# THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

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# COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

Directors:

S Brien R H Brooks M Florman Mrs N M Oliver Ms C L Usher-Smith A Wethered M Yallop Baroness P Stroud

Secretary:

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Registered number:

05137036

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 May 2015.

#### Review of business

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is an independent think tank, established to put social justice at the heart of British politics. The CSJ studies the root causes of Britain's acute social problems in partnership with grassroots charities and people whose lives have been affected by poverty. This enables it to find and promote evidence-based, experience-led solutions to change lives and transform communities. The CSJ believes that the surest way to reverse social breakdown - and the poverty it creates - is to build resilience within individuals, families and the innovative organisations able to help them.

CSJ research is disseminated through publications, media coverage, online and via high-profile, influencing events throughout the year. The CSJ engages with policy makers across the political spectrum and is regularly featured within major news outlets and news print.

The financial results for the year show a positive position and the surplus for the year will be invested in furtherance of the activities of CSJ in the proceeding period.

#### Financial Year 2014 - 2015

In the past year, the CSJ has published 16 reports that have had a major impact on social policy across the political spectrum and driven considerable media coverage.

76 of the CSJ's policy recommendations were adopted in the main parties' General Election manifestos, including 25 in the Conservative manifesto which will now be taken into government. The six reports that comprised the CSJ's cornerstone research, Breakthrough Britain 2015, looked afresh at its five pathways to poverty - family breakdown, educational failure, economic dependency, addiction and serious personal debt. The government is now committed to using these issues as the key means of tackling poverty in the UK.

In particular, the CSJ has secured major policy achievements in the following areas:

# **Family**

The Coalition Government introduced a transferable marriage tax allowance for lower rate taxpayers in April 2015 as recommended in the CSJ's report Fully Committed.

The Labour Party also adopted a key CSJ recommendation from Fully Committed, to evolve Sure Start centres into Family Hubs, providing a range of services to support families in need.

#### Welfare Reform

The CSJ's central proposal to tackle youth unemployment with a new 'youth allowance' to help young people develop skills was adopted by the Conservative Party. The CSJ outlined this plan in the report Journey to Work.

### Education

The Coalition pledged to expand the National Leaders of Education programme which the CSJ called for in Closing the Divide. The Labour Party, Conservative Party, and the Liberal Democrats all adopted the CSJ policy to establish an independent College of Teaching to promote the highest standards of teaching and school leadership.

#### **Addiction**

The three main parties backed the CSJ's call for a blanket ban on all new psychoactive substances or so-called legal highs, recommended in Ambitious for Recovery.

#### **Debt**

In Restoring the Balance, the CSJ revealed that thousands of people are "too poor to go bankrupt" and called for greater use of Debt Relief Orders, a cheap form of personal insolvency. The recommendation was adopted by the Government in January.

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#### **Criminal Justice**

In its manifesto the Conservative Party pledged to implement "swift and certain" semi-custodial sanctions for prolific offenders, recommended by the CSJ. They are proven to dramatically reduce reoffending and are being used in 26 States across the US.

In response to the CSJ's report Drugs in Prison, the Conservative Party announced that it would introduce its main recommendation, use of Body Scanners, in prisons. It also adopted other recommendations including widespread testing of drug use in jails and a new strategy to tackle corruption in prisons.

#### **Modern Slavery**

The Home Secretary said: "I want to thank the Centre for Social Justice, whose authoritative report "It Happens Here", laid bare the plight of modern slavery victims in the UK". The Modern Slavery Act, which received Royal Assent earlier this year, was inspired by the CSJ. It is the first time that a think tank work has led directly to an Act of Parliament and the CSJ was thanked for its impact by Home Secretary, Theresa May. Leading on from this, the CSJ published A Modern Response to Modern Slavery, which called for a new vision in the EU to tackle modern slavery. It received widespread acclaim and contained a foreword by Theresa May.

The CSJ's research has regularly been cited in leading media outlets, from national newspapers to major broadcasters, and on influential shows including the Today Programme, Newsnight and Daily Politics. In total in the last year the CSJ has been mentioned 320 times in national newspapers, 359 times in regional newspapers and 1509 times on broadcast networks.

