

**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

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**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS  
PARTY LEADERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**Party Leadership**

Stephen Donnelly (resigned 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016)  
Catherine Murphy  
Róisín Shortall

**National Executive Committee**

Jim Brophy  
Stephen Donnelly (resigned 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016)  
John Gleeson (resigned 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016)  
Anne-Marie McNally (resigned 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016)  
Catherine Murphy  
Róisín Shortall  
Jennifer Whitmore (resigned 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016)

The following were appointed to the National Executive Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016;

Liz Carolan, Noel Dempsey, Grainne Fallon, Mark Khan, Ciaran Nevin, Sharon Nolan, Stephen O' Riordan, Brian Sheehen, Catherine Stocker & Peter Tanham

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**Auditors**

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Dublin 2

**Bankers**

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1 Lower Baggot Street  
Dublin 2

**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

The Executive Committee present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The Party was established on 15 July 2015.

**Responsibilities of the Executive Committee**

The provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and Guidelines issued by the Standard in Public Office Commission requires the executive committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the executive committee has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and 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. Under company law, the executive committee must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the party as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the party for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended).

In preparing these financial statements, the executive committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring that the party keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the party, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the party to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and executive committees' report comply with the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the party and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

To ensure that adequate accounting records are maintained, Jim Brophy was appointed treasurer.

**Scope of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements on pages 6 to 8 cover all the activities of the Social Democrats head office accounting unit only, which is based at Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. There were some branches in operation shortly before the year end. They are not accounted for in these financial statements as the amounts are minimal.

Jim Brophy  
**Treasurer**

Roisin Shortall  
**Executive Committee Member**

**Date: 28 June 2017**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT  
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS**

We have audited the financial statements of Social Democrats for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and 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 Executive Committee, as a body, in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Executive Committee 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 executive committee for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Executive Committee Report, the Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and 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 financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements 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 Executive Committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Executive Committee Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements 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 on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the party as at 31 December 2016 and of its results for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission.

**Other matters on which we are required to report.**

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the Executive Committee Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Alice Barnes  
for and on behalf of  
Kieran Ryan & Co.  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm  
20 Upper Mount Street  
Dublin 2  
Ireland

**Date: 28 June 2017**

**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	2016 €	2016 €	2015 €	2015 €
<b>Income</b>	3		503,904		16,792
Wages and Salaries		80,097		-	
Employer's PRSI contributions		8,358		-	
Staff Expenses		2,129		-	
Branch Development		1,000		-	
Web Hosting & Maintenance		5,160		-	
Use of premises		-		1,831	
Rent payable		1,865		-	
Recruitment		1,619		-	
Conference expenses		31,536		-	
Insurance		4,168		-	
Computer bureau costs		-		1,688	
Election posters		1,624		-	
Strategic Communications		7,027		-	
Regional conferences & meetings		1,695		-	
Stationery & Couriers		1,305		4,052	
Advertising		300		2,623	
Other election material		13,131		-	
Design & Printing		11,696		-	
Communications		2,222		-	
Market Research		205		-	
Travel expenses		1,335		-	
Entertaining		633		1,316	
Press, Media & digital consultancy		6,500		-	
PR Services		5,825		-	
Professional fees		27,160		-	
Audit & Accountancy fees		11,709		2,000	
Bank charges		1,000		439	
Policy documents (design & printing)		3,272		-	
General expenses		1,872		202	
Administrative supports provided by the House of Oireachtas		43,600		-	
			<u>(278,043)</u>		<u>(14,151)</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	4		(430)		-
<b>Surplus for the year</b>			<u>225,431</u>		<u>2,641</u>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>			<u><u>225,431</u></u>		<u><u>2,641</u></u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 28 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Jim Brophy  
Treasurer

Roisin Shortall  
Executive Committee Member

**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

		(12 months)	(7 months)
		2016	2015
	Notes	€	€
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	6	77,019	-
Cash and cash equivalents		198,202	30,745
		<u>275,221</u>	<u>30,745</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>(47,149)</u>	<u>(28,104)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>228,072</u>	<u>2,641</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>228,072</u>	<u>2,641</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Income and Expenditure Account		<u>228,072</u>	<u>2,641</u>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		<u>228,072</u>	<u>2,641</u>

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**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	2016 €	2015 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus for the year		225,431	2,641
Adjustments for:			
Interest payable and similar charges		430	-
		<u>225,861</u>	<u>2,641</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		(77,019)	-
Movement in creditors		35,045	12,104
		<u>183,887</u>	<u>14,745</u>
Cash generated from operations		183,887	14,745
Interest paid		(430)	-
		<u>183,457</u>	<u>14,745</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities		183,457	14,745
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
New short term loan		-	16,000
Repayment of short term loan		(16,000)	-
		<u>(16,000)</u>	<u>16,000</u>
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(16,000)	16,000
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>167,457</b>	<b>30,745</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b>		<b>30,745</b>	<b>-</b>
		<u>30,745</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	11	<b>198,202</b>	<b>30,745</b>
		<u><u>198,202</u></u>	<u><u>30,745</u></u>



**SOCIAL DEMOCRATS  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the party's financial statements.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the party for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council, as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland..

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and 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.

**Income**

Income is recognised in the year in which it falls due.

**Trade and other debtors**

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

**Trade and other creditors**

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

**2. Period of Financial Statements**

The comparative figures relate to the 7 month period ended 31 December 2015.

**3. Income**

The income for the year has been derived from:-

	(12 months) 2016	(7 months) 2015
	€	€
Donations	31,381	16,792
Electoral Act Funding	260,599	-
Parliamentary Activities Allowance	165,152	-
Administrative supports provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas (Note 13)	43,600	-
National Conference Income	3,172	-
	<u>503,904</u>	<u>16,792</u>

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<b>4.</b>	<b>Interest Payable and Similar Charges</b>	(12 Months) 2016	(7 months) 2015
		€	€
	On loans and overdrafts	430	-
		<u>430</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Employees and Remuneration</b>	(12 months) 2016	(7 months) 2015
	The staff costs comprise:	€	€
	Wages and salaries	80,097	-
	Social Welfare costs	8,358	-
		<u>88,455</u>	<u>-</u>

The aggregate wages and salaries to key management personnel included within the financial statements is €13,846.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	2016	2015
		€	€
	Other debtors	77,019	-
		<u>77,019</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Creditors</b>	2016	2015
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	€	€
	Loan from third party	-	16,000
	Party leadership loan	5,000	-
	Trade creditors	-	800
	Taxation (Note 8)	28,390	-
	Other creditors	4,847	9,304
	Accruals	8,912	2,000
		<u>47,149</u>	<u>28,104</u>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Taxation</b>	2016	2015
		€	€
	<b>Creditors:</b>		
	PAYE	<u>28,390</u>	<u>-</u>

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**9. Capital Commitments**

The party had no material capital commitments at the year-ended 31 December 2016.

**10. Contingent Liabilities**

The Party could be liable to make a redundancy payment to an employee arising from work for the Oireachtas prior to becoming a member of The Party. It is estimated that the potential liability could be €5,000.

**11. Post-Balance Sheet Events**

There have been no significant events affecting the party since the year-end.

<b>12. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	2016	2015
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	198,202	30,745
	<u>198,202</u>	<u>30,745</u>

<b>13. Administrative supports provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas</b>	2016	2015
	€	€
Staff	23,000	-
Notional staff pension costs	5,000	-
Suites of computer equipment	600	-
Associated accommodation	15,000	-
	<u>43,600</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. Approval of Financial Statements**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the executive committee on 28 June 2017.