

WEST DORSET CONSERVATIVES

Statement of Accounts

Statement Date: 31 December 2023

1. Statement of Accounts: cash accounting

Administrative information	
Registered address	
4 Matthew Parker Street, London, SW1H 9HQ	
Elected Representatives (ie MP, councillors if applicable)	
Name	Position
Mr Christopher Loder	MP
Jill Haynes Simon Christopher Tony Alford Rebecca Knox Mary Penfold Mark Roberts Jean Dunseith (Chickerell)	Councillors
Responsible Officers	
For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:	
Name	Position
Ms Rebecca Burns	Chairman and Registered Treasurer
Mr David Latimer	Second Officer and Deputy Registered Treasurer
Political activities	
Overview of political activities	
We continued to meet both in person and online using Teams or Zooms for our meetings. We fought a By Election in Sherborne West which we sadly lost by only 71 votes - from the last election we have significantly closed the gap on the current sitting Lib Dem councillor. After the boundary changes we were delighted with the outcome, although disappointed to lose a small area of our loyal constituency we were pleased to retain the Cerne and Piddle Valleys. We progressed to appointing an Agent for 2024 which we successfully completed all stages during 2023. This will enable us to fight the target seats for the 2024 elections with more efficiency and success.	
Branches	

The Association has restructured and now operates as four areas plus a Patrons Club. The Patrons Club is the only "Branch" now financially active.

Financial Activities

Income overview

Income fell significantly during the year, membership income by approx. £3,000, branch income by approx. £3,700 and MP recharge by approx. £700. The latter mainly due to variations in the timing of charges. There was also a one-off donation in 2022 resulting in overall falling by income approx. £8,600.

Expenditure overview

Continuing expenditure

Expenditure fell overall by £5,500 principally due the reduction in transfers out to other accounting units.

Balance sheet overview

The Association's balance is still healthy and the 2022 surplus has improved the funds available by 12% and the overall reserves by 6%.

Accounting notes

Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared using the cash accounting method, the same as last year (2022)

Income and expenditure account			
	Note	2023	2022
Income			
Membership	1	14,819	17,966
Affiliations	2		
Donations	3	360	2,625
Branch Income	4	2,375	6,846
Fundraising income	5	3,246	1,330
Investment income	6		0
Transfers in	7	165	32
Charge to MP for use of property and Office services	8	7,874	8,602
Miscellaneous	9		
Total income		28,838	37,401
Expenditure			
Premises		1,823	2,581
Office costs		10,204	12,706
Branch Expenditure	4		1,283
Staff costs	10		0
Transfers out	7	520	5,965
Campaigning costs		2,105	0
Fundraising costs	5	1,789	60
Financing charges and taxation			0
Miscellaneous	9	998	324
Total expenditure		17,439	22,919
(Deficit)/surplus		11,398	14,482

Balance sheet			
	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets			
Property (<i>include any Trusts</i>)	11	106,803	106,803
Fixtures and fittings	11		
Office equipment	11		
Investment property	6		
Other investments	6		
Total fixed assets	-	106,803	106,803
Current assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	6	92,718	83,950
Cash in hand - Branches		17,678	15,048
Total current assets	-	110,396	98,998
Liabilities			
Loans outstanding			
Total liabilities	-		
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	-	217,199	205,801
Accumulated Fund Bfwd		205,801	191,446
Surplus/(Deficit)		11,398	14,482
Asset Value Adjustments			0
Prior year adjustment			(127)
Accumulated Fund Cfwd		217,199	205,801
Revaluation Reserve	11		
Total Reserves		217,199	205,801

Notes to the Accounts:

Note 1 'Membership' Accounting Note:

Description	2023	2022
Membership fees received directly by the accounting unit.	5,947	
Membership fees received by the central party on behalf of accounting units	8,872	
Total Membership	14,819	

Note 2 'Affiliations' Accounting Note

Affiliate	2023	2022
<i>Not applicable to the Conservative Party</i>		
Total		

Note 3 'Donations' Accounting Note

Donations	2023		2022	
	Cash	Non Cash	Cash	Non Cash
West Dorset	360		2,625	
Total	360			

During the year the unit had no donations that were **reportable to the Electoral Commission**, ie that were over £1,500 from the same donor in the year.

Note 4 Branch Income and Expenditure Accounting Note

	2023			2022		
	Income	Of which: paid to assoc as quota	Expend	Income	Of which: paid to assoc as quota	Expend
Patrons Club	2,375			6,846		1,283
Total	2,375					

Note 5 - Fundraising

Income streams	Income	Expenditure
Member events	3,246	1,789
Total	3,246	1,789

Note 6: Investment Income

Investment income from current assets:				
Bank Accounts	Balance as at 31/12/23	Interest Received	Balance as at 31/12/22	Interest Received
WDCA	92,718		83,950	
Branches	17,678		15,048	
Total	110,396		98,998	

Note 7 - 'Transfers' Accounting Note

Transfer From/To	Purpose of Transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
South Dorset	Transfer of Chickereel Ward		355
WDCA	Internal funds transfer	165	165
Total		165	520

Note 8 Property and rental income/office services

Source	2023	2022
MP Recharges	7,874	8,602
Total	7,874	8,602

Note 9: Miscellaneous Income and Expenditure

	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Software and Other Licences		998		324
Total		998		324

Note 10 Salary Costs


	2023	2022
Salary Costs	0	0
National Insurance/Social Security Costs	0	0
Training cost	0	0
Total	0	0
	2023	2022
Number of staff	0	0

Note 11 Fixed Assets


Asset Cost	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipment	Total
Balance B/fwd (A)	106,803			
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	n/a	n/a	0
Balance C/fwd (B)	106,803	0	0	0

Declarations

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 Executive Council:

Signature	Position	Date
	Chairman/ Registered Treasurer (or deputy)	22/3/24

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

Signature	Position	Date
	Independent verifier	22/3/24