

**Fine Gael**

**Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended**  
**31 December 2016**

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**Fine Gael**

**Annual Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

*Trustees*

Enda Kenny	(appointed 6 June 2002)
Ian Brennan	(appointed 1 March 2014)
Frank Callanan	(appointed 28 March 2012)
Jerry Carey	(appointed 25 April 1998)
Deirdre Clune	(appointed 5 October 2002)
Mary Hayes	(appointed 27 April 2011)
Mari Hurley	(appointed 28 March 2012)
John McHugh	(appointed 1 March 2014)
Madeline Taylor Quinn	(appointed 28 March 2012)

*Appropriate Officer*

Tom Curran  
51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2

*Auditors*

Grant Thornton  
Chartered Accountants  
& Statutory Audit Firm  
Molyneux House  
Bride Street  
Dublin 8.

**Bankers**

Bank of Ireland  
2 College Green  
Dublin

**Solicitors**

Kevin O' Higgins Solicitors  
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## **Fine Gael**

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**Structure of the Party and Scope of the Financial Statements**

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**STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY**

Fine Gael is a Political Party registered in the Register of Political Parties in accordance with Section 25 of the Electoral Act, 1992.

Fine Gael was founded in 1933. The Fine Gael Árd Fheis is the governing body of the Party and the Party's core principles and its operation and practices are set out in its Constitution and Rules. Both the Constitution and Rules and policy matters are agreed by the membership at Fine Gael Árd Fheiseanna. The current Constitution and Rules were first enacted in 1996 and amended by subsequent Árd Fheiseanna.

The units of the Party are: Branch, District Executive, Constituency Executive, Parliamentary Party, Executive Council and Árd Fheis.

Each of the Party's members and units are represented collectively on the Party's Executive Council, Fine Gael's senior executive body which takes core organisational decisions and is elected at each Árd Fheis.

The property and assets of Fine Gael are vested in the Trustees, who oversee the finances of the Party and present audited accounts of the income and expenditure of National Headquarters to Executive Council and also to the Ard Fheis following the accounts financial year end.

Fine Gael has a large membership which is organised through a branch network. Membership is open to every person who accepts the principles of the Party and who agrees to abide by its Constitution and Rules.

**SCOPE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements presented on pages 3 to 29 cover all the activities of Fine Gael Headquarters, 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2 only and do not include the affairs of any branches or other units.

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**THE PARTY**

Fine Gael is a Political Party which is registered in the Register of Political Parties in accordance with Section 25 of the Electoral Act 1992.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Fine Gael offers the Irish people a political point of view and public representation in the National Parliament, across local government and in the European Parliament. Fine Gael continually develops and refines positions and policies which reflect its core values and the changing needs of the Irish people.

The Party contests all political elections in the State and European institutions with a view to maximising its representation and creating the opportunity to implement its policies.

**PERFORMANCE**

2016 saw a General Election and Fine Gael emerged from the campaign as the largest Party in Dáil Eireann. For the first time in the Party's history - Fine Gael was returned to Government for a consecutive term and the Party Leader, Enda Kenny TD, was re-elected as Taoiseach. While this breakthrough was historic, the election result was disappointing. A drop in Oireachtas seats was expected based on the reduced Dáil size and number of resignations during the 2011-2016 parliament. However, the final number of members returned fell below the Party's targets. The reduced number of Fine Gael Oireachtas members has meant a significant reduction in Party funding and as a consequence a swift and significant cost-restructuring programme was prepared and implemented.

A minority Government is now in place led by Fine Gael and including members of the Independent Alliance. This administration has a 'Supply and Confidence' agreement with the largest Opposition party – Fianna Fail ensuring Ireland can rely on stable government for a period covering three Budgets. Despite the challenges, the Fine Gael led government has focused on delivering a programme for government that is seeing continued progress in economic growth, reducing unemployment, starting to address vital social issues such as housing and homelessness and maintaining the country's international reputation.

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## **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

### **Financial risk and economic risk**

In common with all organisations, prudent management of the Party's financial resources and affairs is crucial. Due to the support and hard work of Fine Gael elected representatives, members and staff the organisation remained strong in 2016. Funding for Fine Gael comes from the State through the Electoral Act and Parliamentary Activities Allowance grants while election activities are funded by the Party membership mainly through the National Draw and membership fees.

### **People**

Fine Gael as a membership organisation relies on its members to progress and shape the Party's policies, positions and objectives. The Parliamentary Party is central to this process working together with elected representatives across local government, party officers and general membership. As an active organisation, the Party constantly reviews and renews itself to deliver a high standard of service to its members and the people of Ireland.

