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Taxpayers Against Poverty Limited

Accounts

30 September 2016

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Report and accounts
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**Taxpayers Against Poverty Limited
Company Information**

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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2016.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year was that of facilitating the promotion of a taxpayers' alliance to promote social and economic justice.

Founder's report

Taxpayers Against Poverty (TAP) was founded by a letter published by The Guardian on the 16th February 2012.

TAP is not a charity but has registered as a not for profit company so we are publicly accountable for our income and expenditure.

We registered the company on September 2013. We have not registered as a charitable trust so our statements and publicity about the facts of poverty in the UK cannot be inhibited by the Charity Commission. The objects of the company include Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In last year's report for 2014/15 we emphasised TAP's objects;

(1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

(2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

In the year under review those objects have been at the front of our minds

LOBBYING PARLIAMENT ON HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

TAP took the opportunities offered by the Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015/16 to lobby for those objects. Kate Green MP tabled appropriate amendments to the Welfare Reform and Work Bill but they were defeated. Lord Ramsbotham, supported by Baroness Meacher, tabled a series of amendments requiring government to report on the impact of welfare reform on the health and well-being of work-less households, in particular on maternal nutrition and the impact on their off spring. Dr Angela Donkin of the Institute of Health Equity provided a brief entitled "NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY IMPACTS ON HEALTH". His amendments were forced to a vote on the 25th January 2016 and lost 110 to 184 with Labour Peers abstaining.

On the same day the Bishop of Durham had tabled an amendment which would retain all the poverty measures in the Child Poverty Act 2010 passed by the then Labour Government but which the Government had deleted in the House of Commons. It was passed 290 votes to 198 with the Labour Peers support.

On 9th February the House of Commons performed a U turn and accepted the Bishop of Durham's amendment so retaining the annual report of the poverty measures in the Child Poverty Act 2010.

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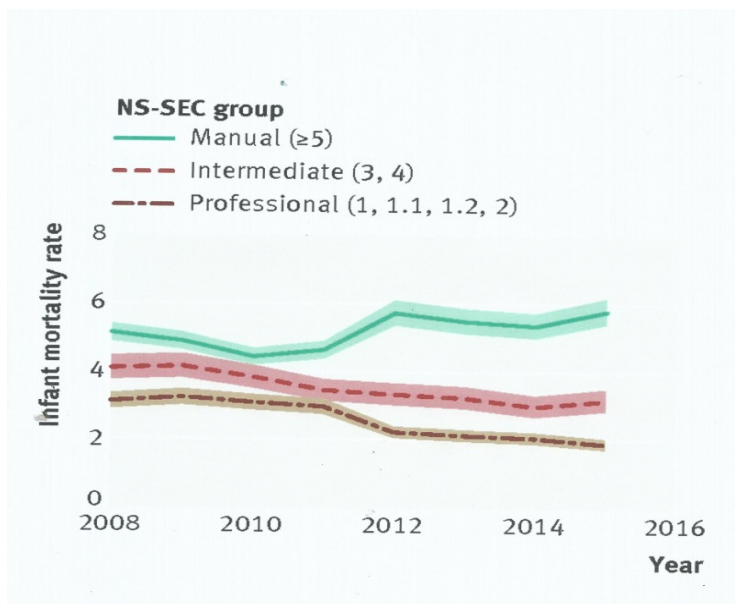
It later transpired that Labour Peers abstained on Lord Ramsbotham's amendment on the understanding that the Conservative majority in the House of Commons would pass the Bishop of Durham's amendment.

We were glad to have been used to retain those vital statistics. However TAP had written to Lord Ramsbotham on the 16th January 2016 that "The need for governments to be required annually to assess the cumulative impact of Acts of Parliament on the health and well-being of UK citizens will outlast the passage of the Welfare Reform and Work Bill".

This report is being written in May 2017. It seems right to add that in 2015:

- 1 Deaths & infant deaths up in 2015 (see below) a year in which life expectancy reduced after decades in which life expectancy has increased UK (ONS).
- 2 7,300 admitted hospital hungry up 50% in 2015 (NHS).
- 3 Homeless up 54% (Crisis) since 2010.
- 4 Upturn in suicides due to recession not reversed now unemployment levels have fallen.

Professor Taylor Robinson writing in the British Medical Journal has reported that Britain's infant death rate is now rising.



HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The decision to challenge local authorities' taxation of national benefits was motivated by the impact on the health of benefit claimants.

£73.10 a week adult unemployment benefit, which morphs into £317 a month Universal Credit ($£73.10 \times 52/12 = £317$) is too low to tax, and enforce with court costs and bailiffs fees, without damaging the health of the poorest residents.

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Three challenges were won and the fourth lost but is still on the TAP agenda.

