



Scotland Liberal Democrats Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Registered Address: 1 Vincent Square, London, SW1P 2PN

Elected Representatives

Names

Position

There were 4 Scottish Liberal Democrat MPs in 2021:

Alistair Carmichael MP

Christine Jardine MP

Jamie Stone MP

Wendy Chamberlain MP

There were 5 Scottish Liberal Democrat MSPs:

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Liam McArthur MSP

Mike Rumbles (retired May 2021)

Willie Rennie MSP

Beatrice Wishart MSP

Responsible Officers

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:

Names

Position

Sheila Ritchie

Convenor

Stephen Arrundale

Treasurer

Branches

There are no branches

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Accounting Notes

This statement of accounts uses accruals accounting method.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The executive committee has assessed the Party's ability to continue as a going concern and have reasonable expectation that the Party has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, even with the impact of COVID19, and thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

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Income Overview

Some decline in membership income due to COVID-19. Increase in donations for the 2021 Scottish Election.

Expenditure Overview

Our expenditure costs have increased for campaign costs for the 2021 Scottish Election, there was no material increase in the other expenditure costs.

Balance Sheet Overview

Reserves mainly comprise of cash at bank.

Overview of political activities

Increase donations to cover the campaigning costs during the year for 2021 Scottish Election.

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Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Income			
Membership	1	£157,894	£180,292
Affiliations	2	£0	£0
Donations	3	£414,927	£66,057
Branch Income	4	£0	£0
Fundraising income	5	£0	£0
Investment income	6	£0	£97
Transfers in	7	£223,122	£233,669
Property and rental income/Office services	8	£3,000	£5,250
Miscellaneous	9	£12,934	£13,089
 Total Income		 <u>£811,877</u>	 <u>£498,454</u>
Expenditure			
Premises	-	£39,026	£39,161
Office costs	-	£47,909	£52,211
Branch Expenditure	4	£0	£0
Staff costs	10	£160,083	£173,819
Transfers out	7	£134,145	£148,931
Campaigning costs	-	£462,181	£101,617
Fundraising costs	5	£0	£0
Financing charges and taxation	11	£2,304	£1,758
Depreciation	12	£3,037	£3,007
(Profit)/Loss on sale of assets	15	£0	£0
Miscellaneous	9	£52,282	£37,290
 Total Expenditure		 <u>£900,967</u>	 <u>£557,794</u>
 (Deficit) / Surplus		 <u>£(89,090)</u>	 <u>£(59,340)</u>

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Balance Sheet

	Note	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fixed Assets			
Property	12	£0	£0
Fixtures and fittings	12	£3,181	£4,394
Office equipment	12	£1,821	£2,957
Investments	6	£0	£0
Total fixed assets		<u>£5,002</u>	<u>£7,351</u>
Current Assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	6	£174,794	£222,707
Stock	13	£0	£0
Debtors and Prepayments	14	£22,601	£61,098
Total Current Assets		<u>£197,395</u>	<u>£283,805</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals	-	£33,751	£33,420
Loans Outstanding	15	£0	£0
Total Liabilities		<u>£33,751</u>	<u>£33,420</u>
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)		<u>£168,646</u>	<u>£257,736</u>
Reserves			
Accumulated fund at the start of the year		£197,667	£258,273
Deficit / Surplus		<u>£(29,794)</u>	<u>£(60,606)</u>
Accumulated fund at the end of the year		<u>£167,873</u>	<u>£197,667</u>
Other Funds including restricted reserves		£60,069	£58,803
Deficit / Surplus		<u>£(59,296)</u>	<u>£1,266</u>
Accumulated fund at the end of the year		<u>£773</u>	<u>£60,069</u>
Total Reserves		<u>£168,646</u>	<u>£257,736</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Membership	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Membership fees received via the central party	£157,894	£180,292

Note 2: Affiliations	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
There were no affiliation fees	£0	£0

Note 3: Donations	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash and cash equivalent donations	£391,640	£45,054
Notional / Donations in Kind	£23,287	£21,003
Total Donations	<u>£414,927</u>	<u>£66,057</u>

Note 4: Branch Income and Expenditure	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>

Note 5: Fundraising Income and Expenditure
There were no fundraising events this year.

