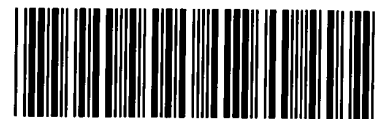


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**Tax Research LLP**  
**Members Report and Accounts**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

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## **Tax Research LLP Members' Report**

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The members present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

### **Principal activities**

The LLP's principal activity during the year continued to be the undertaking of research on taxation and related economic issues. The principle activities are the publication of a blog ([www.taxresearch.org.uk/blog](http://www.taxresearch.org.uk/blog)) and specific research and advocacy projects related to taxation issues, mainly as they impact on poverty.

This was a successful year for Tax Research UK. The new grant from the Friends Provident Foundation permitted the continuation of work on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting, country-by-country reporting, the tax gap, the promotion of tax justice and its role in the relief of poverty. This involved extensive travel and engagement during the year. It was felt that considerable progress on the issues of concern was made.

Work undertaken for Pensions & Investments Research Consultants related to the position of pension fund investors on tax transparency issues.

Work for the Green Group of MEPs in the European Union Parliament proved for the first time that country-by-country reporting data could be used to demonstrate that base erosion and profit shifting might be taking place in the accounts of multinational corporations.

The Tax Research UK blog enjoyed record readership.

The grant received from the Joffe Charitable Trust was used to fund work on Tax Reporting Standards, on which issue engagement with a number of parties took place.

During the year Richard Murphy was appointed as Professor of Practice in International Political Economy at City, University of London. As a result his time commitment to Tax Research LLP reduced, although the work he undertook for his new employer continued themes developed by Tax Research LLP. Most grant funding came to an end as a result of this new employment and the future activity of the LLP will be reduced as a result.

### **Designated members**

The following persons served as designated members during the year:

Richard Murphy  
Jacqueline Murphy

### **Fair Tax Policy**

A Limited Liability Partnership is not taxable in its own right. The members of the LLP have undertaken no tax arrangements that make use tax havens or might require disclosure to HM Revenue & Customs as a tax avoidance arrangement or that might fall foul of the UK's General Anti-Abuse Rule.

### **Policy with respect to members' drawings and subscription and repayment of members' capital**

Members are permitted to make drawings in anticipation of profits which will be allocated to them. The amount of such drawings is assessed during the course of each financial year, taking into account the anticipated cash needs of the LLP.

This report was approved by the members on 6 December 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard J Murphy  
Designated member  
33 Kingsley Walk, Ely, CB6 3BZ

**Tax Research LLP  
Profit and Loss Account  
for the year ended 31 March 2017**

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Turnover</b>	2	44,999	76,347
Cost of sales		(4,525)	4,525
<b>Gross profit</b>		<u>40,474</u>	<u>80,872</u>
Administrative expenses		(7,280)	(11,450)
<b>Operating profit</b>	3	<u>33,194</u>	<u>69,422</u>
Interest receivable		15	32
<b>Profit before member's remuneration and profit share</b>		<u>33,209</u>	<u>69,454</u>
<b>Profit for the financial year available for discretionary division among the members</b>		<u>33,209</u>	<u>69,454</u>

**Tax Research LLP**  
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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2017**

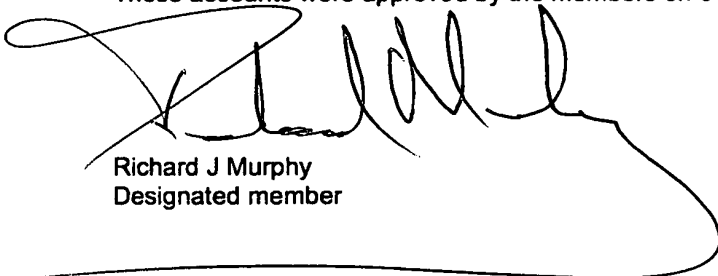
	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	-	745
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		-	4,525
Debtors	5	2,928	9,278
Cash at bank and in hand		3,470	25,395
		<u>6,398</u>	<u>39,198</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(100)	(8,800)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>6,298</u>	<u>30,398</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		6,298	31,143
<b>Net assets attributable to members</b>		<u>6,298</u>	<u>31,143</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Members' interests</b>			
Reserves	7	<u>6,298</u>	<u>31,143</u>
Members' other interests		<u>6,298</u>	<u>31,143</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2017 the LLP was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

The members 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 provisions applicable to LLPs subject to the small LLPs regime.

These accounts were approved by the members on 6 December 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard J Murphy  
 Designated member

**Tax Research LLP**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2017**

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**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

***Turnover***

Turnover represents the value of grants received from funders attributable to activities undertaken in the year and services provided to research clients as well as costs recovered in relation to research and other work undertaken. Included in the financial statements is a grant paid by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust to fund work undertaken by Richard Murphy but which is accounted for by Tax Research LLP with their consent. Grants receivable are not supplies for the purposes of VAT and as a result the LLP is not registered for the purposes of that tax.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and machinery 33.3% straight line

***Stocks and work in progress***

Stock and work in progress is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

***Foreign currencies***

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

<b>2 Turnover</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Turnover attributable to geographical markets outside the UK	<u>6%</u>	<u>9%</u>
<b>3 Operating profit</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
This is stated after charging:	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>745</u>	<u>1,154</u>

**Tax Research LLP**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2017**

**4 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Plant and machinery</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2016	3,498
At 31 March 2017	<u>3,498</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2016	2,753
Charge for the year	745
On disposals	-
At 31 March 2017	<u>3,498</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2017	-
At 31 March 2016	<u>745</u>

<b>5 Debtors</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	2,642	8,675
Prepayments	286	603
	<u>2,928</u>	<u>9,278</u>

<b>6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income in advance	-	8,800
Accruals	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>8,800</u>

<b>7 Total members' interests</b>	<b>Member's capital</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at 1 April 2016	31,143	31,143
Profit for the financial year available for discretionary division among	<u>33,209</u>	<u>33,209</u>
Members' interests after profit for the year	64,352	64,352
Drawings	<u>(58,054)</u>	<u>(58,054)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2017	<u>6,298</u>	<u>6,298</u>

99% of profit was allocated to Richard Murphy during the course of the year and 1% to Jacqueline Murphy.

**Tax Research LLP  
Notes to the Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

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**8 Grants and income received**

Grants in the year from charities and research foundations for which no services were supplied in exchange were as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Joseph Rowntree Charitable trust	-	14,584
Friends Provident Foundation	28,038	17,440
Private trust (name withheld to protect the trustees)	-	23,750

Of the grant from the Joffe Charitable Trust received in March 2014 £Nil was treated as income in advance at 31 March 2017 and £2,800 likewise at 31 March 2016 as the related work had encountered unanticipated delays.

£Nil of the income received from a private trust was in advance at the year end date (2016: £6,000)

There was work in progress of £Nil at 31 March 2017 (2016: £4,525) relating to the grant from the Friends provident Foundation.

The balance of income generated was for undertaking consultancy engagements. The major sources of income generated but not necessarily completed during the year were:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Green Group in the EU Parliament	219	5,000
TUC	-	1,200
Norwegian Tax Authority	1,183	-
Pensions & Investments Research Consultants Limited	2,000	3,650
ITN	1,000	-

The balance of income came from smaller consultancy engagements, broadcasting fees, book sales and royalties and expense reimbursements.

Income received in advance of services being supplied, or where an award would be refundable if conditions attaching to its grant had not been fulfilled, is treated as income in advance at the year end date.