

**Extinction Rebellion United Kingdom (XRUK)** 

# Financial Report as of 31 December 2020

## About

XRUK is a movement without legal form. <u>Compassionate Revolution Limited</u> (CRL) is a not-for-profit and wholly owned subsidiary of <u>Climate Emergency Action Ltd</u> (a company limited by guarantee) and acts as a service company to parts of the movement. The following is a brief report by the CR Finance Team and attempts to summarise some key metrics to support XRUK's decision making.

### Cash Balances

CRL holds bank accounts on behalf of XRUK including balances held for specific purposes and/or on behalf of discrete groups within XRUK. As of 31 December, the total balances were as follows:

| Group/Type                                | Description   | Balance<br>Held         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
|   | The top figure is the exact unrestricted balance in the accounts at month end.  | £262,259                |
| XRUK<br>Unrestricted                      | Specific Reserves **<br>General Reserves ***  | (£137,000)<br>(£88,000) |
| Unrestricted                              | The bottom figure is the starting point for budget planning and cashflow forecasting  | £37,259                 |
| XRUK                                      | This balance is restricted in how it can be spent. Funds may need to simply be spent on   | £50,445                 |
| Restricted                                | Charity Commission compliant expenditure or donated to a specific project or team   | 230,443                 |
| TOTAL                                     |   | £87,704                 |
| XR Internationalist<br>Solidarity Network | From Dec2018 to Mar2020 XRUK has allocated 20% of crowdfunder revenues to XRISN<br>supporting non-XR climate activism in the Global South and outreach to racially marginalised<br>communities in the UK. Suspended on 1Mar20, XRUK has allocated £25,000 for 4Q 2020<br>pending a new deal agreed by XRUK with XRISN from 1 Jan 2021 | £44,125                 |

\*\* **Specific Reserves:** CRL accounts on a cash basis and hence there will be a lag effect (i.e. budget allocated but not yet claimed and/or paid). Finance makes a reserve for large committed (but yet spent) items and also includes a provision in this adjustment figure for uncertainties (e.g. an estimate for rates due on our London office and warehouse to the London Borough of Hackney, a provision for corporation tax etc.

\*\*\* General Reserves: On 30 October 2020 XRUK's Interim Budget Group agreed a Finance proposal to make a general reserve against regular monthly expenditures equivalent to 3x monthly costs (and 1x for Volunteer Living Expenses which are not guaranteed).

### Income

XRUK's income in December was £43,109 which was slightly below the £46k in November and well down on £93k in October. This was due to the absence of any one-off donations from Trusts and despite a Christmas appeal (large one-off donations in Oct and Nov were £48.5k and £8.3k respectively).

This suggests that the assumed £40k/month income assumption remains valid but with further COVID19 lockdowns hitting



XRUK Monthly Income 2H 2020

the economy in early 2021, Finance will monitor closely, and the risk is that assumption may need to be lowered over the coming weeks.

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## Expenditure

Expenditure has remained fairly consistent across the final five months of the calendar year and the £53,463 in December is £6-7k below the monthly average for this period.

Types of expenditure are shown in the table below:

| Type of spending                     | Aug2020 | Sep2020 | Oct2020 | Nov2020 | Dec2020 | Totals  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Materials, travel, service providers | 57,804  | 46,993  | 28,433  | 16,028  | 13,142  | 162,399 |
| People costs (e.g. VLE)              | 3,050   | 4,512   | 11,542  | 22,374  | 32,459  | 73,938  |
| Office and Warehouse Costs           | 5,086   | 11,113  | 11,756  | 20,000  | 6,567   | 54,522  |
| Administrative, accounting etc.      | 848     | 723     | 1,963   | 7,050   | 1,295   | 11,879  |
| Totals                               | 66,788  | 63,341  | 53,694  | 65,451  | 53,463  | 302,738 |

What has changed is the mix of types of expenditures:

- People costs (were a relatively small portion in Aug-Oct and then out of restricted income for specific projects (e.g. GDPR). They have now increased due to the passing of a budget for Nov-Apr by the Interim Budget Group (IBG) for a number of circles who provide critical infrastructure services to the movement (e.g. Digital, Media & Messaging as well as Arrestee & Legal Support, Actions) this budget was predominately (c80%) for People costs;
- The expenditure on September Rebellion is reflected in the *Materials, travel, services providers* line which explains the drop as we approached year end;
- The jump in the *Administrative, accounting etc.* line in November is mainly due to accountancy fees for Compassionate Revolution Limited's FY ending 30 June 2020;
- We expect Office and Warehouse Costs to drop significantly as we move into 2021 as we have negotiated an early exit from the London Office lease, and we will vacate in Jan/Feb which final costs being offset against the deposit held by the landlord. This will potentially save £6-8k/month.

#### **Further resources**

• Compassionate Revolution website for previous monthly reports, XRUK financial transparency etc.