Following the outcome of the 2016 General Election, the Party commissioned a number of detailed and thorough reviews of both the election campaign and the organisation. Once established, the reviews were completed and the outcome and recommendations were communicated and discussed across the Party including with the membership at a number of stakeholder forums. The Party accepted all of the key recommendations and has been implementing these to ensure Fine Gael is well prepared, organised and ready for the next cycle of elections.

### **Electoral success**

Electoral success is vital for any political party and a core focus for Fine Gael. Maintaining strong numbers of elected people contributes to the Party's capacity to implement its policies at national and local level. Fine Gael will continue to focus on policy initiatives and maximising performance in terms of candidate selection, increasing gender balance and ensuring it meets the needs of the electorate.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial highlights of the year are as follows:

- Total income was €6.22m.

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- Party expenditure was €7.48m
- The deficit for the year was €1.26m and
- The Party's net cash position decreased by €265k.

**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Political activity is cyclical in nature and preparation for the next sequence of elections is required with European Parliament and Local Government Elections scheduled for 2019. This means that organisation structures, campaign planning, political strategy and policy formulation needs to be advanced. In addition, and to ensure the Party can fight these elections effectively, Fine Gael must build its financial position and strength.

**POST-YEAR END EVENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

On May 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD announced his resignation as Fine Gael Party Leader. Leo Varadkar was elected as the Fine Gael leader on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and replaced Enda Kenny as Taoiseach on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This change, after fifteen years heralds a new chapter for the Party.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Fine Gael and of the surplus or deficit of the Party for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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;

This responsibility is assumed by the Trustees for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO) and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Trustees are 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, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Trustees' report comply with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997, Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission, Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland and enable the financial statements to be audited. The Trustees 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.

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**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Trustees believe that they have complied with with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission with regard to books of account by employing personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the financial function. The books and records are maintained at 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on



**Trustee**



**Trustee**



**Tom Curran**

**Date:**

27/6/17

## **Independent Auditors Report to the**

### **Trustees and Members of Fine Gael**

**For the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

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We have audited the financial statements of Fine Gael for the financial year ended 31 December 2016, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Statement of Comprehensive income, the Balance sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

This report is made solely to the Party's members, as a body in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Party's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 Party and the Party's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Auditors**

As explained more fully in the in the Statement of Trustees responsibilities, the Trustees are 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 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 Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual 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.

**Independent Auditors Report to the  
Trustees and Members of Fine Gael (continued)  
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**Opinion on the financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

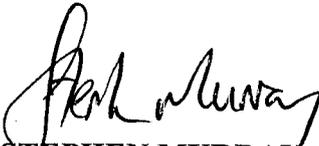
- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Party as at 31 December 2016 and of its deficit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission.

**Other matters on which we are required to include an opinion**

- 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 Party 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 Report of Trustees is consistent with the financial statements.

**Molyneux House  
Bride Street  
Dublin 8**

**Date:** 27 June 2017

  
**STEPHEN MURRAY**  
For and on behalf of  
**Grant Thornton**  
Chartered Accountants  
& Statutory Audit Firm

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**Statement of Accounting Policies for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

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**1. Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland” (“FRS102”) and with the provisions of the Electoral Act 1997 and Guidelines issued by the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO).

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost except for the modification to a fair value basis for certain fixed assets as specified in the accounting policies below. The financial statements are presented in Euro (€). The naming conventions used for the primary financial statements and disclosure notes are in accordance with SIPO approved Guidelines. The financial statements presented on pages 3 to 29 cover all the activities of Fine Gael Headquarters, 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2 only and do not include the affairs of any branches or other units.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Income**

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Party and the income can be reliably measured. Income is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. To the extent income received relating to post year end (such as membership fees) this income is accounted for as deferred income within the Balance Sheet at the financial year end. Donations, draw receipts, youth office income, party fund income, Bye-election levies and special events income are recognised on receipt.

All amounts received other than State Income, are considered donations in accordance with Electoral Act 1997 (as amended). Income is disclosed in accordance with the Guidelines issued by SIPO and accordingly is classified into the relevant headings of Membership and Subscriptions, Fundraising Income and Donations (and Donations-in-kind). Individual donations refer to amounts received that does not relate to Membership and Subscriptions or Fundraising Income.

**2.2 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. All costs of Fine Gael Headquarters’ assets were fully discharged by Fine Gael Headquarters and are not donations.

