



The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

Statement of Accounts

**For the Year Ended
31st December 2017**

The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland

Introduction

This statement of accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland. The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland's registered address is:

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For the purposes of the **Political Parties, Elections, and Referendums Act 2000**, the responsible officers currently are:

**Naomi Long MLA
Cllr Billy Webb MBE JP
Alan McBride
Sharon Lowry**

**Leader and Nominating Officer
Joint Hon. Treasurer
Joint Hon. Treasurer
Campaigns Officer**

The **Party Officers** are:

Naomi Long MLA	Party Leader
Dr Stephen Farry MLA	Deputy Leader
Kellie Armstrong MLA	Chief Whip
Cllr Gerardine Mulvenna	Party President
Duncan Morrow	Party Chair
Cllr Kate Nicholl	Vice-Chair
Cllr Billy Webb MBE JP	Jt. Hon. Treasurer
Alan McBride	Jt. Hon. Treasurer
Sharon Lowry	General Secretary

Administrative Information

Governance

The Party Council is the ruling body of the Alliance Party. It consists of the Party Officers, Executive, all publicly elected Alliance Party representatives, and up to 10 delegates from each affiliated Associations and from Alliance Youth. The Party Council meets at least four times each year, with the spring meeting being the Annual General Meeting. The Party Officers and Executive Committee are elected annually at the AGM. The day-to-day running of the Party is conducted by the Party Executive. The General Secretary is the Chief Executive officer of the party.

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Committees

The party has the following committees and sub-committees in place:

Executive	Dr Duncan Morrow (Chair)
Administration & Finance	Stewart Dickson (Convenor)
Policy	Duncan Morrow (Convenor)
Political Organisation	Eric Hanvey (Convenor)

Elected Representatives

The Alliance Party has eight members of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly (MLAs):

Dr Stephen Farry MLA	North Down
Trevor Lunn MLA	Lagan Valley
David Ford MLA	South Antrim
Paula Bradshaw MLA	Belfast South
Chris Lyttle MLA	Belfast East
Naomi Long MLA	Belfast East
Kellie Armstrong MLA	Strangford
Stewart Dickson MLA	East Antrim

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As at 31st December 2017 the following sat as Alliance councillors in the following councils of local government districts:

Antrim & Newtownabbey

Neil Kelly
Tom Campbell
Billy Webb MBE JP
John Blair

Ards & North Down

Andrew Muir
Karen Douglas
Gavin Walker (Deputy Mayor)
Scott Wilson
Deborah Girvan
Lorna McAlpine
Alan McDowell

Belfast

Michael Long
Peter McReynolds
Nuala McAllister (Lord Mayor)
Emmet McDonough-Brown
David Armitage
Sian O'Neill
Carole Howard
Kate Nicholl

Causeway Coast & The Glens

Barney Fitzpatrick

Lisburn & Castlereagh

Stephen Martin
Aaron McIntyre
Amanda Grehan
Owen Gawith
Tim Morrow (Mayor)

Mid & East Antrim

Paul Sinclair
Robert Logan
Gerardine Mulvenna

Newry Mourne & Down

Patrick Brown
Andrew McMurray

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Associations

The Party has 14 active Associations

East Antrim	South Belfast	Foyle
North Antrim	North Down	Lagan Valley
South Antrim	South Down	Strangford
East Belfast	East Londonderry	Upper Bann
North Belfast		West Tyrone

Other organisations within the Alliance Party are: Alliance Party Assembly Group, Mid-Ulster, Newry & Armagh, West Belfast, West Tyrone, Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Alliance Youth and Queen's branches, members normally outside of Northern Ireland, the Association of Alliance Councillors & Campaigners, and the Alliance Women's Network.¹

Review of Financial Activities

Overview

The Alliance Party continues to be in reasonable financial shape. Finances are being managed to ensure cost savings and to allow for financial planning for the future.

Income and Expenditure

Income. Income for the year shows an increase from the previous year and was above budgeted expectations with a small surplus despite having to fight two snap elections outside of the budget.

Expenditure. Regular party expenditure was above budgeted expectations but this was largely met by an income which was also above budgeted expectation due to the snap elections for the Assembly and Westminster.

Balance Sheet

The Party had no overdraft at the 31st December 2017.

