Registered number: 00357963

# JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Directors** 

Sarah V Brinton (Baroness)

Amanda C Cormack

Peadar D Cremin (deceased 30 November 2015)

Christine J Day (resigned 10 July 2015)

Alison R Goldsworthy Christopher J Greenfield

Andrew C Neal

Nicholas B Harvey (Sir)

**Company secretary** 

Tina C Walker

**Registered number** 

00357963

**Registered office** 

The Garden House

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North Yorkshire YO30 6WQ

**Independent auditors** 

**BHP Chartered Accountants** 

Bathurst House

86 Micklegate York

Y01 6LQ

**Bankers** 

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# JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the group for the year ended 31 December 2015.

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Principal activities**

The group's principal activity is investing in securities and real estate, the making of grants and undertaking projects for political and other purposes in accordance with the terms of the Memoranda of Association.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

Sarah V Brinton (Baroness)
Amanda C Cormack
Peadar D Cremin (deceased 30 November 2015)
Christine J Day (resigned 10 July 2015)
Alison R Goldsworthy
Christopher J Greenfield
Andrew C Neal
Nicholas B Harvey (Sir)

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. None of the directors held any shares in this company's subsidiaries in the current or preceding year.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The following directors are to retire from the board in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment:

Amanda C Cormack
Alison R Goldsworthy

Grants - political purposes	£
Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors	58,760
East Devon Alliance	1,000
Liberal Democrats	127,200
Liberal Democrats - Berwickshire, Roxburgh & Selkirk	750
Liberal Democrats - Calderdale	1,250
Liberal Democrats - Inverness East, Nairn Lochaber	2,200
Liberal Democrats - Lancaster & Morcambe	500
Liberal Democrars - Leeds North West	1,250
Liberal Democrats - Montgomeryshire	1,000
Liberal Democrats - North Devon	2,500
Liberal Democrats - Scottish	41,910
Liberal Democrats - Welsh	30,100
Liberal Democrats - Yorkshire & Humberside	11,302
Liberal Voices - Julian Huppert	9,000
Liberal Voices - Kirsty Williams AM	18,000
Liberal Voices - Tim Farron MP	9,456
Liberal Voices - Willie Rennie MSP	18,000
	334,178
Grants - non political purposes	£
50for15	2,644
Alliance for Choice	21,056
Bite the Ballot Ltd	19,580
Black Mental Health UK	18,142
Blacklisted Support Group and New Internationalist	7,480
Bowers, Chris & Lucas, Caroline	3,750
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament	20,625
Compass	12,000
Corporate Watch	7,475
DeafLondon	4,250
Digital-Trust	35,600
English Collective of Prostitutes	18,600
Fabian Society	10,782
Fantasy Frontbench	4,664
ForcesWatch	15,950
Future Housing Review	6,000
Generation Rent	22,750
GeneWatch UK	6,099
George, Andrew	7,000
Hacked Off	37,500
Hayhurst, Ruth	3,627
High Pay Centre	5,000
IMPRESS Project	9,975

**DIRECTORS' REPORT** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Index on Censorship	7,718
Intern Aware	8,866
Labour Campaign for Human Rights	30,000
Legal Aid Team!	5,000
Liberal Democrat Peers/Lord Tyler	7,155
Lyons, Ben	2,500
Manifesto Club Ltd	11,000
Meadowcroft, Michael	1,250
MedConfidential	36,649
Media Reform Coalition	53,520
Network for Police Monitoring	20,954
Nuclear Information Service	8,605
Object	6,250
Open Rights Group	59,812
openDemocracy	24,923
Operation Black Vote	7,344
Quilliam Foundation	21,818
Red Pepper	6,500
Spiked Spiked	12,900
The Guardian	16,665
UK Feminista	16,000
Unlock Democracy	19,500
Voice4Victims	7,500
Vote for Policies	11,224
Wilkinson, Karen and Willmott, Tim	7,440
rish Anti War Movement	833
Peace and Neutrality Alliance	834
SAND Safe Ageing No Discrimination	200
Transparency International Ireland	833
	714,342
Fotal grants paid	1,048,520

Grants and project expenditure are recognised in the profit and loss account when paid. The directors have authorised a further £1,298,439 (2014: £732,358) for payment, which is not reflected in the accounts, as no binding agreement has been entered into. Under an arrangement with the Trustees of The JRSST Charitable Trust, the company would reimburse the charitable trust in respect of any grants ultimately rejected by the Inland Revenue. There was no potential liability under this arrangement at 31 December 2015 (2014: £nil).

