon.

**Causeway Coast and Glens:** Roisin Loftus, Orla Beattie, Maura Hickey, Stephanie Quigley, Gerard Mullan and Margaret Anne McKillop.

**Derry and Strabane:** Brian Tierney, Angela Dobbins, James McKeever, Hugh Hastings, Shauna Cusack, John Boyle, Patsy Kelly, Sean Carr, Gerard Diver and Martin Reilly.

**Fermanagh and Omagh:** Patricia Rogers, Richie McPhillips, John Coyle, Brendan Gallagher, Rosemarie Shields, Josephine Deehan, Joanne Donnelly and Mary McGarrity.

**Lisburn and Castlereagh:** Brian Hanvey, John Gallen and Pat Catney.

**Mid and East Antrim:** Declan O'Loan.

**Mid Ulster:** Martin Kearney, Sharon McAleer, Tony Quinn, Denise Mullen, Christine McFlynn and Malachy Quinn.

**Newry Mourne and Down:** Michael Carr, Gillian Fitzpatrick, Declan McAteer, Gareth Sharvin, Dermot Curran, Colin McGrath, Geraldine Donnelly, Kate Loughran, Gary Stokes, Terry Andrews, Mark Murnin, Brian Quinn and Laura Devlin.

**North Down and Ards:** Joe Boyle.

#### **Headquarters staff**

Gerry Cosgrove, General Secretary  
Ann McDonagh, Finance Officer  
Janine Irvine, Administrator  
Donal Lyons, Senior Policy Officer  
Caolan Ward, Policy Research Officer  
Nuala Meehan, Policy Research Officer

#### **Assembly staff**

Catherine Matthews, Parliamentary Assembly Group Manager  
Nicola McHugh, Senior Press Officer

Jayne McGlaughlin, Administrator  
Martin McAuley, Press Officer  
Niall McGourty, Press Officer

### **Accounting Units**

The Party has 20 accounting units registered with the Electoral Commission. There were no additions or deletions during the reporting period.

**Auditors:**     Daly, Park & Co  
                  Chartered Accountants



## Introduction

2015 marked a change for the Party with the election of a new Leader, Colum Eastwood and a new Deputy Leader, Fearghal McKinney at the Party Conference in November. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to our outgoing, Leader and Deputy Leader, Alasdair McDonnell and Dolores Kelly.

In November we saw the publication of the Fresh Start proposals from the DUP and Sinn Fein. We expressed grave concern that we were expected to sign up to these proposals when we were given a very short time to consider them in detail.

We made clear that the absence of comprehensive proposals on the Past, firm proposals to tackle criminality and paramilitarism, limited proposals on economic regeneration and returning power to a Conservative government to legislate for Northern Ireland on welfare gave rise to serious concerns on our part.

The SDLP went into the Talks to find solutions to the many problems facing us. We presented papers on all of these issues and some of our proposals were picked up. In responding to the proposals we clearly stated that we would affirm what was good and what is not good.

The SDLP remains committed to our core principles and we will work to make our vision of a *reconciled people living in a united, just and prosperous New Ireland* a reality.

## Elections

In the Westminster election the party ran candidates in all 18 constituencies and we would like to place on record our thanks to all our candidates. We returned our three MPs, Alasdair McDonnell, South Belfast, Margaret Ritchie, South Down and Mark Durkan, Foyle.

The party increased its actual vote to 99,809 13.90% compared to the Local Government election in 2014 when we got 85,237 (13.58).

Immediately after the Westminster election Alasdair McDonnell announced that he was stepping down from the Northern Ireland Assembly to concentrate on Westminster. The party invited applicants from across the party. Claire Hanna was duly selected and succeeded Alasdair as MLA for the South Belfast constituency.

Claire's move to the Assembly created a council vacancy in the Balmoral DEA and this vacancy was filled by Donal Lyons.

Directly after the Westminster elections we called for applicants to come forward for the Assembly elections scheduled for 5 May 2016. The party will be running candidates in all 18 constituencies. All applicants are required to complete an application form and to be interviewed. Those successful at interview then proceed to a constituency selection convention.

A number of sitting MLAs indicated that they would not be going forward for the 2016 elections, Joe Byrne - West Tyrone, John Dallat - East Derry, Dominic Bradley – Newry and Armagh.

This election will see a major change with a number of new people going forward as candidates. We will provide them with support and encouragement throughout the campaign.

The party held a series of meetings across the North which gave members and supporters the opportunity to feed in their views on the party and how we move forward in a changing society. It is essential that we listen to the membership and keep in contact with them and we will be holding further meetings in the coming year to update them on what we plan to do to renew and build the party.

### **Westminster Manifesto**

The Policy Unit with spokespersons, steered by the Election Directorate and members of the Policy Committee, drafted a manifesto which highlighted the core policy objectives of SDLP at both Westminster and Assembly levels. In the course of this work members of the Policy Committee engaged with a wide range of key stakeholders to provide the essential views and a sound basis for policies which were then integrated into the manifesto. Short briefings on policy topics were also provided for canvassers.

### **The European Union**

The Policy Committee considered a number of aspects of the upcoming EU referendum campaign. This included a discussion on the proposed wording of the referendum question, the potential timing and anticipated positions of other political forces within Northern Ireland.

