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Statement of accounting policy

These accounts have been prepared on a cash accounting basis, and are presented in the format specified by the Electoral Commission. Where the party holds assets, the value of these is reported as the amount the party could realistically hope to achieve for these were they to be sold on the open market. As these are the first full year set of accounts prepared by the party, prior year comparisons should be made with caution, and the prior year figures are provided solely for illustrative purposes.

Overview of party and political activities

Flintshire People's Voice was founded on 14th May 2024, and achieved registered political party status on 3rd February 2025. The party holds six seats on Flintshire County Council, and 12 seats on community councils in Flintshire as of the final day of the accounting period.

Flintshire People's Voice was founded to fight back against the inaction and incompetence that is holding Flintshire back. For too long, ruling groups on Flintshire County Council have been willing to accept, in their own words, "managed decline" for the county. Flintshire People's Voice will not, and neither will the people of Flintshire. The party has welcomed a significant number of new members during the accounting period, and has published a full manifesto, entitled *A Brighter Future for Flintshire*, which sets out an alternative vision for a county which works for the people who live here.

The party and its membership have energetically campaigned across the county on issues from improving bus services to delivering real investment in the local economy, following significant campaigns the previous year on saving leisure and library services and opposing bin collection cuts.

At the council, Flintshire People's Voice councillors have successfully forced u-turns from the Labour - Independent coalition on fee levels charged to residents, a new policy banning some disabled people from using household recycling centres, and their refusal to rule out library closures.

The council group continues to bring motions to the council defending the interests of the people of Flintshire, such as those requiring a new local development plan to block speculative housing development on green spaces, bringing an end to the school transport postcode lottery, and delivering real action to protect residents from flooding. Notable successes have included delivering huge improvements in living conditions, funded by the site owner, at one of Flintshire's most notorious park home sites after FPV successfully won changes in council policy, improving transparency and public access to council meetings, and blocking plans to stop collecting bins on new-build housing estates.

At the end of the financial year, following the sad passing of Labour councillor Ray Hughes, the party was preparing to fight county and community council byelections in Leeswood, in the party's first electoral test.

Sam Swash, General Secretary

Registered Office

The party's registered office is at:

Castle Bank
Stamford Way
Ewloe
Flintshire
CH5 3BZ

Party Bankers

The party's bankers during the year were Lloyds Bank and National Westminster Bank (NatWest).

Party Officers

The party's leader (general secretary) and nominating officer is Sam Swash. The registered treasurer is Alasdair Ibbotson. Both of these served throughout the financial year, being re-elected at the party's annual general meeting. The party's central committee manages the affairs of the party in between party assemblies, or all member meetings, and the membership of this body also remained unchanged during the year. Members of this committee were:

Daniel Rose
Carolyn Preece
Gillian Brockley
Marilyn Reeves
Joshua Swash

Membership

The party has seen considerable growth in membership during the year. Membership fees are the party's main source of income. As at the final day of the accounting period the party had 64 fully paid-up members, and a further five not in good standing by the final day of the period, but who were at the start of the period. The party has no paid staff, and is run solely by members who contribute hundreds of volunteer hours to the party each year, without whom it could not deliver for the people of our county.

Accounting Units

The party does not have any registered accounting units with the Electoral Commission, and does not operate a branch system at present. All funds are held exclusively by the central party, in accordance with the party's constitution.

Treasurer's Report

As party treasurer, I am delighted to be able to report that the party is in good financial health, and continues to deliver on the plan set out by the party's members to build a suitable war chest to fight the 2027 local elections.

During this period, expenditure has been relatively low, comprising almost exclusively printed publicity material for the party's campaigns and associated delivery costs, with some sundry administrative costs such as IT infrastructure, postage costs and banking fees necessary for the party's continued operation.

The party saw significant income from membership growth and renewals, as well as broadly sustained levels of subscription income from the county councillor group, upon whom a levy is imposed by the party. The party also saw a significant contribution to its financial health from volunteer revenue generated through the trade union movement owned Workers Beer Company.

Looking ahead, the largest risk to the party's ability to maintain the trajectory needed to reach its targets for 2027 is the additional costs associated with an unexpected byelection in the Leeswood ward, and these may require a donation drive to offset.

Alasdair Ibbotson, Registered Treasurer

Income & Expenditure

Income

	2025	2024 (part year)
Membership fees (1)	£1,574.96	£917.76
Councillor levy	£3,175.40	£1,094.95
Total membership	**£4,750.36**	**£2,012.71**
Donations (1)	£1,474.84	£155.76
Investments (bank interest)	£26.00	nil
Misc income (2)	£2.70	nil
Total	**£6,253.90**	**£2,168.47**

Expenditure

	2025	2024 (part year)
Campaigning costs (3)	£1,951.85	£735.77
Stationary & postage	£38.47	£34.52
IT costs	£185.15	£9.32
Electoral Commission fees (4)	nil	£150
Sundry expenses (5)	£105.43	£43.95
Banking fees	£26.84	nil
Total	**£2,307.74**	**£973.56**

Surplus

	2025	2024 (part year)
Surplus	**£3,946.16**	**£1,194.91**

Notes on income and expenditure

(1) Membership fee and donation income reported is the amount actually received by the party, net of fees deducted by the payment provider prior to disbursement.
(2) Misc income for 2025 includes reimbursement for an unused bus ticket.
(3) Campaigning costs exclusively consists of printed publicity, which includes delivery and distribution costs where distribution was not done by party volunteers.
(4) Due to delays in processing and approval of the initial registration application, payment of the first year registration fee was made in the year prior to the party being formally registered, therefore the first renewal fee will be payable in 2026.
(5) Sundry expenses in 2025 include refund of a membership fee where a member had paid twice, the cost of providing transport for volunteers raising money for the party with the Workers' Beer Company, and video production costs. Sundry expenses in the prior year consist of a leaving gift from the party to the former council leader.

No income was received in the following categories:

- Affiliations
- Branch income
- Fundraising income
- Transfers in
- Property and rental income / office services

No expenditure was incurred in the following categories:

- Premises costs
- Branch expenditure
- Staff costs
- Transfers out
- Fundraising costs

Balance Sheet

	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	£100	£100
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and on hand	£5,130.27	£1,184.11
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	nil	nil
TOTAL NET ASSETS	**£5,230.27**	**£1,284.11**

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 Central Committee.

Signed:

Name: Alasdair Ibbotson

Position: Registered Treasurer

Date: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _