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**BRITISH PROPERTY FEDERATION** 

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2014

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# Directors

David B Marks Christopher M Grigg William Hughes Christopher M Taylor David J R Sleath Alan J Leibowitz Elizabeth A Peace Melanie J Leech

President 1 Immediate Past President<sup>2</sup> Senior Vice President 3 Junior Vice President 4 Junior Vice President 5 **Honorary Treasurer** Chief Executive 6 Chief Executive 7

Aubrey J Adams Toby A Courtauld Anne T Kavanagh Jonathan H E Thompson Rebecca J Worthington J Paul White 8

**Company Secretary** 

Andrew D Panting

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**Auditors** 

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Company Registration Number 778293

<sup>1</sup> Until 08 July 2014 thereafter Immediate Past President

<sup>2</sup> Until 08 July 2014 when he was elected to remain on the Board

<sup>3</sup> Until 08 July 2014 thereafter President

<sup>4</sup> Until 08 July 2014 thereafter Vice President

<sup>5</sup> From 08 July 2014 when he joined the Board 6 Until 19 December 2014 when she left the Board

<sup>7</sup> From 17 March 2015 when she joined the Board

<sup>8</sup> Until 08 July 2014 when he left the Board

#### Introduction

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report together with the Group financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Business of the Federation**

The purpose of the Federation is to develop partnerships with the UK and Scottish Governments, and other decision making bodies, so that it can encourage the development of policies and regulations that will enable the industry to grow and thrive. A review of the Federation's activities is provided in the Annual Review 2014/15, which should be read in conjunction with this report.

#### Review of business and future developments

In the UK, the Federation's activities included: reinstating the Commercial Property Forum to ensure dialogue between the industry and the Permanent Secretary at DCLG; conducting an in-depth review of the Government's growth initiatives; influencing the findings of Sir Michael Lyons and his team's independent housing review; persuading the Government to introduce housing zones; securing a consultation on SDLT treatment of PAIFs and TTFs; gaining a commitment from HMRC to exclude widely held institutional investors from an extended Capital Gains Tax; engaging with the Insolvency Service to review the insolvency regime; achieving the introduction of Property Owner BIDs across London; achieving the inclusion of smaller leasehold blocks in the affordable flood insurance scheme, Flood Re; and helping the Government to determine how minimum energy performance standards will work in practice.

Throughout 2014, in Scotland our Scottish Property Federation maintained a non-partisan approach to the Scottish independence referendum to ensure it retained its strong links with all the main political parties. It moved swiftly to build relationships with the new property related SNP ministers appointed post-referendum. On Land and Buildings Transaction Tax, the Federation successfully argued for the introduction of a 5% rate for certain residential transactions. In addition, it secured a commitment by ministers to retain 100% industrial property empty property rate relief, and represented members across the UK to challenge Scottish Government proposals on security of tenure and rental controls in the private rented residential sector.

For the future, and following the General Election in 2015, both the BPF and SPF will work closely with the new British Government to emphasise the value and importance of the industry to the UK economy, and to draw attention specifically to those areas where the industry could help the new Government to deliver its policies.

# Results for the year

The results are set out in the income and expenditure account on page 6. The surplus for the year after taxation was £126,738 (2013 - £78,000).

# Health and safety

The Board is committed to achieving the highest standards of care in its attention to health, safety and fire prevention. The Board requires safe working practices to ensure that employees, tenants and the general public are not harmed by the Federation's activities. Regular checks are made of office equipment, staff welfare and working practices to ensure that correct standards are maintained, and health and safety specialists undertake an annual inspection of fire prevention equipment.

# Membership of the Board

The Federation wishes to thank the Directors for their contribution to its affairs during the year. The Directors serving during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors 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 of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- · select suitable Accounting Policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and 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; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company 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 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps they are expected to have taken as Directors, in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

# **Auditors**

PKF Littlejohn LLP has expressed its willingness to continue in office. A resolution proposing the reappointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

M J Leech

Chief Executive

5th Floor

St Albans House

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London SW1 4QX

9 June 2015

# Independent auditor's report to the members of the British Property Federation

We have audited the Financial Statements of the British Property Federation for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Group Income and Expenditure Account, the Group and Parent Company Balance Sheets, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone, other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, 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 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 Report of the Directors 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 audit 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 2014 and of the Group's result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
   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 Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements.

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

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.

We have nothing to report in respect of the above matters.

