



The Castle Point Conservative
Association accounting unit
Statement of Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Introduction

This Statement of Accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Castle Point Conservative Association Accounting Unit, whose registered address is:

4 Matthew Parker Street
London,
SW1H 9HQ

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000, the Chairman of the Association, **Adrian Roper** is the Registered Treasurer, and **Wayne Johnson** is the Deputy Registered Treasurer.

Review of political activities

Overview

The Association concentrated on communicating with electors in the year and fighting the local County and PFCC elections.

Membership

The unit's membership consists of several different categories:

- Full members,
- Club members (friends) who pay reduced subscriptions to the unit,

At the end of the year, the membership of the unit was as follows:

Membership type	2023	2022
Full	201	243
Friends (non voting)	1,950	2,009
Total	2,151	2,252

Branches

The unit has six branches under its direct control and all income received and expenditure incurred by those branches has been included in the Unit's accounts:

- Canvey Island,
- Thundersley,
- Benfleet,
- Hadleigh,
- Young Conservatives,
- Canvey Island Ladies,

Committees

The Unit's Executive Council met four times during the year. The Committee is responsible for managing the business of the Unit.

Campaigning

Our political activities during the year focused on securing quality candidates and fighting the 2023 elections and keeping in touch with the electorate which we did by leaflet drops, media interaction and doorstep campaigning.

Review of financial activities

Overview

Our results show a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,619 compared to a deficit in 2022 of £6,270.

Income and expenditure

Income

Total Income is little changed, but reductions in Candidate contributions have been somewhat made up for by fundraising and donations increases.

Expenditure

Expenditure in the year was £26,377, principally the running costs of our Association office and keeping in touch with the electorate and fighting elections. There was an overall reduction of £2,962 over 2022

Balance sheet

The Unit's capital position is still healthy. Our balance sheet remains positive with net current assets of £12,150 and net assets of £25,605.


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Adrian Roper
Registered Treasurer
Wayne Johnson
Deputy Registered Treasurer

The Castle Point Conservative Association Accounting Unit Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Income			
Subscriptions		13,471	15,336
Rental Contribution		3,630	3,300
Sundry Income and fundraising		2,032	771
Candidates' contributions		0	1,400
Appeals and donations		8,863	2,262
Total income		<u>27,996</u>	<u>23,069</u>
Expenditure			
Salaries	6	13,086	12,922
Rates & water		217	231
Insurance		351	794
Light & heat		2,378	1,720
Equipment maintenance & rental		2,124	1,533
Campaign and election costs		4,265	7,699
Accountancy		240	240
Telephone		1,419	1,047
Printing, stationery & publicity		1,320	2,109
Sundry expenses		662	444
Central Office supplies		0	360
Area Quota		140	240
Bad Debts		175	0
Office Equipment		0	0
Total expenditure		<u>26,377</u>	<u>29,339</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		<u>1,619</u>	<u>(6,270)</u>

The Castle Point Conservative Association Accounting Unit
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets	5		
Freehold property		11,454	11,454
Fixtures & fittings		2,001	2,001
Total fixed assets		<u>13,455</u>	<u>13,455</u>
Current assets			
Debtors		950	1,400
Prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		11,700	9,631
Total current assets		<u>12,650</u>	<u>11,031</u>
Creditors falling due in less than one year			
Prepaid subscriptions		-	-
Other		(500)	(500)
Net current assets		<u>12,150</u>	<u>10,531</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		25,605	23,986
Creditors falling due in more than one year		-	-
Provisions for liabilities & charges		-	-
Net assets		<u>25,605</u>	<u>23,986</u>
Financed by:			
Capital fund		13,455	13,455
Building fund		10,000	15,000
Current fund			
Brought forward		531	1,801
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		1,619	-6,270
Transfer from/to building fund		0	5,000
Carried forward		<u>2,150</u>	<u>531</u>
Total funds		<u>25,605</u>	<u>23,986</u>

These accounts are a true and accurate record of all income and expenditure for the accounting unit over the year.

Signed



Adrian Roper Chairman & Registered Treasurer

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 December 2023 together with the underlying accounting records and confirm that the accounts are in accordance therewith.

Signed



Castle & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants, Rochford, Essex.

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and guidance issued by the Electoral Commission.

2. Accounting convention

The statements are prepared on a historical cost basis.

3. Change in basis

There have not been any material changes to the SOA, since last year's return.

4. Related party transactions

There were no material related party transactions.

5. Fixed assets

Changes to the tangible asset basis of the organisation during the year:

	Property	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
Balance brought forward	11,454	2,001	13,455
Additions during the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	11,454	2,001	13,455
Depreciation			
Method	Not provided	Not Provided	
Net book value carried forward	11,454	2,001	13,455

6. Salaries

The Unit employed an average of 0.8 part time staff. The breakdown of salaries and pension contributions was:

	£
Net salary costs	12,234
Social security costs	-
Other pension costs	852
Total	<u>13,086</u>

7. Fundraising

The Unit runs a number of fundraising activities, which include:

- Informal meals and functions,
- Raffles,
- Political Lunches and dinners.

8. Donations reported to the Electoral Commission.

During the year the unit had £6,912.50 of donations that were reportable to the Electoral Commission. Under PPERA single or aggregate donations from an individual greater than £500 in any calendar year are reportable to the Electoral Commission. The total donations figure shown under income on page 3 is greater than this because of donations received that were below the PPERA reporting threshold.