¹ For the purpose of compliance with the PPERA, the financial affairs of these groups and organisations within the Party, as well as any newly established groups or organisations, are wholly controlled by the Party Treasurer.

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Statement of the Treasurers' Responsibilities

The Treasurers of the party are 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 Treasurers are required to: -

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure 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 Treasurers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the party at that time and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the party and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Section 43 of the Act requires that the registered Treasurers are responsible for delivery of the statement of accounts to the Electoral Commission by the required deadline.

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Report of the Independent Auditors

We have audited the financial statements of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2017, set out on pages 10 to 24, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 21.

This report is made solely to the Treasurers of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland 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 Treasurers 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 Treasurers for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Treasurer and auditors

The responsibilities of the Treasurers for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Auditing Standards are set out in the Statement of Treasurers Responsibilities.

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 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 21. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Party Officers is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Party has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not yet received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Report of the Party Officers and consider the implication for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information contained in the annual report.

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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 registered treasurers 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,

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 2017 and of its deficit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 21 and the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Michael Hunter & Company
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

3rd July 2018

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

REVENUE ACCOUNT-YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2017

2016 INCOME		2017
54,623 Levies	Schedule 1	62,852
76,975 Donations	Schedule 2	65,917
3,007 Central Fundraising		1,388
72,456 Election Income	Schedule 5	172,939
39,818 Party Conference Income	Schedule 8	39,047
0 Interest Received		0
18,000 Notional Income		18,000
<hr/> 264,879		<hr/> 360,143
 Deduct EXPENDITURE		
6,633 Cost of Political Organisation	Schedule 4	8,416
86,864 Election Expenses	Schedule 5	147,450
4,045 Alliance Paper	Schedule 6	3,820
145,929 Administration Expenses	Schedule 7	159,760
17,796 Party Conference Expenditure	Schedule 8	17,392
18,000 Notional Expenditure		18,000
<hr/> 279,267		<hr/> 354,838
-14,388 Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		5,305
0 Less: Corporation Tax		<hr/> 0
<hr/> -14,388 Transferred to General Fund Account		<hr/> 5,305

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REVENUE ACCOUNT SCHEDULES-YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,2017

Schedule 1- Reconciliation of Levy Payments

2016	2017
53,623 Levy received in 2017	61,852
<u>1,000</u> Add received in 2016 for 2017	<u>1,000</u>
54,623	62,852
<u>0</u> Less received in 2017 for 2016	<u>0</u>
54,623	62,852
<u>1,000</u> Less received in 2016 for 2017	<u>0</u>
<u>53,623</u> TOTAL 2017 LEVY RECEIVED	<u>62,852</u>
60,000 Total Levy for 2017	60,000
<u>53,623</u> Less received for 2017	<u>62,852</u>
<u>6,377</u> 2017 Levy Outstanding	<u>-2852</u>

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REVENUE ACCOUNT SCHEDULES-YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,2017

Schedule 2- Donations

2016	2017
60,985 Donations-Elected Representatives	63,942
0 HQ Appeal	0
15,990 Donations-General	1,975
<u>76,975</u>	<u>65,917</u>

Schedule 3- Interest Received

2016	2017
<u>0</u> Building Society	<u>0</u>

Schedule 4- Cost of Political Organisation

2016	2017
1,324 Development	2,010
0 Research & Publicity	67
62 Travelling Expenses	2,095
2,541 Liberal International	1,271
1,224 Constituency Database	935
82 Assoc. of Liberal Democrat Councillors	82
593 Nation Builder	1,532
82 Young Alliance	0
725 Website and Internet	425
<u>6,633</u>	<u>8,416</u>

Schedule 5- Election Expenses

2016	2017
0 Westminster Election Expenses	56,568
86,864 Assembly and Local Govt. Elections	90,882
<u>86,864</u>	<u>147,450</u>
Less: Amounts Received	72,456
72,456 Transfer ex Fighting Fund	0
<u>14,408</u>	<u>-25,489</u>

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REVENUE ACCOUNT SCHEDULES-YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,2017

Schedule 6- Alliance News

2016	2017
4,045 Cost of Printing	3,920
0 Less Income Received	100
<u>4,045</u>	<u>3,820</u>