Statement of Accounting Policies for the financial year ended 31 December 2016

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**Tangible fixed assets continued**

At each reporting date management assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Management adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the Party. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold properties	75 years straight line
Office furniture and equipment	4 to 5 years straight line
Computer equipment	4 years straight line
Motor vehicles	5 years straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within "Miscellaneous income" in the Income and Expenditure Account.

**2.3 Revaluation of tangible fixed assets**

Freehold property is carried at fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are undertaken with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the Balance Sheet date.

Fair values are determined from market based evidence normally undertaken by professionally qualified valuers.

Revaluation gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income unless losses exceed the previously recognised gains or reflect a clear consumption of economic benefits, in which case the excess losses are recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account.

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**Statement of Accounting Policies for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

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**2.4 Operating leases: Lessee**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**2.5 Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

**2.6 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

**2.7 Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**2.8 Provision for liabilities**

A provision is recognised when the Party has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

**2.9 Foreign current translation**

The functional and presentational currency is Euro (€).

**Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at

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**Statement of Accounting Policies for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

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**Foreign current translation (continued)**

the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account.

All foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Income and Expenditure Account within "Miscellaneous income and expenses" respectively.

**2.10 Pension costs**

The Party operates defined contribution schemes and its annual contributions are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account in the period to which they relate.

**2.11 Holiday pay accrual**

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which is accrued at the Balance Sheet date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future entitlement so accrued at the Balance Sheet date.

**3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where these judgments and estimates have been made include:

**Useful lives of depreciable assets**

The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type and component of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of fair values and residual values. Management annually review these asset lives and adjust them as necessary to reflect current thinking on remaining lives in light of technological change, prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets concerned. Changes in asset lives can have significant impact on depreciation charges for the period. It is not practical to quantify the impact of changes in asset lives on an overall basis, as asset lives are individually determined, and there are a significant number of asset lives in use. The impact of any change would vary significantly depending on the individual changes in assets and the classes of assets impacted.

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**Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

	Note	2016	2015
		€	€
<b><i>Income</i></b>			
State funding	1	5,086,657	6,007,449
Membership and subscriptions	2	405,105	429,190
Donations	3	13,249	29,078
Donations in kind (including notional donations)	4	2,052	2,199
Fundraising income	5	711,664	736,635
Other amounts remitted by branches	6	-	-
Miscellaneous income	7	-	-
Total income		<u>6,218,727</u>	<u>7,204,551</u>
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>			
Staff costs	8	2,732,867	2,579,799
Administration	9	1,082,624	2,594,983
Premises costs	10	119,308	78,824
Transfers to branches	11	-	-
Application of donations in kind and notional donations	12	2,052	2,199
Fundraising expenses	5	173,489	154,852
Financing charges	13	78,754	13,209
Campaign and election costs	14	1,468,849	153,575
Depreciation	17	141,480	139,542
Miscellaneous expenses	15	285,245	592,458
Administrative supports provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas	16	<u>1,398,000</u>	<u>1,332,000</u>
Total expenditure		<u>7,482,668</u>	<u>7,641,441</u>
Deficit for the year before taxation		(1,263,941)	(436,890)
Taxation		-	-
Deficit for the year after taxation		<u>(1,263,941)</u>	<u>(436,890)</u>

All operations are classed as continuing.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27/6/17

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**Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

<b>Statement of Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Reported deficit on ordinary activities	(1,263,941)	(436,890)
Unrealised gain on revaluation of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>309,975</u>
Total Comprehensive deficit on ordinary activities	<u>(1,263,941)</u>	<u>(126,915)</u>

<b>Note of historical cost deficit</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Reported deficit on ordinary activities	(1,263,941)	(436,890)
Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and the actual charge on the revalued amount	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>
Historical cost deficit on ordinary activities	<u>(1,262,991)</u>	<u>(435,940)</u>

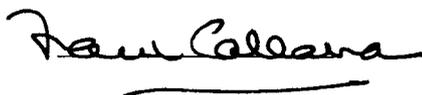
**The statement of accounting policies and the attached notes numbered 1 to 28 form an integral part of the accounts and should be read in conjunction with them.**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		€	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	17	2,324,201	2,455,839
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	19	467,235	677,733
Cash at bank and on hand	20	<u>1,247,361</u>	<u>1,674,418</u>
		<u>1,714,596</u>	<u>2,352,151</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	21	(619,131)	(1,495,777)
Loans and overdrafts	22	<u>(680,000)</u>	<u>(161,505)</u>
		<u>(1,299,131)</u>	<u>(1,657,282)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>415,465</u>	<u>694,869</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		2,739,666	3,150,708
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>			
Loans and overdrafts	22	<u>(852,899)</u>	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><b>1,886,767</b></u>	<u><b>3,150,708</b></u>
Accumulated fund	24	(167,445)	1,096,496
Other reserves	27	488,011	488,011
Revaluation reserve	27	<u>1,566,201</u>	<u>1,566,201</u>
		<u><b>1,886,767</b></u>	<u><b>3,150,708</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on the 27/6/17, and are signed on their behalf by:



