

# **Solidarity/People Before Profit Alliance**

## **Statement of Accounts**

**For the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

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# **Solidarity/People Before Profit Alliance**

## **Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017**

### **Overview Statement**

#### ***Governance of the party***

Solidarity/People Before Profit has a Steering Committee that is responsible for the ongoing management of the organisation and its resources.

The Steering Committee members are: Bríd Smith TD, Richard Boyd Barrett TD, Adam Dudley, Cllr. Michael O'Brien, Paul Murphy TD.

The Steering Committee was nominated on 7 October 2017.

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## **Structure of the party**

Solidarity/People Before Profit is registered as a Political Party with the Register of Political Parties. Solidarity/People Before Profit operates on an all-Ireland, cross-border basis. At a national level it has a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is comprised of six members nominated by Solidarity and People Before Profit. The Steering Committee decides on the political direction of the organisation, provides the national resources, literature, and other material for the campaigns that the organisation is supporting, and organises policy forums and other such public events. Each unit may ratify candidates for elections.

The People Before Profit unit in Northern Ireland is responsible for its own finances and has a separate Steering Committee.

Solidarity/People Before Profit is organized as two constituent units: Solidarity and People Before Profit. Each unit is responsible for developing policy. Each unit may ratify candidates for elections. Depending on membership in a particular area, branches of both units operate at regional, county, town or district level.

## **Scope of the financial statements**

The financial statements report (pages 8-10) on the expenditure and income of Solidarity/People Before Profit incorporate the Head Office account, The Parliamentary Activities Account, Exchequer Funding (under section 19 of the Electoral Act 1997), and the Secretarial Facilities provided by the House of the Oireachtas to Solidarity/People Before Profit. All other accounting units of Solidarity/People Before Profit make a separate return to SIPO.

The accounts of the Solidarity/PBPA were prepared and presented in accordance with accounting standard FRS 102.

## **Steering Committee Report**

The Steering Committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Party. They are responsible for implementing the decisions of the national conference decisions of Solidarity/ People Before Profit and the as appropriate. They have responsibility for coordinating the political activities of the party's Councillors and TDs. They are responsible for coordinating any campaigns or local or national elections that the party is engaged in. In the period under review the Party fielded candidates in the February general election in constituencies across the country.

The Steering Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the Party's website and publications.

The Steering Committee is required to prepare the Financial Statements for each financial period. In preparing the financial Statements the Steering Committee are required to:

- 1) Select suitable accounting policies and ensure that the Financial Statements are prepared by a person that has suitable experience and training to implement these policies.
- 2) State whether the Financial Statements were prepared according to these policies and that they are in accordance with applicable accounting practices.
- 3) Prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis and note any material departure from these standards.
- 4) Keep and prepare a proper record of accounts that enable the financial position of the party to be determined at any time and the Financial Statements to be audited according to the appropriate legislation.

### ***Accounts***

The accounts were approved by the Steering Committee at a meeting on the 28<sup>nd</sup> of June 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

*Signed*

Denise Parker



# **Solidarity/People Before Profit Alliance**

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### **AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLIDARITY/PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT ALLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

We have audited the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

This report is made solely to the party's officers and members. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the officers and members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of committee members and auditors**

As explained more fully, the officers and members of the committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practice Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the party's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the officers and committee members; and the overall presentation of the accounts. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the officers and committee members report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounts and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts:

Give a true and fair view in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Solidarity/People Before Profit Alliance as at 31 December 2017 and of the deficit for the year.

Have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS102, the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1997 (as amended) and the guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by the Commission's Guidelines**

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion proper books of account have been kept, the statement of accounts is in agreement with the books of account, and the accounting records of the party were sufficient to permit the accounts to be readily and properly audited.

In our opinion the information given in the Steering Committee Report and the Overview Statement is consistent with the accounts.



Andrew Rittweger  
for and on behalf of

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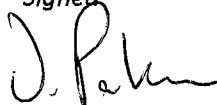
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**Income and Expenditure Account and Retained Earnings**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u> €	<u>2016</u> €
<b>Income</b>			
State Funding	2	897,002	717,917
Membership and Subscriptions	3	4,486	6,482
Fundraising	4	230	4000
Donations	5	708	7,582
Miscellaneous Income	6	0	135
		<u>902,426</u>	<u>736,116</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>902,426</b>	<b>736,116</b>
Staff Costs	7	704,592	372,705
Administration	8	179,764	129,732
Premises	9	18,930	14,500
Campaign & Election Costs	10	997	13,296
Miscellaneous Expenses	11	245	76
		<u>904,528</u>	<u>530,309</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>904,528</b>	<b>530,309</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for year before tax</b>		<b>-2,102</b>	<b>205,807</b>
<b>Tax charge for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the year</b>		<u><b>-2,102</b></u>	<u><b>205,807</b></u>

The statements of accounting policies and the attached notes numbered 1-19 form an integral part of the accounts and should be read in conjunction with them.