- 1 The Supreme Court decided that Haringey Council's consultation was unlawful. That was the first time the Supreme Court had considered governmental consultations. It decided the law on all governmental consultations.
- 2 The High Court decided it was unlawful for Tottenham Magistrates Court and Haringey Council were to withhold the Haringey's costs charged to late and non payers a court summons and liability order from the public. That now holds true throughout England and Wales.
- 3 A complaint to the Auditor of Haringey's accounts that the costs charged to late and non-payers of council tax for a court summons and liability order resulted in them being reduced.
- 4 An appeal to the High Court that the auditors ought, in the public interest:
 - a. to take into account the vulnerability of low income benefit claimants when considering size of the costs.
 - b. be accountable to the residents rather than the council (like the accountants of private companies are accountable to the shareholders) failed.

TAP series of 10 blogs on Affordable Housing and 9 Blogs on Health Equality

The lowest incomes are stagnating while rents increase. That means the income available for food fuel and other necessities are being squeezed with inevitable detrimental effects on the health and wellbeing of the poorest British citizens. Housing and health being major policy issues for any government we sought the best advice and the means to publicise it. We are grateful for the Grant of £30,000 from the Trust for London which enabled us to employ Simon Buckby and Priya Rane of Champollion, and to the following for agreeing to write ten blogs on affordable housing and nine on health equality:

- 1 Stephen Hill MRICS Churchill Fellow, Prof Danny Dorling University of Oxford, Fred Harrison Land Research Trust, Alison Gelder Housing Justice for writing the ten blogs on affordable housing (i)
- 2 Dr Angela Donkin Institute of Health Equity, Profs Kate Pickett and Richard Wilkinson Equality Trust, Maddy Power University of York, Carl Walker University of Brighton for writing the nine blogs on health equality (ii)

The first housing blog was published on the TAP website on the 5th October 2016 and the last about health equality on the 7th April 2017.

LOCAL CASES

Assisting vulnerable local residents with rent and council tax arrears, with the consequences of the bedroom tax and the three month sanction fuelled the motivation for, and provided evidence for trying, to improve the oppressive laws and national level.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

We reported last year “We do not need any convincing that social media is now at the heart of all campaigning”. The grant from trust for London enabled us to employ Clifford Singer of Social Spark to build our new website. On the 30th September 2015 we reported that “We now have 360 members, 543 followers on Twitter and 12,312 likes on Facebook, all UK wide”. We now have 503 members, 1,708 likes on Twitter and 19,512 followers.

THE FUTURE

Armed with the 19 blogs from the best informed sources we intend lobbying parliament as and when the opportunities arise.

Rev Paul Nicolson
Founder, Taxpayers Against Poverty

- (i) <http://taxpayersagainstopoverty.org.uk/news/TAP-has-published>
- (ii) <http://taxpayersagainstopoverty.org.uk/news/tap-health-equality-campaign-of-9-blogs-against-a-national-disgrace-we-publ>

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Revd P R Nicolson	
T J Nichols	
F Harrison	Appointed 30 November 2015

This report was approved by the board on 0 January 1900 and signed on its behalf.

Revd P R Nicolson
Director

**Taxpayers Against Poverty Limited
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30 September 2016**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Grants and donations received	21,897	3,997
Staff costs	-	(186)
Other charges	(22,419)	(3,456)
(Expenditure)/income before taxation	<u>(522)</u>	<u>355</u>
(Expenditure)/income	<u>(522)</u>	<u>355</u>

Taxpayers Against Poverty Limited**Registered number: 08672692****Balance Sheet****as at 30 September 2016**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Current assets	3,580	4,251
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(621)</u>	<u>(770)</u>
Net current assets	<u>2,959</u>	<u>3,481</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>2,959</u>	<u>3,481</u>
Net assets	<u>2,959</u>	<u>3,481</u>
 Capital and reserves	 <u>2,959</u>	 <u>3,481</u>

The company is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England. Its registered office is 23 Shackleton Court, 2 Maritime Quay, London E14 3QF.

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and FRS 105, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime. The accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Revd P R Nicolson

Director

Approved by the board on 0 January 1900

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Detailed income and expenditure account items
for the year ended 30 September 2016

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2016	2015
	£	£
Income		
Grant received - Trust for London	17,500	-
Donations received	4,397	3,997
	<u>21,897</u>	<u>3,997</u>
Staff costs		
Travel and subsistence	-	186
	<u>-</u>	<u>186</u>
Other charges		
Premises costs:		
Meeting costs	105	354
	<u>105</u>	<u>354</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	-	650
Postage and stationery	839	238
Subscriptions	-	75
Bank charges	48	31
IT costs	191	192
Donations paid	115	250
Sundry expenses	446	60
	<u>1,639</u>	<u>1,496</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
PR campaign	10,060	-
Publicity (Facebook, Twitter, posters etc)	5,975	1,606
Web development and hosting	4,640	-
	<u>20,675</u>	<u>1,606</u>
	<u>22,419</u>	<u>3,456</u>

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Detailed balance sheet items
as at 30 September 2016

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts and should NOT be sent to HMRC

	2016	2015
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>3,580</u>	<u>4,251</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors	<u>621</u>	<u>770</u>
Capital and reserves		
Income and expenditure account	<u>2,959</u>	<u>3,481</u>
Income and expenditure account		
Brought forward	3,481	3,126
Result for the year	<u>(522)</u>	<u>355</u>
	<u>2,959</u>	<u>3,481</u>