The annual conference of the Party of European Socialists was attended by Dr. Alasdair McDonnell and Senior Policy Officer, Donal Lyons. The SDLP is a pro-European party and we will continue to foster stronger relationships with our allies in Europe and that both the PES and the SDLP will benefit as a result of this going forward.

The party is continuing to work to foster relationships in the United States. It is important that the SDLP continue to do what we can to build relationships with the American administration and elected representatives and stress the continuing role that we play as the consistent voice of reason and peace that has remained true to its values during the very best and worst of times. We risk the distortion and airbrushing of history if we do not speak up about the important role that we have and continue to play.

The next 12 to 18 months is absolutely vital for the SDLP as a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU is being put to the public. It is important that the SDLP play a key role in Britain and the island of Ireland by campaigning strongly to ensure that Britain remains a member of the European Union. Such an exit would create a physical border in places like Strabane, Belcoo, Belleek, Aughnacloy, Crossmaglen to name a few, a border which will limit

the free movement of goods, services and people, which will in turn harbour animosity and create further tensions.

The SDLP will work hand in hand with Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil, Irish Labour, British Labour, the Scottish National Party and the wider PES Group to ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach to remaining within the European Union. We must play our role as the traditional Pro European Union party in Northern Ireland and encourage every party member to support the party in its efforts in EU referendum campaign.

### **SDLP Youth**

SDLP Youth held a successful conference in Newry bringing in our new executive group and renewing the constitution of the youth group. They have been working to increase our active branches across the party.

SDLP Youth re-affiliated with the Ulster University and St Mary's Belfast this year and attended freshers' fairs at UU, St Mary's and Queen's.

SDLP Youth has participated in several campaigns from the United Ireland referendum at Queen's to more prevalent issues such as equal marriage, junior doctors' contracts, tenants' rights and combatting the Tories new wage discrimination with the Fair wage for all campaign. We are going on to develop further policy campaigns to take around the North.

For the first time in the Youth group's history members attended and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service in Belfast. The SDLP is the first nationalist party at Queen's to participate and we hope that it is a step in the right direction to improve cross community relations especially in light of the coming centenaries.

### **Parliamentary Assembly**

The Assembly Group is co-chaired by Alban Maginness MLA and Dominic Bradley MLA. The Deputy Chair is Karen McKeivitt MLA.

The Party's Assembly Parliamentary Group includes Assembly MLAs and Westminster MPs.

### **SDLP Spokespersons and Committee Membership**

	Spokesperson	Committee member	Committee member
DARD	Joe Byrne	Joe Byrne	
DCAL	Karen McKeivitt	Karen McKeivitt	Dominic Bradley
DE	Sean Rogers	Sean Rogers	
DEL	Pat Ramsey	Pat Ramsey	
DETI	Patsy McGlone	Patsy McGlone	Fearghal McKinney
DOE	Colum Eastwood	Colum Eastwood	Alban Maginness
DFP	Dominic Bradley	Dominic Bradley	
DHSSPS	Fearghal McKinney	Fearghal McKinney	

DoJ	Alban Maginness	Alban Maginness	Patsy McGlone
OFMDFM	Alex Attwood	Alex Attwood	
DRD	John Dallat	John Dallat	Claire Hanna
DSD	Dolores Kelly	Dolores Kelly	
Policing	Dolores Kelly	Dolores Kelly	

AERC	Alex Attwood, Sean Rogers
Audit	Dominic Bradley
Procedures	Alban Maginness
Public Accounts	John Dallat, Claire Hanna
Standards & Privileges	Colum Eastwood
Business committee	Pat Ramsey, Karen McKeivitt
Pensions	John Dallat
Deputy Speaker	John Dallat
Assembly Commission	Pat Ramsey
Minister of the Environment	Mark H. Durkan

John Dallat continues as SDLP Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

Patsy McGlone continues as Chair of the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee.

At Westminster, Margaret Ritchie serves on the important Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Mark Durkan serves on the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee and Alasdair McDonnell serves on the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.

### **Electoral Commission**

The party continues to receive funding from the Electoral Commission in respect of policy development. This funding allows the party to employ policy staff and to develop party policy.

For the year April 2015 to March 2016 we were allocated £134,000. As is practice, we were paid 75% upfront and the other 25% is paid after the Electoral Commission carry out an audit and is satisfied that the funds have been used for policy development. This audit will not take place until May/June 2016.

The Electoral Commission hosts meetings with the main five parties in the Assembly on a quarterly basis and the Party is represented at these by the General Secretary.

**Ronan McCay**  
SDLP Chairperson

## **Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)**

### **Report of the Party Officers for the year ended 31 December 2015**

#### **Financial Review**

The accounts indicate a loss of £57,147 as a result of total expenditure incurred during the year of £600,851 being in excess of total income received during the year of £543,704.

Income rose by £103,360 as compared to the 2014 calendar year. The prime reason behind this being due to the increase in donations received and fund raising activities during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

Expenditure incurred during the year has at the same time increased. This is due to the substantial increase in running costs. Every effort must be made in the coming year to reduce expenditure.

The Policy Development Grant from the Electoral Commission remains a valuable source of income and has allowed us to enhance our performance in the development of party policy.