Signed  




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**Balance sheet**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2017</u> €	<u>2016</u> €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets		-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	12	91,122	91,122
Cash at bank and on hand	13	<u>152,627</u>	<u>151,957</u>
		<b>243,749</b>	<b>243,079</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	14	4,272	1,500
Loans		-	-
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b><u>239,477</u></b>	<b><u>241,579</u></b>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>	16	<b><u>239,477</u></b>	<b><u>241,579</u></b>

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**Cash Flow Statement**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2017</u> €	<u>2016</u> €
<b>Net Cash (outflow)/inflow</b>	17	670	126,812
<b>Return on Investments</b>		-	-
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>		-	-
<b>Net Cash (outflow)/inflow before financing</b>		670	126,812
<b>Financing</b>		-	-
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in cash</b>		670	126,812
<b>Cash or equivalent at beginning of year</b>		151,957	25,145
<b>Cash or equivalent at end of year</b>	13	<u>152,627</u>	<u>151,957</u>

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# **Solidarity/People Before Profit Alliance**

## **Statement of Accounting Policies**

### **Statement of Compliance and Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements for SOLIDARITY/PBPA for the year to 31 December 2017 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value given in exchange for assets.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland and Irish statute. They comply with the financial reporting standards of the Financial Reporting Council applicable in the Republic of Ireland (FRS102). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Electoral Acts and the guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the party's financial statements.

### **Income**

Income comprises donations, state aid, and fundraising by the party, exclusive of value added tax. Income is recognised on receipt except for state funding which is recognised on an accruals basis.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Staff costs expended from direct funding and staff allocations from the Houses of the Oireachtas are outlined in the notes to the accounts.

### **Taxation**

There is no tax liable on the surplus of funds.



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**Notes forming part of the statement of Accounts**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	€	€
<b>1 PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS</b>		
In March 2017 The name of the party was changed to Solidarity/PBPA		
<b>2 STATE FUNDING</b>		
Exchequer Funding (Sec. 19 Electoral Act 1997)	364,487	308,317
Parliamentary Activities Allowance	386,208	350,100
Other State Funding	146,307	59,500
	<u>897,002</u>	<u>717,917</u>
Breakdown of Administrative Support supplied by the House of Oireachtas		
Staff	126647	35000
Redundancy Costs	0	8000
Notional Pension Costs	0	8000
Computer and Phone costs	1730	1500
Associated Accomodation	17930	7000
	<u>146307</u>	<u>59500</u>
<b>3 MEMBERSHIP &amp; SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>		
Collected by Head Office Unit	4,486	6,482
Remitted by subsidiary units		
	<u>4,486</u>	<u>6,482</u>

**4 FUNDRAISING**

Raffle	230	4000

**5 DONATIONS**

Individual Donations	708	5,082
Corporate Donations		2,500
	708	-

A separate accounting report is returned to SIPO Under Section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997. Donations received do not relate to Membership or Fundraising Income.

**6 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME**

Miscellaneous income	0	135

**7 STAFF COSTS**

Staff Salaries and PRSI	704,592	372,705

27 staff were employed at year end. The whole time equivalent staff employed during the year was 21.25

**8 ADMINISTRATION COSTS**

Maintenance & Equipment	26455	5685
Head Office Expenses	39227	11206
Conferences	51131	23066
Training & Professional Services	26089	11235
Technical Group	0	2402
Travel Expenses	21029	7549
Payroll Administration Costs	1783	1294
Parliamentary Activities of Solidarity/PBPA	8000	7200
Other Administration Costs	1126	6095
Administration Support supplied by Oireachtas	1730	52500
Audit Fee	1500	1500
Web Services	1694	0
	179764	129732

**9 PREMISES COSTS**

Rent & related charges	1,000	7,500
Associated Accommodation provided by Oireachtas	17,930	7,000
	<u>18,930</u>	<u>14,500</u>

**10 CAMPAIGN & ELECTION COSTS**

General Election 2016	0	12,558
Campaign meetings and conferences	997	738
	<u>997</u>	<u>13,296</u>

Campaign and Election costs include election expenses (as defined under Section 31 of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended) and other expenses incurred in relation to elections or referenda or party/policy promotion.

**11 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**

Sundry	<u>245</u>	<u>76</u>
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**12 DEBTORS AND RECEIVABLES**

Funding due but not yet received from Oireachtas	<u>91,122</u>	<u>91,122</u>
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**13 CASH AT BANK & AT HAND**

Current Bank Accounts	<u>152,627</u>	<u>151,957</u>
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**14 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

Accrual	<u>4,272</u>	<u>1,500</u>
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**15 RESTRICTED FUNDING** 145,972 146,624

The total amount of funding received under the Electoral Act 1997 and the Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Amendment) Act 2014, which may only be used for the purposes specified in these Acts, but not yet expended at the year end for the specified purposes.

**16 ACCUMULATED FUND**

Balance at beginning of year	241,579	35,772
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>-2,102</u>	<u>205,807</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>239,477</u>	<u>241,579</u>

**17 NET CASH FLOWS**

(Deficit)/Surplus for the period	-2,102	205,807
Increase in Receivables	0	-80,394
Increase in Payables	<u>2,772</u>	<u>1,399</u>
Net Cash flows from operating activities	<u>670</u>	<u>126,812</u>

**18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Solidarity/PBPA consider the following to be related parties**

Members of the steering committee  
Appropriate Officers  
Solidarity

There were no related third party transactions during the year.

**19 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

There were no post Balance Sheet events that would impact on the funding or the expenses of Solidarity/PBPA.