Paul Hopper (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of PKF Littlejohn LLP

Statutory auditor

1 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD

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# CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	Total 2014	Total 2013
Subscription income Operating and administrative expenses Event and other income	1	2,123,724 (2,444,153) 334,783	2,059,299 (2,417,339) 306,584
Operating surplus/(deficit)		14,354	(51,456)
Interest receivable Profit on sale of and movement in value	3	101,334	124,240
of investments		13,393	19,308
Bank interest and charges payable		(5,254)	(7,312)
Surplus on ordinary activities			
before taxation		123,827	84,780
Taxation	5	2,911	(6,780)
Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation	6	126,738	78,000
Income and Expenditure account			
Balance at beginning of year		2,767,705	2,689,705
Balance at end of year		£2,894,443	£2,767,705

All income and expenditure relates to continuing operations.

The Group has no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these Financial Statements.

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BALANCE SHEETS At 31 December 2014

				Group		1	Com	pany	
	Note		2014		2013	201	14	2013	<b>;</b>
Fixed Assets					·				
Tangible fixed asse Investments Investment in grou undertaking	8	2	39,386 2,418,414		39,008 2,408,562		- - 100		- - 100
Current Assets	3		•	•			100		100
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Debtors Investments Cash at bank and	10 11	165,032 987,285		202,400 1,108,47		2,476,956 583,318		,210,107 ,108,475	
in hand		605,566	_	57,69	9 -	424,016		34,830	
	,	1,757,883		1,368,574	4	3,484,290	. 3	,353,412	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		1,281,240)		(1,026,03	39)	(1,114,491)	(1	,042,327)	
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Net Current Assets			476,643	•	342,535	2,3	369,799	2,31	11,085
Creditors: amounts falling due after mo than one year			(40,000	)	(22,400)		-		
Net Assets		£2	,894,443	·	£2,767,705	£2,3	369,899	£2,31	1,185
Members' funds	14								
Income and Expenditure accou	ınt	£2	,894,443	-	£2,767,705	£2,3	369,899	£2,31	1,185

Approved by the Board on 9 June 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

Alan Leibowitz

) Directors

Melanie J Leech

) Melane Lee u

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these Financial Statements.

#### Basis of accounting and consolidation

The financial statements of the Federation have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The group accounts consolidate the British Property Federation and its subsidiary undertaking.

#### Subscription income

Income comprises subscriptions from members which are treated as income in the year to which they relate. Income received in the year relating to future years is credited to deferred income.

#### Other operating income

Other operating income comprises rental income and turnover and direct costs of running the Federation's annual conference and other events.

#### Pension costs

Contributions to the Federation's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

#### **Cashflow statement**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 1 not to prepare a cashflow statement.

# Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost and depreciated on a straight line basis at the following rates:

Computer equipment	33.33%
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	25.00%
Leasehold improvements	Length of the lease

A full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition.

#### Fixed asset investment

Fixed asset investments are carried at amortised cost, less write down for any permanent diminution in value. The premium or discount is taken to the income and expenditure account over the life of the investment. Equity investments are carried at cost less write down for any permanent diminution in value.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on taxable trading profits, investment income and capital gains.

#### Deferred tax

FRS19 'Deferred Tax' requires that deferred tax is recognised in full in respect of transactions or events that have taken place by the balance sheet date and which would give the company an obligation to pay more or less tax in the future. In accordance with FRS19 the company make full provision for timing differences which, in the company's case, arise from capital allowances.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2014

١.	Operating and administrative expenses	Group	
		2014	2013
	Administration and overheads		
	Employment costs (see note 2)	1,420,117	1,339,341
	Other employee costs	129,277	
	Operating costs	232,638	
	Auditors remuneration	17,990	
	Depreciation	40,948	65,599
		1,840,970	1,711,651
	Premises costs		
	Rent	115,298	120,550
	Service charge	53,666	50,870
	Business rates	54,311	107,590
	Provision for dilapidations	17,600	,0,,000
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	•	241,505	279,010
	Advocacy and member services		
	Consultant, research and information	84,031	117,260
	Subscriptions and membership of other bodies	95,567	90,108
	Event costs and meetings	182,080	219,310
		361,678	426,678
		£2,444,153	£2,417,339

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# 2. Employment costs

Staff costs consist of: 2014	2013
Social security costs 132,896	067,863 123,853 147,625
£1,420,117 £1,3	339,341
Average number of employees during the year	
(calculated on a monthly basis) No.	No.
Full time 23	21

The Federation operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Federation in independently administered funds.

