

**TRADE UNION LABOUR PARTY LIAISON
ORGANISATION (TULO)
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
31 DECEMBER 2016**

TREASURER'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Trade Union & Labour Party Liaison Organisation (TULO). The address of TULO is:

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For the purposes of the Political Parties, Elections, and Referendums Act 2000, Mrs Helen Pearce is the Treasurer.

REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Overview

The core activity of TULO remains the administrative and secretariat functions in support of the National TULO Committee and its equivalent organisations with the regions.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of TULO consists of all trade unions affiliated to the Labour Party. During 2016 these unions were:

Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen
Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinema & Theatre Union
Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union
Communication Workers Union
Community
Fire Brigades Union
GMB
Musicians Union
National Union of Mineworkers
Transport and Salaried Staffs Association
Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians
UNISON
UNITE
Union of Shop, Distributive, and Allied Workers

Committees

The National Committee met once in 2016 to discuss all matters of joint concern to the Labour Party and its affiliates.

In each of the 9 English regions, Scotland, and Wales, the National TULO Committee is mirrored by a regional committee. These committees report their income and expenditure separately to the Trade Union & Labour Party Liaison Organisation.

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Review of Financial Activities

Income and Expenditure

Affiliation income dropped in 2016 due to changing affiliation numbers.

Income

TULO's income is based on the affiliation of trade unions to the Labour Party.

Expenditure

During 2016 TULO spent some £187,325 (2015: £322,276) on staff costs, for the employment of staff.

No internal donations were made to other Labour Party accounting units during 2016 (2015: £nil).



Registered Treasurer

15 June 2017

STATEMENT OF THE REGISTERED TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registered Treasurer of the Trade Union Labour Party Liaison Organisation (TULO) 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 Party and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Treasurer is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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.

The Registered Treasurer is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Party at that time and to enable her to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act. She also has delegated responsibility for ensuring that appropriate controls are established for safeguarding the assets of TULO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TULO

We have audited the financial statements of TULO for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Income and Expenditure account, the Balance Sheets and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the members of TULO in accordance with Section 43 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 members, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Registered Treasurer and auditor

The responsibilities of the Registered Treasurer for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Treasurer's Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards of Auditing (UK and Ireland).

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 therein. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Treasurer's Report 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.


In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Treasurer's Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 Treasurer 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.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, of the state of TULO's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.


Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP
Statutory Auditor

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**TRADE UNION AND LABOUR PARTY LIAISON
ORGANISATION (TULO)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	230,874	267,411
Other income	36,587	120,435
	<u>267,461</u>	<u>387,846</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Remuneration to auditors - audit fees	2,500	2,750
Remuneration to auditors – accounts preparation	1,500	1,645
Donations to TULO Regions	-	-
Donations to Labour Party	-	-
Donations to Other	-	-
Costs of Political Activities	80,597	152,614
Staff costs	187,325	322,276
	<u>271,922</u>	<u>479,285</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>(4,461)</u>	<u>(91,439)</u>

The Notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these financial statements

Total recognised gains and losses

TULO had no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 and for the financial year ended 31 December 2015.

**TRADE UNION AND LABOUR PARTY LIAISON
ORGANISATION (TULO)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors: Affiliation fees receivable	-	3,556
Debtors: Other Debtors	-	13,062
Cash at bank	34,623	9,683
	<u>34,623</u>	<u>26,301</u>
CREDITORS: amount falling due within one year		
Creditors: trade creditors	-	-
Accruals and deferred Income	17,178	4,395
	<u>17,178</u>	<u>4,395</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>17,445</u>	<u>21,906</u>
Financed by:		
Accumulated fund	21,906	113,345
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(4,461)	(91,439)
	<u>17,050</u>	<u>21,906</u>

The financial statements on pages to were approved by the National Committee of TULO on 15 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Registered Treasurer

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**TRADE UNION AND LABOUR PARTY LIAISON
ORGANISATION (TULO)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and reflect the principles contained in the Statement of accounts Guidance Notes issued by the Electoral Commission and in existence as at 31 December 2016.

The Registered Treasurer considers it appropriate for these financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the organisation will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

(ii) Accounting Convention

The statements are prepared on a historical cost basis.

(iii) Income and Expenditure

Income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis.

(iv) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the organisation's accounting policies, the Registered Treasurer is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the Registered Treasurer, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

(v) Financial instruments

TULO has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at the present value of future cash flows (amortised cost). Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand and debtors excluding prepayments. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise creditors excluding deferred income and taxation payable. No discounting has been applied to these financial instruments on the basis that the periods over which amounts will be settled are such that any discounting would be immaterial.

At the balance sheet date the organisation held financial assets at amortised cost of £34,623 (2015 £26,301) and Financial liabilities at amortised cost of £17,573 (2015 £4,395).

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2. FIXED ASSETS

TULO has no fixed assets.

3. SALARIES

TULO employed an average of 3 members of staff during 2016 (2015: 7). The breakdown of salaries is as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Gross salary costs and expenses	154,565	264,470
Social Security costs	17,897	27,865
Pension costs	<u>14,863</u>	<u>29,741</u>
	<u>187,325</u>	<u>322,276</u>

Key management personnel of TULO are the management team and the total employment benefits of that group in 2016 were £110,854 (2015: £137,427).

The employees of TULO are participants in the Labour Party Superannuation Scheme ('the scheme') which is a defined benefit scheme. As it not practical to identify the share of scheme assets and liabilities which relate to TULO employees, contributions have been accounted for on a payable basis as if they were payments to a defined contribution scheme.

As at 31 December 2016 the total scheme surplus was £14,013 thousand (2015: £13,491 thousand surplus).

Further details in respect of the current position of the scheme are given in the Party's 2016 financial statements which are publicly filed with the Electoral Commission.