Trustee



Trustee



Tom Curran

Fine Gael, 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2

Statement of Cash Flow for the financial year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 €	2015 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net loss for the year	(1,263,941)	(436,890)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	141,480	139,542
Interest paid	78,754	13,209
Interest received	(154)	(212)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	210,498	(35,802)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(876,646)</u>	<u>596,424</u>
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(1,710,009)</b>	<b>276,271</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible assets	(9,842)	(63,289)
Interest received	<u>154</u>	<u>212</u>
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>(9,688)</b>	<b>(63,077)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Interest paid	<u>(78,754)</u>	<u>(13,209)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(78,754)</b>	<b>(13,209)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,798,451)</b>	<b>199,985</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,512,913</u>	<u>1,312,928</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	<u>(285,538)</u>	<u>1,512,913</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,247,361	1,674,418
Short term borrowings	(680,000)	(161,505)
Long term borrowings	<u>(852,899)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(285,538)</u>	<u>1,512,913</u>

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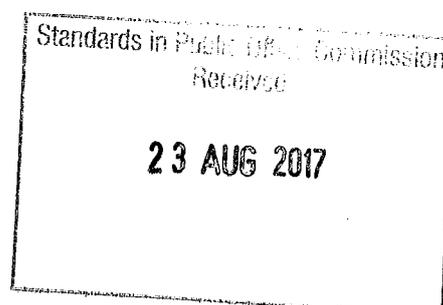
**Notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

<b>Note 1</b>	<b>State funding</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
State funding comprises:			
	Electoral Act	1,757,016	2,281,055
	Parliamentary activities allowance	1,931,641	2,394,394
	Administrative supports provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas	<u>1,398,000</u>	<u>1,332,000</u>
		<u>5,086,657</u>	<u>6,007,449</u>

<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Membership and subscriptions</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
The amount reported for membership and subscriptions is comprised as follows:			
	Corporate memberships	-	-
	Party fund memberships	78,264	104,370
	Individual subscriptions	<u>326,841</u>	<u>324,820</u>
		<u>405,105</u>	<u>429,190</u>

<b>Note 3</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
The total donations reported comprise:			
	Individual donations	12,370	26,122
	Corporate donations	<u>879</u>	<u>2,956</u>
		<u>13,249</u>	<u>29,078</u>

Under Section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997, a separate reporting is made in respect of donations received. Individual and corporate donations refer to amounts received that do not relate to Membership and Subscriptions or Fundraising Income.



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**Notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016**

**Note 4 Donations in kind**

Donations in kind in the current year amounted to €2,052 (2015: €2,199)

All donations in kind are corporate donations.

**Note 5 Fundraising and expenditure**

The principal sources of fundraising income in the year were as follows:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Fundraising income</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Receipts from National draw	826,194	849,670
Less refunds due to constituencies	(235,358)	(294,953)
Other Income	<u>120,828</u>	<u>181,918</u>
National Draw Party Income	711,664	736,635
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	<u><u>173,489</u></u>	<u><u>154,852</u></u>

**Note 6 Other amounts remitted by branches**

No membership and subscriptions remitted by branches during the period.

**Note 7 Miscellaneous income**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Miscellaneous income comprises:	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Investment income	-	-
Rental income	-	-
Service income	-	-
Special events and other income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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<b>Note 8</b>	<b>Staff costs</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
	Staff costs comprise:		
	Salaries and wages	2,362,265	2,149,722
	Employers PRSI	217,883	241,644
	Pension costs	105,616	119,291
	Staff training and development	<u>47,103</u>	<u>69,142</u>
		<u><u>2,732,867</u></u>	<u><u>2,579,799</u></u>

The average number of staff employed by the Party during the financial year amounted to:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	No.	No.
Headquarters	28	33
Press and research and policy	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u><u>37</u></u>	<u><u>43</u></u>
Year-end staff numbers	<u>21</u>	<u>52</u>

