

# Reigate & Banstead Conservative Association

Registered with the Electoral Commission as the Reigate & Banstead Conservative Association Accounting Unit

# Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

# Review of Financial Position

The Association's financial position remains strong.

During the year the geographic area our Parliamentary constituency was amended under Boundary Commission changes. As a result, we have been obliged to enter into Transfers of Assets to and from neighbouring constituencies. These amounts were finalised in January 2024. The net cost to the Association of £13,571 has been recorded as an exceptional item in the Income & Expenditure Account and included in Creditors due within one year on the Balance Sheet.

# Income

Income is lower than last year. In 2022 income had been increased significantly by the receipt of the balance due following our exit from the Surrey Conservative Partnership.

# Expenditure

Expenditure has increased, mainly due to employment of a campaign manager in Quarter 4 and costs incurred with the selection of a new Parliamentary candidate. We continue to keep tight control over costs.

# Balance Sheet

The cash at the bank has decreased as a result of an operating deficit during the year with the Association bank balances totalling £60,198 at 31 December 2023.

# INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 2023

INCOME	NOTE	2023	2022
		£	£
Patrons		5,019	0
Donations	9,12	1,937	855
Subscriptions		11,495	18,821
Branch fundraising	9,10	1,969	0
Association fundraising	10	6,872	9,460
Interest income		500	0
Miscellaneous income		1,467	12,064
TOTAL INCOME		29,259	41,200
EXPENDITURE			
Salaries & Pensions		11,780	8,594
Rent & service charges		3,577	3,804
Insurance		95	0
Parliamentary candidate selection		611	0
Campaign expenses		12,674	10,783
Association fundraising expenses	10	5,022	7,102
Branch fundraising expenses	9	389	0
Membership administration			
Postage Printing & stationery		714	787
Telephone & internet		868	300
Depreciation		288	0
Accounting & Office Expenses		271	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		36,289	31,370
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE		(7,030)	9,830
EXCEPTIONAL ITEM			
EXCEPTIONAL ITEM: NET ASSET	13	(13,571)	0
TRANSFER			
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) AFTER		(20,601)	9.830
EXCEPTIONAL ITEM			

BALANCE SHEET			
AT	31	DECEMBER 2023	3

	NOTE	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	5		
Fixtures & fittings		0	0
Information technology		865	0
Office equipment		0	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		865	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (including prepayments)	6	444	0
Loan to Central office		50,005	50,000
Cash at bank and in hand		60,198	68,990
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		110,647	118,990
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	7	16,580	3,457
NET CURRENT ASSETS		94,067	115,533
NET TOTAL ASSETS		94,932	115,533
FINANCED BY			
Accumulated Fund		115,533	105,703
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(20,601)	9,830
TOTAL FUNDS		94,932	115,533

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



5 March 2024

Notes to the accounts

#### 1. Accounting policies

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

#### 2. Accounting convention

The statements are prepared on a historical cost and accruals basis.

# 3. Change in basis of accounting

There have not been any changes since last year's accounts.

#### 4. Related-party transactions

There were no material related-party transactions during the year.

#### 5. Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
Information Technology	£	£
Cost		
Balance at 1 January 2023	0	0
Purchased during the year	1,153	0
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,153	0
Depreciation		

Balance at 1 January 2023	0	0
Charge for the year	288	288
Balance at 31 December 2023	288	288
Net Value at 31 December 2023	865	0

#### 6. Debtors & Prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Falling due within one year	444	0

#### 7. Creditors due within one year

	NOTE	2023	2022
		£	£
Trade Creditors		3,009	3,457
Exceptional item	13	13,571	0
TOTAL		16,580	3,457

#### 8. Loan

The loan to Conservative Campaign Headquarters is of no fixed term and is repayable on demand. Loan interest is attributed each year.

# 9. Branch Income & Expenditure and Organisation donations

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus
Northern	1,969	389	1,580
branch			
Conservative	350		350
Women's			
Association			
TOTAL			1,930

# 10. Fundraising

The Association runs fundraising activities centrally and through its branches, including social functions, raffles and lotteries.

#### 11. Salaries

The Association employed an average of 0.2 (2022= 0.2) full-time staff during the year.

# 12. Donations reported to the Electoral Commission

During the year Reigate & Banstead Conservative Association received NO donations that was reportable under PPERA (single or aggregate donations for an individual greater than £500 in any calendar year are reportable to the Electoral Commission).

# 13. Exceptional item

During the year the geographic area our Parliamentary constituency was amended under Boundary Commission changes. As a result, we have been obliged to enter into Transfers of Assets to East Surrey CA (£12,119) and Dorking & Horley CA (£4,238) and from Epsom & Ewell CA (£2,786). These amounts were finalised in January 2024. The net figure of £13,571 has been recorded as an exceptional cost item in the Income & Expenditure Account and included in Creditors due within one year on the Balance Sheet.

# 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 were approved on 5 March 2024.



Signed:

Ben Mearns (Chairman)

Dated: 5 March 2024