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company and the group's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any
  relevant audit information and to establish that the company and the group's auditors are aware of that
  information.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### **Auditors**

BHP Chartered Accountants are deemed to be reappointed as auditors under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

#### **Small companies provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to small companies exemption.

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

Tina C Walker

Secretary

Date: 18 March 2016

The Garden House

Water End

York

North Yorkshire

**YO30 6WQ** 

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015, set out on pages 7 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 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 directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices 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 group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' 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 state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
  regime and to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Group
  strategic report or in preparing the Directors' report.

Guy Ward (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**BHP Chartered Accountants** 

**Statutory Auditors** 

Bathurst House 86 Micklegate York Y01 6LQ

18 March 2016

# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover	2	1,404,092	1,512,312
Cost of sales		-	(6,262)
Gross profit		1,404,092	1,506,050
Management expenses		(399,341)	(571,848)
Operating profit	3	1,004,751	934,202
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments		331,773	(1,499,750)
Interest payable		(911)	(6,119)
Grants paid		(1,048,520)	(1,407,049)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		287,093	(1,978,716)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	4	(261,998)	(1,554,915)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	12	25,095	(3,533,631)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	25,095	(3,533,631)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of fixed asset investments	1,352,083	2,142,761
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	1,377,178	(1,390,870)
NOTE OF CONSOLIDATED HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015		
	2015 £	2014 £
Reported profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	287,093	(1,978,716)
Realisation of valuation gains of previous periods	1,541,310	8,357,409
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,828,403	6,378,693
Historical profit for the year after taxation	1,566,405	4,823,778

**REGISTERED NUMBER: 00357963** 

#### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	<b>A</b> I - <b>A</b> -	£	2015	· £	2014 £
	Note	r.	£	Ľ	Ľ
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	•	3,780		4,751
Investment property	6		7,467,577		-
Investments	7		34,035,487		34,737,073
			41,506,844		34,741,824
Current assets					
Debtors	9	988,185		23,485	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,692,818		10,395,062	
•	·	3,681,003		10,418,547	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(273,819)		(1,623,521)	
Net current assets	•		3,407,184		8,795,026
Total assets less current liabilities .			44,914,028		43,536,850
Capital and reserves					
Revaluation reserve	12		17,868,749		18,057,976
Other reserves	<b>12</b> ·		4,606,760		4,606,760
Profit and loss account	12		22,438,519		20,872,114
			44,914,028		43,536,850
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 18 March 2016.

Nicholas B Harvey (Sir)

Director

**Andrew C Neal** Director

**REGISTERED NUMBER: 00357963** 

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		3,780		4,751
Investments	7		34,040,487		34,742,073
			34,044,267		34,746,824
Current assets					
Debtors	9	988,185		1,540	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,440,275		10,233,849	
		3,428,460		10,235,389	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,098,216)		(10,046,234)	
Net current assets			2,330,244		189,155
Total assets less current liabilities			36,374,511		34,935,979
Capital and reserves					
Revaluation reserve	12		17,868,749		18,057,976
Other reserves	12		4,606,760		4,606,760
Profit and loss account	12		13,899,002		12,271,243
			36,374,511		34,935,979

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Nicholas B Harvey (Sir)
Director

Andrew C Neal
Director

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

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

#### 1.2 Cash flow

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

#### 1.3 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries').

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own profit and loss account.

The profit and loss account for the year dealt with in the accounts of the company was a profit of £86,449 (2014 - a loss of £1,145,945).

#### 1.4 Turnover

Turnover represents investment income, interest receivable from short term loans, cash deposits and income from property.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment

Straight line over 5 years

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.6 Investments

Subsidiary undertakings
 Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

#### (ii) Other investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

Listed investments are stated at market value with the resulting difference between cost and market value being transferred to the revaluation reserve annually. Where a fall in value to below cost occurs, then the deficit is taken to the profit and loss account if the diminution is considered permanent. Unlisted investments are accounted for on the same basis where a market value is readily available. Where no market value is available the investment is valued at cost, with an annual review by the directors for any permanent diminution in value.

#### 1.7 Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the Balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and are not depreciated. This treatment is contrary to the Companies Act 2006 which states that fixed assets should be depreciated but is, in the opinion of the directors, necessary in order to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company and the group.