<b>Note 9</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
	<i>Administration comprises:</i>		
	Constituency expenses	171,097	410,468
	Research	2,938	723,358
	Consultancy fees	228,514	312,220
	Legal and professional fees	45,126	124,028
	Print office	77,843	110,471
	IT services	48,618	80,964
	Press office and publicity	53,650	67,544
	Telephone	57,373	56,942
	Auditor's remuneration – other services	28,638	57,163
	Auditor's remuneration and expenses	27,020	36,900
	Repairs, maintenance, cleaning and security	38,150	33,048
	Staff travel	24,581	23,034
	Subscriptions	19,305	20,159
	Ard Fheis / National Conference	155,381	155,586
	Other administrative expenses	<u>104,390</u>	<u>383,098</u>
		<u><u>1,082,624</u></u>	<u><u>2,594,983</u></u>

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<b>Note 10</b>	<b>Premises costs</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
The cost of premises utilised in the year comprises:			
	Rental and related charges	-	-
	Heating and electricity	12,044	11,104
	Upkeep and maintenance	-	22,129
	Rates and insurance	98,792	95,591
	Other premises costs	8,472	(50,000)
	Renovation costs	-	-
		<u>119,308</u>	<u>78,824</u>

**Note 11**      **Transfer to branches**

There were no transfers to branches.

**Note 12**      **Application of donations in  
kind and notional donations**

Applications of donations in kind in the current year amounted to €2,052 (2015: €2,199)

<b>Note 13</b>	<b>Financing charges</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
Financing charges comprise:			
	Loan and mortgage interest	62,769	3,982
	Overdraft interest	-	-
	Finance lease charges	-	-
	Other financing costs	<u>15,985</u>	<u>9,227</u>
		<u>78,754</u>	<u>13,209</u>

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**Note 14 Campaign and election costs**

Campaign 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 referendum campaigns, or party/policy promotion and comprise:

	2016	2015
	€	€
<b><i>European election</i></b>		
Election expenses	-	-
Other campaign expenses	-	-
Donations in kind	-	-
<b><i>General election</i></b>		
Election expenses	1,468,849	-
Other campaign expenses	-	-
Donations in kind	-	-
<b><i>Local elections</i></b>		
Election expenses	-	-
Other campaign expenses	-	-
Donations in kind	-	-
<b><i>Bye-election</i></b>		
Election expenses	-	31,954
Other campaign expenses	-	-
Donations in kind	-	-
<b><i>Referendum</i></b>		
Campaign expenses	-	121,621
Donations in kind	-	-
<b><i>General party/policy promotion (conferences, publications, etc.)</i></b>		
Conferences	-	-
	<u>1,468,849</u>	<u>153,575</u>

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<b>Note 15</b>	<b>Miscellaneous expenses</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		€	€
	Miscellaneous expenses comprise:		
	Website and new media	9,821	196,516
	Young Fine Gael programme costs	69,761	129,304
	Gender equality programme	46,742	76,082
	Leader's office expenses	61,337	45,661
	Press office and publicity	12,853	19,247
	Other miscellaneous expenses	<u>84,731</u>	<u>125,648</u>
		<u>285,245</u>	<u>592,458</u>

**Note 16**      **Administrative supports provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	€	€
Staff	1,122,000	1,113,000
Notional staff pension costs	176,000	114,000
Suites of computer equipment	13,000	11,000
Associated accommodation	<u>87,000</u>	<u>94,000</u>
	<u>1,398,000</u>	<u>1,332,000</u>

Services received in accordance with the Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Secretarial Facilities) Regulations 2013 during the year were costed by the State at €1,398,000 were provided without charge by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.

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**Note 17 Depreciation and tangible assets**

	<b>Freehold Premises</b>	<b>Office furniture &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Computer equipment</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 Jan 2016	2,109,975	933,202	277,670	46,000	3,366,847
Additions	-	8,022	1,820	-	9,842
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2016	<u>2,109,975</u>	<u>941,224</u>	<u>279,490</u>	<u>46,000</u>	<u>3,376,689</u>

	<b>Freehold Premises</b>	<b>Office furniture &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Computer equipment</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 Jan 2016	9,975	683,274	194,759	23,000	911,008
Charge	9,975	80,784	41,521	9,200	141,480
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2016	<u>19,950</u>	<u>764,058</u>	<u>236,280</u>	<u>32,200</u>	<u>1,052,488</u>

**Net book value**

At 31 Dec 2016	<u>2,090,025</u>	<u>177,166</u>	<u>43,210</u>	<u>13,800</u>	<u>2,324,201</u>
At 31 Dec 2015	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>249,928</u>	<u>82,911</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>2,455,839</u>

The party's freehold premises at 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2 was valued by DTZ Sherry Fitzgerald, 164 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 in May 2016 on an open market value basis. The trustees believe the carrying value is not materially different from the market value at 31 December 2016.

