

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