

**TRADE UNION LABOUR PARTY LIAISON  
ORGANISATION (TULO)**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**31 DECEMBER 2023**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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## 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:

20 Rushworth Street  
London  
SE1 0SS

Email: [REDACTED]

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

## 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 2023 these unions were:

*ASLEF*  
*Communication Workers Union*  
*Community*  
*Fire Brigades Union*  
*GMB*  
*Musicians Union*  
*National Union of Mineworkers*  
*TSSA*  
*UNISON*  
*UNITE*  
*Union of Shop, Distributive, and Allied Workers*

### Committees

The National Committee met a number of times in 2023 to discuss all matters of joint concern to the Labour Party and its affiliates and held its AGM on 7 October 2023.

In each of the 9 English regions, and in Scotland, and Wales, the National TULO Committee is mirrored by a regional committee. These committees have separate banking arrangements and report their income and expenditure separately.

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### Review of Financial Activities

#### **Income and Expenditure**

Affiliation income increased slightly in 2023. Expenditure also increased compared to 2023, due to an increase in political activities leading up to the general election and increased work done on preparation for Government.

#### **Income**

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

#### **Expenditure**

During 2023 TULO spent some £179,480 (2022: £150,350) on staff costs, for the employment of staff.

#### **Audit**

In 2023 income surpassed the level where an audit is required.

## STATEMENT OF REGISTERED TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Registered Treasurer is responsible for preparing the Treasurer's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to political parties in England and Wales requires the Treasurer to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the organisation for that period. In preparing these 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business.

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the organisation's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and the organisation's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE UNION & LABOUR PARTY LIAISON ORGANISATION**

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## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Trade Union & Labour Party Liaison Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Income and Expenditure and 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, 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 Trade Union & Labour Party Liaison Organisation's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its transactions 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 union 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**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the officer'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 organisation'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 officers with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other information**

The officers are 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.

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Political Parties, Elections, and Referendums Act 2000 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept;
- a satisfactory system of control over its accounting records, cash holdings and receipts and remittances has not been maintained; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

## **Responsibilities of officers**

As explained more fully in the statement of officers' responsibility page 3, the officers 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 officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We have been appointed as auditor under the Political Parties, Elections, and Referendums Act 2000.

In preparing the financial statements, the officers 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 officers either intend to liquidate the union or to cease operations, or have 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.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the organisation operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Political Parties, Elections, and Referendums Act 2000 together with Financial Reporting Standard 102. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the organisation's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were UK taxation legislation, relevant employee legislation and health and safety legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the officers and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the non-statutory financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Treasurer about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, testing on the posting of journals, reviewing any accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence, and reading minutes of meetings.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the organisation's members as a body. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the organisation's 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 Trade Union & Labour Party Liaison Organisation and the organisation's members as a body, for our audit work, or for the opinion we have formed.



**Crowe U.K. LLP**  
Statutory Auditor  
London

**Date: 5 July 2024**

**TRADE UNION AND LABOUR PARTY LIAISON  
ORGANISATION (TULO)  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Affiliation fees	272,871	240,812
Training	12,600	18,925
Other Income	3,464	
	<u>288,934</u>	<u>259,737</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Remuneration to auditors – accounts preparation	2,100	1,500
Remuneration to auditors – audit fees	3,620	2,500
Costs of Political Activities	129,176	118,294
Staff costs	180,295	150,350
	<u>315,191</u>	<u>272,644</u>
<b>(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>(26,257)</u>	<u>(12,906)</u>

The Notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these financial statements

**Total recognised gains and losses**

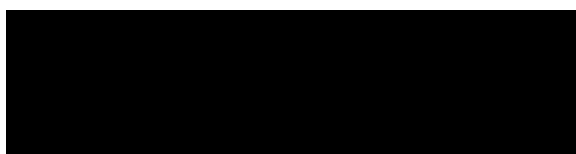
TULO had no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.



**TRADE UNION AND LABOUR PARTY LIAISON  
ORGANISATION (TULO)  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	<b>1,637</b>	6,074
Cash at bank	<b>167,190</b>	142,800
	<b>168,827</b>	148,874
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amount falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred Income	<b>(54,546)</b>	(6,836)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>114,281</b>	140,538
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Accumulated fund	<b>140,538</b>	153,444
(Deficit) for the year	<b>(26,257)</b>	(12,906)
	<b>114,281</b>	140,538

The financial statements on pages 7 to 10 were approved by the National Committee of TULO on 3 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



**Registered Treasurer**

Helen Pearce

The Notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these financial statements.

**TRADE UNION AND LABOUR PARTY LIAISON  
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(i) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the principles contained in the Statement of accounts Guidance Notes issued by the Electoral Commission and in existence as at 31 December 2023.

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.

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**2. FIXED ASSETS**

TULO has no fixed assets.

**3. SALARIES**

TULO employed an average of 2 members of staff during 2023 (2022: 2). The breakdown of salaries is as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross salary costs and expenses	127,606	107,667
Social Security costs	13,999	12,501
Pension costs	37,875	30,182
	<u><b>179,480</b></u>	<u><b>150,350</b></u>

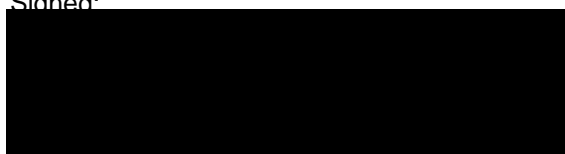
Some of the employees of TULO are participants in the Labour Party Superannuation Scheme ('the scheme') which is a defined benefit scheme. As it not practical to identify the share of scheme assets and liabilities which relate to TULO employees, contributions have been accounted for on a payable basis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

Further details in respect of the current position of the scheme will be given in the Party's 2023 financial statements which will be publicly filed with the Electoral Commission.

**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 the best of my knowledge. In addition, I confirm that these accounts have been approved by the National Committee of TULO.

Signed:



Position: Director

Date: 3 July 2024