# 3. Investment income

	2014	2013
Other interest – short term deposits Income from fixed asset investments and dividends	17,937 83,397	16,147 108,093
	£101,334	£124,240

# 4. Trading income and expenditure

The Federation owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of BPF Commercial Limited, a Company incorporated in England and Wales. The principal activity of the Company is to provide certain services to the Federation and manage the Federation's chargeable events, publications sales, cash reserves and working capital. At 31 December 2014 its net assets were £524,644 (2013 - £456,620). Its trading results extracted from its audited Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2014 were:

	2014	2013
Turnover Operating and administrative expenses	599,457 (640,500)	626,552 (713,310)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation and interest	(41,043)	(86,758)
Investment income receivable Profit on sale of and movement in value of investments Bank charges	96,942 13,393 (3,729)	118,474 19,308 (5,109)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax Taxation	65,113 2,911	45,915 (5,627)
Retained profit	£68,024	£40,288

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5.	Taxation	2014		2013
	Current tax UK Corporation tax on surpluses of the period	(2,911)		6,780
	Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	£(2,911)		£6,780
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year.			
	Surplus before taxation	123,827		84,780
	Surplus on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of Corporation tax at 20% (2013 – 20%) Fixed asset differences Depreciation in excess of capital allowances Income not taxable for tax purposes	24,675 290 (193) (27,683)		16,956 4,357 1,448 (15,981)
	Current tax (credit)/charge for the period	£(2,911)		£6,780
6.	Operating surplus		2014	2013
	This is stated after charging: Auditors' remuneration - audit for current year - prior year under provision - other services Depreciation		£15,540 £- £2,450 £40,948	£15,000 £5,839 £2,000 £65,599

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2014

7.	Tangible fixed assets - Group		Furniture		
	Cost	Computer	fittings and office equipmenting	Leasehold nprovements	s Total
	At beginning of year Additions	195,967 34,085	100,550	104,804 7,241	401,321 41,326
	Cost at end of year	230,052	100,550	112,045	442,647
	Depreciation At beginning of year Provision for year	172,288 25,619	100,152 398	89,873 14,931	362,313 40,948
	At end of year	197,907	100,550	104,804	403,261
	Net Book Value				
	At 31 December 2014	£32,145	£-	£7,241	£39,386
	At 31 December 2013	£23,679	£398	£14,931	£39,008
8.	Investments – fixed assets			2014	2013
	Fixed rate bonds Equity Investments Cash held at stockbrokers			1,069,155 1,170,753 178,506	1,410,703 922,706 75,153
	Total investments	,		£2,418,414	£2,408,562
	Movements in fixed asset investments during the	year were as	follows		
	As at 1 January 2013 Additions Disposals and redemptions Unrealised increase in value Increase in cash held at stockbrokers				2,408,562 281,073 (393,641) 19,067 103,353
	As at 31 December 2014				£2,418,414

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9.	Investment in group undertaking	2014	2013
	Shares in subsidiary company	£100	£100

The investment represents 100% of the issued share capital of BPF Commercial Limited which handles the Federation's income from trading activities, the working capital of the Federation, its own investments and provides accommodation and services to the Federation.

10. Debtors		Group	Company		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Trade debtors	49,496	45,013	9,914	8,835	
Amounts due from subsidiary company	, <u>-</u>	-	283,578	_	
Loan to subsidiary company	-	-	2,133,005	2,133,005	
Prepayments and other debtors	112,625	157,387	50,459	68,267	
Corporation tax recoverable	2,911	-	-	· <del>-</del>	
	£165,032	£202,400	£2,476,956	£2,210,107	

The loan to BPF Commercial Limited is non-interest bearing and repayable on demand.

11. Current asset investments	2014	Group 2013	Company 2014 2013	
Short term deposits	£987,285	£1,108,475	£583,318	£1,108,475
12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2014	Group 2013	Co 2014	ompany 2013
Accruals and other creditors Deferred income Amounts due to subsidiary company Taxation and social security costs Corporation tax	168,727 1,046,444 66,069 £1,281,240	195,102 775,036 49,121 6,780 ——— £1,026,039	73,798 974,624 - 66,069 - £1,114,491	729,105 185,006 49,121 1,153
Movement on deferred income				Group
Brought forward at beginning of year Released during the year Deferred to future periods				775,036 (775,036) 1,046,444
Carried forward at end of year				£1,046,444

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13. Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	2014	Group 2013	Company 2014 2013	
	201-	2010	до 1-1	2010
Provision for dilapidations	£40,000	£22,400	£-	£-
		<u> </u>		
14. Reconciliation of members' funds	2014	Group 2013	Co 2014	ompany 2013
	2014	2013	2014	2010
At 1 January Surplus for the year	2,767,705 126,738	2,689,705 78,000	2,311,185 58,714	2,273,444 37,741
Closing members' funds	£2,894,443	£2,767,705	£2,369,899	£2,311,185

# 15. Related party transactions

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiary, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

# 16. Limitation of Liability

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up whilst the member company is a member or within one year of ceasing to be a member.