Note 6: Investment Income	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	Year end balance	Income received	Year end balance	Income received
Bank accounts	£174,794	£0	£222,707	£97
Investments	£0	£0	£0	£0

Note 7: Transfers	<u>2021</u>	
	Incoming	Outgoing
From/to Liberal Democrat regional/state parties	£0	£0
From/to other Liberal Democrat local parties	£50,820	£11,078
From/to other Liberal Democrat central party	£172,302	£123,067
From/to other Liberal Democrat accounting units	£0	£0
	<u>£223,122</u>	<u>£134,145</u>

Note 8: Property and rental income / Office services	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Rent received	£3,000	£5,250
Other services income	£0	£0
	<u>£3,000</u>	<u>£5,250</u>

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Note 9: Miscellaneous Income / Expenditure

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Commercial Income	£12,934		£13,089	
Conference		£11,210		£9,758
Audit fee		£4,600		£4,200
Other expenses		£36,472		£23,332
	<u>£12,934</u>	<u>£52,282</u>	<u>£13,089</u>	<u>£37,290</u>

Note 10: Salary Costs

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Salary costs	£147,796	£162,649
Employer's National Insurance and Pension costs	£9,942	£8,684
Training costs	£2,345	£2,486
	<u>£160,083</u>	<u>£173,819</u>
Number of staff	10	11

Note 11: Financing Charges and Taxation

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bank charges	£2,304	£1,758
Interest charged	£0	£0
Taxation charged	£0	£0
	<u>£2,304</u>	<u>£1,758</u>

Note 12: Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
Value at start of year	£4,394	£2,957	£7,351
Additions	£688	£0	£688
Disposals	£0	£0	£0
Revaluations	£0	£0	£0
Depreciation	£(1,901)	£(1,136)	£(3,037)
Value at end of year	<u>£3,181</u>	<u>£1,821</u>	<u>£5,002</u>

Note 13: Stock

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Opening balance	£0	£0
Movements: Increase	£0	£0
Movements: Decrease	£0	£0
Closing balance	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>

Note 14: Debtors and Prepayments

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Prepayments	£17,921	£53,459
Debtors	£4,680	£7,639
	<u>£22,601</u>	<u>£61,098</u>

Note 15: Loans

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Outstanding at start of year	£0	£0
Capital repayments	£0	£0
New loans	£0	£0
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>

Note 16: Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets

	Book value at disposal	Sale Proceeds	Profit /(Loss) on Disposal
No assets were disposed of during the year	£0	£0	£0

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Statement of Registered Treasurer's Responsibilities

The Registered Treasurer of the political party is required by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendum Act 2000 to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the political party as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the political party for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the Registered Treasurer is required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the political party will continue in business.

Section 41 of the Act requires that the Registered Treasurer is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the political party and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act. He or she is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the political party and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Section 43 of the Act requires that the Treasurer is responsible for delivery of the statement of accounts to the Electoral Commission by the required deadline.


Declaration

I confirm that the above statement of accounts has been prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Electoral Commission and is correct to my knowledge.

In addition I confirm that these accounts have been approved by the executive committee of Scotland Liberal Democrats.

Signature: 

Name: Stephen Arrundale
Position: 2022 Treasurer
Date: 17-6-22

Signature: 

Name: Jennifer Lang
Position: 2022 Convenor
Date: 24 June 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TREASURER OF
SCOTTISH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**



Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Scottish Liberal Democrats (the "Party") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Northern Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Party's affairs as at 31 December 2021, 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 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Treasurer's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Treasurer has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Party's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.



Responsibilities of the Treasurer

As explained more fully in the Treasurer's responsibilities statement, the Treasurer is 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 Treasurer 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 Treasurer is responsible for assessing the Party'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 Treasurer either intends to liquidate the Party or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. 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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the industry in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. These included but were not limited to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. We focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the company's financial statements.

Our tests included, but were not limited to:

- agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiries of the treasurer and the party officers;
- review of minutes of committee meetings throughout the period;
- review of legal correspondence or invoices, and
- obtaining an understanding of the control environment in monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in an audit of financial statements and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Treasurer, 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 Treasurer 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 Treasurer, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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