#### 1.8 Pensions

The company operates a defined benefits pension scheme. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme where it is not possible, in the normal course of events, to identify on a consistent and reasonable basis, the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. Therefore, as required by FRS17 'Retirement benefits', the company accounts for this scheme as if it was a defined contribution scheme. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

#### a) Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised and carried forward at invoiced amounts less provisions for any doubtful debts. Bad debts are written off when identified and included in the profit and loss account.

#### b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are included in the balance sheet at cost. Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

### 1.10 Grants and trust projects

Grants and trust projects are included in the accounts when the expenditure has been incurred. Amounts authorised by the directors to which no binding commitments are made are noted in the directors' report.

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

2.	Turnover		
2.			
	The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal a An analysis of turnover is given below:	ictivity of the group.	
	All allalysis of turnover is given below.	2015	2014
		£	£
	Investment income	1,170,151	939,216
	Interest receivable	38,912	2,413
	Property rental income	195,029	570,433
	Other income	,	250
	•		
	Total	1,404,092	1,512,312
		•	
_			
3.	Operating profit		
	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2015	2014
		£	£
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
	- owned by the group	1,273	1,619
	Auditors' remuneration	6,285	6,075
	Auditors' remuneration - non-audit	7,065	6,885
	Pension costs	34,365	39,250
	During the year, no director received any emoluments (2014 - £NIL).		
	Auditors fees for the company were £3,500 (2014 - £3,400)		
	P		
4.	Taxation		
٠.	Idadion	,	
	•	2015	2014
	•	£	£
	UK corporation tax charge on profit/loss for the year	261,998	1,554,915

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

At 31 December 2014

5.	Tangible fixed assets	
		Office
		equipment
	Group	£
	Cost or valuation	
	At 1 January 2015	24,901
	Additions	924
	Disposals	(1,036)
	At 31 December 2015	24,789
	Depreciation	
	At 1 January 2015	20,150
	Charge for the year	1,273
	On disposals	(414)
	At 31 December 2015	21,009
	Net book value	
	At 31 December 2015	3,780

4,751

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

Office	
equipment	
£	Company
	Cost or valuation
24,901	At 1 January 2015
924	Additions
(1,036)	Disposals
24,789	At 31 December 2015
	Depreciation
20,150	At 1 January 2015
1,273	Charge for the year
(414	On disposals
21,009	At 31 December 2015
	Net book value
3,780	At 31 December 2015
4,751	At 31 December 2014
	Investment property
Freehold	
investment	
property £	Group
•	Valuation
-	At 1 January 2015
7,467,577 —————	Additions at cost
7,467,577	At 31 December 2015

The investment properties above were acquired during the year and are stated at cost. The directors are not aware of any material changes in value since they were acquired.

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

				Fixed asset investments
	Unlisted	Listed		
Total £	investments £	investments £		Group
_	_	_		Cost or valuation
34,737,073	3,724,338	31,012,735		At 1 January 2015
1,381,218	-	1,381,218		Additions
(3,434,887)	(960,930)	(2,473,957)		Disposals
1,352,083	233,600	1,118,483		Revaluations
34,035,487	2,997,008	31,038,479	•	At 31 December 2015
			•	Net book value
34,035,487	2,997,008	31,038,479	_	At 31 December 2015
34,737,073	3,724,338	31,012,735		At 31 December 2014
			Investments in	
Total	Unlisted	Listed	subsidiary	
Total	Unlisted investments	Listed investments £		Company
	investments	investments	subsidiary companies	Company Cost or valuation
	investments	investments £	subsidiary companies	Cost or valuation
£	investments £	investments	subsidiary companies £	• •
£ 34,742,073	investments £	investments £ 31,012,735	subsidiary companies £	Cost or valuation At 1 January 2015
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### Listed investments

The market value of the listed investments at 31 December 2015 was £31,038,479 (2014 - £31,012,735). The historic cost of listed investments is £14,920,708 (2014: £15,088,145) and unlisted investments is £1,246,039 (2014: £1,590,954). Unlisted Investments are included at market value where a market price is readily available. The remaining unlisted investments are reviewed annually by the directors. The carrying value of unlisted investments, at 31 December 2015 where no market value is readily available amounts to £5,002 (2014: £5,002).

The tax charge, should the investments be sold at market value, would be £2,945,379 (2014: £3,087,491).