There are no capital commitments at the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

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**Note 18 Investments**

The Party does not hold any investments.

**Note 19 Debtors**

	2016	2015
	€	€
Oireachtas grants	415,848	570,264
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>51,387</u>	<u>107,469</u>
	<u>467,235</u>	<u>677,733</u>

No provision was recognised against debtors.

All amounts are receivable within one year.

**Note 20 Cash at bank and on hand**

	2016	2015
	€	€
Current accounts	459,757	-
Deposit accounts	787,487	1,673,918
Cash on hand	<u>117</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>1,247,361</u>	<u>1,674,418</u>

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<b>Note 21</b>	<b>Creditors and accruals: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2016 €</b>	<b>2015 €</b>
	Creditors	196,405	586,475
	PAYE and social security	37,700	79,437
	VAT	-	36,481
	Deferred income	75,334	83,391
	National draw refunds owing to constituencies	235,358	294,953
	Accruals	<u>74,334</u>	<u>415,040</u>
		<u>619,131</u>	<u>1,495,777</u>

There are no contingent liabilities arising at the year end.

Creditors are payable at various dates over the coming months in accordance with the suppliers' usual and customary credit terms. The terms of the accruals are based on the underlying contracts. Taxes, including social security, are repayable at various dates in accordance with applicable statutory provisions.

<b>Note 22</b>	<b>Loans and overdrafts</b>	<b>2016 €</b>	<b>2015 €</b>
The balance of loans and overdrafts comprises:			
	Bank loans and overdrafts due within one year	680,000	161,505
	In more than one year but not more than two years	680,000	-
	In more than two years but not more than five years	<u>172,899</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,532,899</u>	<u>161,505</u>

Bank loans are secured by a specific charge over the Party's freehold premises at 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2 in favour of Bank of Ireland.

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<b>Note 23</b>	<b>Financial instruments</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>

**Financial assets**

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost

	<u>415,848</u>	<u>570,264</u>
	<u>415,848</u>	<u>570,264</u>

**Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

	<u>2,038,996</u>	<u>1,457,973</u>
	<u>2,038,996</u>	<u>1,457,973</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise of Oireachtas grants receivable at the Balance sheet date

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, accruals and national draw refunds payable at the Balance sheet date.

<b>Note 24</b>	<b>Accumulated fund</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>

The accumulated fund comprises:

Balance at beginning of year – as previously stated	1,096,496	1,569,605
First time adoption of FRS102	-	(36,219)
(Deficit)/surplus for year – as previously stated	<u>(1,263,941)</u>	<u>(436,890)</u>

Balance at end of year	<u>(167,445)</u>	<u>1,096,496</u>
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**Note 25 Pensions**

The Party operates an externally operated defined contribution schemes for employees. The total contribution costs for the year were €105,616 (2015: €119,291). There is a balance of €15,966 (2015: €Nil) due at the year end.

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**Note 26 Related party transactions and key management remuneration**

During the year there were no related party transactions. No amounts outstanding at the year-end 31 December 2016.

The key management decisions of the Party are undertaken by the General Secretary in conjunction with the Trustees of the Party. The General Secretary's annual salary is €141,000 (2015: €141,000), Employers PRSI cost €16,947 (2015:€16,755), contribution to pension €26,005 (2015: €21,136) and other benefits total €16,738 (2015: €14,860).

The Trustees do not receive any remuneration or reimbursement for expenses incurred in respect of the execution of their duties. Other transactions during the period with Trustees total €7,049 (2015: €12,001) relating to remittances to the Party for membership fees, contributions to the Party Fund, fundraising events and donations.

<b>Note 27 Other reserves</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Capital reserve	426,986	426,986
Premises fund	<u>61,025</u>	<u>61,025</u>
	<u>488,011</u>	<u>488,011</u>
Revaluation reserve		
Balance brought forward	1,566,201	1,256,226
Revaluation of freehold premises	<u>-</u>	<u>309,975</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>1,566,201</u>	<u>1,566,201</u>

**Note 28 Comparative information**

Comparative information has been reclassified where necessary to conform to current financial year presentation.