Schedule 7 - Administration Expenses

2016	2017
119,415 Salaries & Wages	119,290
9,288 Rent, Rates & Insurance	12,099
1,708 Light & Heat	1,475
1,199 Repairs & Renewals	1,458
2,276 Equipment Rental	3,585
5,481 Telephone & Postage	6,793
1,374 Printing & Stationery	1,593
260 Audit & Accountancy	840
1,106 HQ Domestic Expenses	1,648
1,888 Bank Charges	2,938
1,478 General Expenses	7,699
0 Advertising	0
456 Depreciation- Office F & Fs	342
<u>145,929</u>	<u>159,760</u>

Schedule 8 - Party Conference Account

2016	2017
INCOME	
9,642 Appeal Collection,Registration,Meal	8,701
30,176 Fringe Exhibition	30,346
<u>39,818</u>	<u>39,047</u>
Deduct EXPENDITURE	
17,796 Sundry Expenses, meals, gratuities	17,392
<u>17,796</u>	<u>17,392</u>
<u>22,022 Surplus</u>	<u>21,655</u>

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FIGHTING FUND ACCOUNT -YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,2017

2016		2017
11,162	Balance at 1st January,2017	13,342
	Add: Monthly Contributions	5,252
4,833	Interest [REDACTED]	39
<u>15,995</u>		<u>18,633</u>
	Less: Monthly Prize Allocation	2,392
	Service & Bank Charges	120
	Reserve for Advance Payments	392
	Transfer to Election Expenses	14,000
<u>2,653</u>		<u>16,904</u>
<u>13,342</u>	Balance at 31st December, 2017	<u>1,729</u>

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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT -YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,2017

2016		2017
97,143	Balance at 1st January, 2017	82,755
-14,388	Surplus/ (Deficit) on Revenue Account	3,379
<u>82,755</u>	Balance at 31st December,2017	<u>86,134</u>

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BALANCE SHEET -YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,2017

2016		2017
1,369	FIXED ASSETS	Note 2
33,726	INVESTMENTS	Note 3
35,095		
	CURRENT ASSETS	
1345	Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	Note 4
15706	Lagan Properties Ltd.	
64062.91	Cash in Bank	
298	Cash in Hand	
81,412		
	Deduct CURRENT LIABILITIES	
19745	Creditors & Accrued Expenses	Note 5
0	Bank Overdraft	
19,745		
61,667		
96,762	CAPITAL EMPLOYED	
	Represented by:	
82,755	GENERAL FUND; CREDIT BALANCE	
14,007	FIGHTING FUND	Note 6
96,762		

The notes attached form part of these accounts and should be read in conjunction therewith.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- 31st DECEMBER, 2017

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are stated at cost. Depreciation has been charged at 25% on the reducing balance method.

Compliance with Accounting Standards

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable financial standards.

2. Fixed Assets

Cost- Office Fittings & Equipment

Balance at 1.1.2017	14285
Additions	0
Disposals	0
Balance at 31.12.2017	<u>14,285</u>

Depreciation

Balance at 1.1.2017	12916
Charge for the year	342
Depreciation on disposals	0
Balance at 31.12.2017	<u>13,258</u>

Net Book Value at 31.12.2017	<u>1,027</u>
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Net Book Value at 31.12.2016	1369
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Depreciation

Office Fittings and Equipment are being written off at 25% on the reducing balance method.

3. Investments

2016		2017
21,400	Lagan Properties (1970) Ltd.	21,700
	Deposit Accounts-	
12,029		456
297		254
<u>33,726</u>		<u>22,410</u>

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4. Debtors

2016	2017
0 Deposit Account- Development Fund	0
<u>1,345</u> Prepayments	<u>456</u>
<u>1,345</u>	<u>456</u>

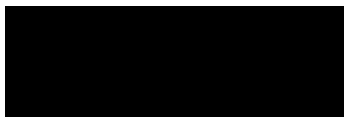
5. Creditors

2016	2017
14,750 Loan Accounts	14,750
<u>4,995</u> Accruals	<u>6,943</u>
<u>19,745</u>	<u>21,693</u>

6. Fighting Fund Account

Balance at 31 December, 2017	1,729
Add: Reserve for advance payments	392
Reserve for Bank Charges	50
Reserve for Prize Allocation	<u>204</u>
	<u>646</u>
	<u>2,375</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Party Officers on 12th April, 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Billy Webb
Jt. Hon Treasurer