The CSJ's published reports during this period were:

- Enough is Enough: A report on child protection and mental health services for children and young people (June 2014)
- The Journey to Work: Welfare reform for the next parliament (June 2014)
- Fully Committed? How government could reverse family breakdown (Julý 2014)
- Restoring the Balance: Tackling problem debt (July 2014)
- Ambitious for Recovery: Tackling drug and alcohol addiction in the UK (August 2014)
- Closing the divide: Tackling educational inequity in England (August 2014)
- Breakthrough Britain 2015 An overview (September 2014)
- Social Solutions: Enabling grass-roots charities to tackle poverty (September 2014)
- Doing our duty? Improving transitions for military leavers (November 2014)
- Finding their Feet: Equipping care leavers to reach their potential (January 2015)
- Transforming Lives to Strengthen Britain: A Social Justice Manifesto for 2015 (March 2015)
- Concerned about Cannabis (March 2015)
- Drugs in Prison (March 2015)
- Tackling Low Pay (March 2015)
- Sport for Social Goods: Revisiting More Than a Game (March 2015)
- A Modern Response to Modern Slavery (April 2015)

The CSJ looks forward to working with all of its supporters, friends and Alliance members over the coming year in pursuit of its objectives.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 June 2014 to the date of this report.

S Brien R H Brooks M Florman Mrs N M Oliver A Wethered M Yallop

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

#### **Directors**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 June 2014 to the date of this report.

S Brien R H Brooks M Florman Mrs N M Oliver A Wethered M Yallop

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

P A Baverstock - resigned 21 May 2015 Ms L Hobbs - resigned 6 October 2014 Ms C L Usher-Smith - appointed 23 October 2014

Baroness P Stroud was appointed as a director after 31 May 2015 but prior to the date of this report.

C O Guy and R J H Robson ceased to be directors after 31 May 2015 but prior to the date of this report.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board:

M Florman - Director

Date: 13-01-2016

# **PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover		1,598,202	1,379,281
Direct Costs		(224,926)	(165,012)
Gross profit		1,373,276	1,214,269
Administrative expenses		(1,094,118)	(1,148,202)
Operating profit	3	279,158	66,067
Interest receivable and similar income		71	16
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	cation	279,229	66,083
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	<u>-</u>	
Profit for the financial year		279,229	66,083

**Continuing operations**None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

## Total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year.

The notes form part of these financial statements

# THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 05137036)

# BALANCE SHEET 31 MAY 2015

		2015		2014	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		467	•	977
Current assets					
Debtors	6	19,150		19,150	
Cash at bank		534,505		292,101	
		553,655		311,251	
Creditors		,			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	22,406		59,741	
Net current assets		<del></del>	531,249	<del></del>	251,510
Total assets less current liabilities			531,716		252,487
Reserves					
Profit and loss account	8		531,716		252,487
	9		531,716		252,487
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The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2015.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2015 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13-01-2016 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Florman - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

### 1. Accounting policies

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

A summary of principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year is set out below.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents income received as grants or other contributions.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings Computer equipment Straight line over 3 years

- Straight line over 3 years

### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. Staff costs

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	2015 £	2014 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	778,465 82,070	752,476 77,651
Other pension costs	26,615 ————— 887,150	22,492 852,619
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	<del></del>	
The average marking number of employees dailing the year was as is notice.	2015	2014
Employees	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
Operating profit		
The operating profit is stated after charging:		
Other operating leases Depreciation - owned assets	<b>2015</b> £ 56,998 510	<b>2014</b> £ 75,728 510
Directors' remuneration	<del></del>	

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

#### 4. **Taxation**

Analysis of the tax charge
No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 May 2015 nor for the year ended 31 May 2014.

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5.	Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	Cost			
	At 1 June 2014 and 31 May 2015	8,933	1,529	10,462
	Depreciation			
	At 1 June 2014	8,933	552	9,485
	Charge for year	, <u>-</u>	510	510
	At 31 May 2015	8,933	1,062	9,995
	Net book value		_	
	At 31 May 2015	-	467	467
	At 31 May 2014	<del>====</del>	<del>=====</del> 977	977
	71 of May 2014	====	=====	====
6.	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year			
-,	,		2015	2014
			£	£
	Trade debtors		4,000	4,000
	Other debtors		15,150	15,150
			19,150	19,150
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7.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
			2015	2014
	Trada araditara		£	£
	Trade creditors Net Pay Control		1,585 (1,560)	60,206
	Social security and other taxes		22,381	(465)
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59,741

22,406

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015

8.	Reserves		Profit and loss account £
	At 1 June 2014 Profit for the year		252,487 279,229
	At 31 May 2015		531,716
9.	Reconciliation of movements in reserves	2015 £	2014 £
	Profit for the financial year	279,229	66,083
	Net addition to reserves Opening reserves	279,229 252,487	66,083 186,404
	Closing reserves	531,716	252,487