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

#### 8. Principal subsidiaries and associates

#### a. Principal subsidiaries

Company name	Country	Percentage Shareholding	Description
JRRT (Investments) Limited	<b>United Kingdom</b>	100%	Dormant
JRRT (Properties) Limited	United Kingdom	100%	Property Letting
b. Principal associates			
		Percentage	•
Company name	Country	Shareholding	Description
VisionOntv	United Kingdom	26%	TV and Media

#### 9. Debtors

	Group			Company
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	•	18,330	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	21,617	-	21,617	-
Other debtors	966,568	5,155	966,568	1,540
	988,185	23,485	988,185	1,540
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Amounts owed by related undertakings relates to a loan of £21,617 (2014: £nil) in respect of The JRSST Charitable Trust which is an associated charity.

#### 10. Creditors:

### Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company
2015	2014	2015	2014
£	£	£	£
-	19,994	947,264	9,642,715
114,874	1,425,226	92,348	361,642
28,531	8,203	-	-
130,414	170,098	58,604	41,877
273,819	1,623,521	1,098,216	10,046,234
	f 114,874 28,531 130,414	2015 2014 £ £ - 19,994 114,874 1,425,226 28,531 8,203 130,414 170,098	2015 2014 2015 £ £ £ - 19,994 947,264 114,874 1,425,226 92,348 28,531 8,203 - 130,414 170,098 58,604

Amounts owed to related undertakings relates to The JRSST Charitable Trust, which is an associated charity, of £nil (2014: £19,994).

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

### 11. Company status

The company is limited by guarantee, having no share capital. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding 50p in the event of the company being wound up while they are members or within one year thereafter. The number of members is declared not to exceed twenty.

#### 12. Reserves

Group	Revaluation reserve £	Other reserves	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2015	18,057,976	4,606,760	20,872,114
Profit for the financial year	•	-	25,095
Surplus on revaluation of other fixed assets	1,352,083	-	-
Transfer between Revaluation reserve and P/L account	(1,541,310)	-	1,541,310
At 31 December 2015	17,868,749	4,606,760	22,438,519
	Revaluation		Profit and loss
	reserve	Other reserves	account
Company	£	£	£
At 1 January 2015	18,057,976	4,606,760	12,271,243
Profit for the financial year		-	86,449
Surplus on revaluation of other fixed assets	1,352,083	-	-
Transfer between Revaluation reserve and P/L account	(1,541,310)	•	1,541,310
At 31 December 2015	17,868,749	4,606,760	13,899,002

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

#### 13. Pension commitments

The company participates in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is a multiemployer defined benefit scheme. The Scheme is funded and was contracted out of the state scheme until 31 March 2010, when the Scheme was closed to future accrual.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there were two benefit structures available, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate, until the date of Scheme closure on 31 March 2010.

The Scheme closed to future accrual on 31 March 2010. There is currently no intention to wind up the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme and it continues in paid-up form.

The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Scheme every 3 years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Scheme in order to determine the level of future contributions required so that the Scheme can meet its pension obligations as they fall due.

The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Scheme's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by the members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

It is not possible in the normal course of events to identify on a consistent and reasonable basis the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. This is because the scheme is a multi-employer scheme where the scheme assets are co-mingled for investment purposes and benefits are paid from total scheme assets. Accordingly, due to the nature of the scheme, the accounting charge for the period under FRS17 represents the employer contribution payable.

The last formal valuation of the Scheme was performed as at 30 September 2011, by a professionally qualified actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The market value of the Scheme's assets at 30 September 2011 was £66.2 million. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £28.8 million (equivalent to a past service funding level of 69.7%)

The main financial assumptions used in the valuation are an inflation rate of 2.4%, a rate of salary increases of 4.4%, a rate of pension increases of 2.4%, investment return pre retirement of 5.8% and an investment return post retirement of 4.0%.

If an actuarial valuation reveals a shortfall of assets compared to liabilities the Trustee must prepare a recovery plan setting out the steps to be taken to make up the shortfall.

From 1 April 2013 a new recovery plan came into effect, following the finalisation of the 2011 valuation. Confirmation of the contributions payable from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 were advised to employers by letter in February 2014.

If the valuation assumptions are borne out in practice, this pattern of contributions should be sufficient to eliminate the entire funding shortfall by 31 March 2028.

