# AAA/People Before Profit Alliance

**Statement of Accounts** 

For the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015

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### **Overview Statement**

### Governance of the party

AAA/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: Ailbhe Smyth, Bríd Smith TD, Richard Boyd Barrett TD, Adam Dudley, Cllr. Michael O'Brien, Paul Murphy TD.

The Steering Committee was appointed on 30 August 2015.

Appropriate Officers



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Auditors

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### Structure of the party

The AAA/People Before Profit is registered as a Political Party with the Register of Political Parties. AAA/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 members nominated by the AAA 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.

AAA/People Before Profit is organized as two constituent units: AAA 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 7-9) on the expenditure and income of the AAA/PBPA incorporate the Head Office account, The Parliamentary Activities Account, and the Staffing Allocation received from the House of the Oireachtas. All other accounting units of AAA/PBPA make a separate return to SIPO.

These are the first accounts of the AAA/PBPA and presented in accordance with accounting standard FRS 102.

### Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements report on the expenditure and income of the AAA/PBPA head office account. All other accounting units of AAA/PBPA make a separate return to SIPO.

### 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 the AAA and the PBPA 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 did not engage in any election or referendum campaigns.

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 20th December 2016.

Signed Ailbhe Smythe Paul Murphy

### AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AAA/PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT ALLIANCE FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015

We have audited the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2015 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, the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1997 (as amended) and the guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission.

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 of the state of affairs of the party at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and of its excess of expenditure over income for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the party's constitution.

Have been prepared in accordance with the Provisions of the Electoral Act,1997 (as amended) and the guidelines issued by SIPO.

We have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and in our opinion the statement of accounts are in agreement with the accounting records and were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be properly audited.

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Date: 07 /62 /2017

Income and Expenditure Account	<u>Note</u>	£
Income		
State Funding	1	80 462
Membership and Subscriptions	2	80,463 1,830
Donations		-
Miscellaneous Income	3	95
Total Income		00 000
		82,388
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	4	15,845
Administration	5	84,051
Premises	6	2,750
Campaign and Election Costs	7	926
Miscellaneous Expenses	8	193
Total Expenditure		103,765
Loss for year		(21,377)

The statements of accounting policies and the attached notes numbered 1-15 form an integral part of the accounts and should be read in conjunction with them.

Signed

Balance Sheet		
	Note	€
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Investments		
Current Assets		
Stock		
Debtors	9	10,728
Cash at Bank and in Hand	10	<u>25,145</u> 35,873
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and Accruals	11	101
Loans		
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>35,772</u>
Accumulated Fund	12	<u>35,772</u>

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## AAA/People Before Profit Alliance

## Statement of Accounts for the Period 29 August to 31 December 2015

Cash Flow Statement	<u>Note</u>	€
Net Cash (outflow)/inflow	13	(20,147)
Return on Investments and Servicing of Finance		
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investments		
Net Cash outflow)/inflow before financing		(20,147)
Financing		
(Decrease)/Increase in cash		(20,147)
Cash at beginning of period		<u>45,292</u>
Cash at end of period	14	<u>25,145</u>

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Signed

### **Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of preparation**

The accounts 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 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 comprises donations, state aid and fundraising by the party, exclusive of value added tax.

### Taxation

There is no tax paid on the surplus of funds.

## Notes forming part of the Statement of Accounts

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Note 1	State Funding	
	State funding comprises	€
	Exchequer funding section 19 Electoral Act 1997	
	Parliamentary Activities Allowance Other State Funding	64,368 <u>16,095</u>
Note 2	Membership and subscriptions	
	The amount reported for membership and subscriptions is	
	Collected by Head Office unit Remitted by subsidiary units	1,830 
	It consists of	
	Corporate membership Individual membership	1,830
Note 3	Miscellaneous income	
	Miscellaneous income comprises	
	Sundry	95
Note 4	Staff costs	
	Staff costs comprise of	
	Salaries	15,845
	6 staff were employed at period end. The whole-time equivalent staff employed during the period was 3	

### Note 5 Administration Costs

Maintenance and Equipment	4,065
Head Office Expenses	8,120
Conferences	8,915
Professional Services	26,401
Travel Expenses	9,124
Technical Group	1,027
Payroll Administration Costs	1,293
General Administration of the Parliamentary Activities of PBPA	7,200
Other Administration	1,811
Administrative Support supplied by Houses of Oireachtas	16,095
	84,051

## Breakdown of Administrative Support supplied by Houses of Oireachtas

	Staff Pension Computer and Phone Costs	14,041 1,712 <u>342</u> 16,095
Note 6	Premises Costs	
	Rent	<u>2,750</u>
Note 7	Campaign and Election Costs	
	Campaign and Election costs include election expenses (as defined unde of the Electoral Act 1997, as amended) and other expenses incurred in r elections or referendum campaigns or party/policy promotion.	er Section 31 relation to
	General party/policy promotion	926
Note 8	Miscellaneous Expenses	
	Miscellaneous Expenses comprise	
	Sundry	<u>193</u>
Note 9	Debtors and Receivables	

Debtors

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<u>10,728</u>

Note 10	Cash at Bank and at Hand	
	The Cash and Bank Balances comprise Current Bank Accounts	<u>25,145</u>
Note 11	Creditors and Accruals	
	Accrual	101
Note 12	Accumulated Fund	
	Balance at Beginning of Period Loss for period Balance at end of Period	57,149 (21,377) <u>35,722</u>
Note 13	Net Cash Flow	
	Deficit for Period Decrease in Debtors Net Cash outflow	(21,377) 1,230 (20,147)
Note 14	Related Party Transactions	
	AAA/PBPA consider the following to be related parties	
	Members of the Steering Committee Appropriate Officers AAA	
	There were no related third party transactions during the period	
Note 15	Events after the Balance Sheet date	
	In the 2016 election AAA/PBPA secured six seats. This will lead to an increase in funding for the AAA/PBPA.	