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

#### 13. Pension commitments (continued)

A copy of the recovery plan must be sent to the Pensions Regulator after each valuation is finalised. The Regulator has the power under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004 to issue scheme funding directions where it believes that the actuarial valuation assumptions and/or recovery plan are inappropriate. For example the Regulator could require that the Trustee strengthens the actuarial assumptions (which would increase the Scheme liabilities and hence impact on the recovery plan) or impose a schedule of contributions on the Scheme (which would effectively amend the terms of the recovery plan).

The recovery plan from the 2011 valuation has been submitted to The Pensions Regulator.

The Scheme Actuary has prepared an Actuarial Report that provides an approximate update on the funding position of the Scheme as at 30 September 2013. Such a report is required by legislation for years in which a full actuarial valuation is not carried out. The funding update revealed an increase in the assets of the Scheme to £81m (from £73m at 30 September 2012) and indicated a decrease in the shortfall of assets compared to liabilities to approximately £34m (from £36m at 30 September 2012), equivalent to a past service funding level of 71% (from 67.2% at 30 September 2012).

Following a change in legislation in September 2005 there is a potential debt on the employer that could be levied by the Trustee of the Scheme. The debt is due in the event of the employer becoming insolvent or ceasing to participate in the Scheme, or the Scheme winding up.

The debt for the Scheme as a whole is calculated by comparing the liabilities for the Scheme (calculated on a buyout basis i.e. the cost of securing benefits by purchasing annuity policies from an insurer, plus an allowance for expenses) with assets of the Scheme. If the liabilities exceed assets there is a buy-out debt.

The leaving employer's share of the buy-out debt is the proportion of the Scheme's liability attributable to employment with the leaving employer compared to the total amount of the Scheme's liabilities (relating to employment with all the currently participating employers). The leaving employer's debt therefore includes a share of any 'orphan' liabilities in respect of previously participating employers. The amount of the debt therefore depends on many factors including total Scheme liabilities, Scheme investment performance, the liabilities in respect of current and former employees of the employer, financial conditions at the time of the cessation event and the insurance buy-out market. The amounts of debt can therefore be volatile over time.

#### 14. Related party transactions

The group received management charges of £20,500 (2014: £8,600) and incurred £27,889 (2014: £29,584) of charges in respect of rent and premises costs from The JRSST Charitable Trust, an associated charity whose Trustees are the same persons as the directors of The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Limited. These charges are included in management expenses.

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### JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED

**DETAILED ACCOUNTS** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015.

# CONSOLIDATED DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	
	£	2014 £
Turnover	1,404,092	1,512,312
Cost of sales	. •	(6,262)
Gross profit	1,404,092	1,506,050
Less: Overheads		
Management expenses	(399,341)	(571,848)
Operating profit	1,004,751	934,202
Interest payable	(911)	(6,119)
Grants paid	(1,048,520)	(1,407,049)
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	331,773	(1,499,750)
Profit/(loss) for the year	287,093	(1,978,716)

# JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
Tunnavan	£	£
Turnover		
Investment income	1,170,151	939,216
nterest receivable	38,912	2,413
Property rental income	195,029	570,433
Other income	-	250
	1,404,092	1,512,312
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	2015	2014
	£	£
Cost of sales		C 252
Property expenses	<del>-</del>	6,262
	2015 £	2014 £
Nanagement expenses	Ľ	
alaries and national insurance	108,516	145,048
irectors' travel and meetings expenses	11,947	9,740
taff costs	5,293	6,957
ravelling and meeting expenses	22,696	31,620
taff pension costs	34,365	39,250
vestment management fees	106,080	94,327
rinting and stationery	2,961	3,374
elephone and internet	4,160	4,468
omputer costs	7,043	3,089
rust events	6,205	-
eview meeting	4,097	-
egal and professional	27,316	197,311
rants and project advice	34,755	•
uditors' remuneration	6,285	6,075
ccountancy fees	7,065	6,885
ank charges	165	134
undry expenses	1,108	967
remises expenses	17,238	18,933
ent	10,651	10,651
epreciation of office equipment	1,273	1,619
rofit/loss on sale of tangible assets	622	-
Management charge (charity)	(20,500)	(8,600)
	399,341	571,848

# JOSEPH ROWNTREE REFORM TRUST LIMITED SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
· ·	£	£
Interest payable		
Interest payable	911	6,119
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	2015	2014
,	£	£
Grants paid		
Non-political grants	(714,342)	(723,360)
Political grants	(334,178)	(683,689)
	(1,048,520)	(1,407,049)
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	2015	2014
	£	£
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	331,773	(1,499,750)