

Somerset County Council Pension Fund



Actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2016

Valuation report

Introduction

In accordance with Regulation 62 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2013 (as amended), we have been asked by Somerset County Council to prepare an actuarial valuation of the Somerset County Council Pension Fund (the Fund) as at 31 March 2016 as part of their role as the Administering Authority to the Fund.

The purpose of the valuation is to review the financial position of the Fund and to set appropriate contribution rates for each employer in the Fund for the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020. Contributions are set to cover any shortfall between the assumed cost of providing benefits built up by members at the valuation date and the assets held by the Fund and to also cover the cost of benefits that active members will build up in the future.

This report is provided further to earlier advice dated 24 November 2016 which set out the background to the valuation and explains the proposed underlying methods and assumptions derivation.

This report summarises the results of the valuation and is addressed to the Administering Authority of the Fund. It is not intended to assist any user other than the Administering Authority in making decisions or for any other purpose and neither we nor Barnett Waddingham LLP accept liability to third parties in relation to this advice.

This advice is subject to and complies with Technical Actuarial Standards (TASs) issued by the Financial Reporting Council (namely, the Pensions TAS and generic TASs relating to reporting, data and modelling).

We would be pleased to discuss any aspect of this report in more detail.

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1 Summary of results

A summary of the results of the valuation is as follows:

Funding position

Using the agreed assumptions, the Fund had assets sufficient to cover 77% of the accrued liabilities as at 31 March 2016.

This has increased since 2013.

Changes since 2013

The Public Sector Pensions Act 2013 and updated guidance from CIPFA have introduced and reinforced requirements to focus on securing **solvency** of the pension fund and **long-term cost efficiency.**

Method and assumptions

The resulting method and assumptions are set out in Appendix 2 and we believe are appropriate for the 31 March 2016 valuation.

Employer contributions

Individual employer contributions are set out in Appendix 3 in the Rates and Adjustment certificate to cover the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

The next actuarial valuation should be carried out with an effective date of 31 March 2019 and the contributions payable by the participating employers will be reviewed as part of that valuation.

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2 Background to valuation approach

The purpose of the 2016 actuarial valuation is to set appropriate contribution rates for each employer in the Fund for the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020. This is required under regulation 62 of the LGPS Regulations. The Regulations for actuarial valuations have changed since the 2013 valuation and so has the context surrounding the valuation. Regulation 62 specifies four requirements that the actuary "must have regard to" and are detailed below:

- "the desirability of maintaining as nearly constant a primary rate as possible";
- "the current version of the administering authority's funding strategy statement";
- "the requirement to secure the solvency of the pension fund"; and
- "the long-term cost efficiency of the Scheme (i.e. the LGPS for England and Wales as a whole), so far as relating to the pension fund".

We have considered these changes when providing our advice and choosing the method and assumptions used and a number of reports and discussions have taken place with the Administering Authority before agreeing the final assumptions to calculate the results and set contribution rates. In particular:

- The initial results report dated 24 November 2016 which provides information and results on a whole fund basis as well as more detailed background to the method and derivation of the assumptions.
- The follow up report dated 5 December 2016 confirming the agreed actuarial assumptions following the conference call of 25 November 2016.
- The Funding Strategy Statement which will confirm the approach in setting employer contributions.

Note that not all these documents may be in the public domain.

The final assumptions have been agreed with the Administering Authority. We suggest that the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement is reviewed to ensure that it is consistent with this approach as well as complying with the updated version of CIPFA's Funding Strategy Statement guidance.

Membership data

A summary of the membership data used for the valuation is set out in Appendix 1.

The membership data has been checked for reasonableness and we have compared the membership data with information in the Fund accounts. Any missing or inconsistent data has been estimated where necessary. While this should not be seen as a full audit of the data, we are happy that the data is sufficiently accurate for the purposes of the valuation.

Benefits

Full details of the benefits being valued are as set out in the Regulations as amended and summarised on the LGPS <u>website</u> and the Fund's membership booklet. We have made no allowance for discretionary benefits.

Assets

Assets have been valued at a six month smoothed market value straddling the valuation date.

We have been provided with the audited Fund accounts for the years ending 31 March 2014, 31 March 2015 and 31 March 2016.

The market asset valuation as at 31 March 2016 was £1,598,018,000.

The Fund's long-term investment strategy has been taken into consideration in the derivation of the assumptions used. The investment strategy is set out in the Fund's Investment Strategy Statement.

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3 Results



Previous valuation

The previous valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2013 by Barnett Waddingham LLP. The results are summarised in the valuation report dated 31 March 2014 and show a funding level of 75% corresponding to a deficit of £444,964,000.

The average employer contribution was calculated to be 13.4% of Pensionable Pay in order to cover the cost of future benefits being built up by active members.

In practice, each employer paid their own contribution rate which will have been a combination of contributions to cover the cost of future benefits (which will not necessarily have been the same as the average given above) and contributions towards a past service deficit.

Shortfall between assets and liabilities

Using the assumptions summarised in Appendix 2, the results of the valuation are set out in the tables below which show:

- The past service funding position which means how well funded the Fund was at the valuation date; and
- The primary rate for the whole Fund which is the weighted average (by payroll) of the individual employers' primary rates.

The primary and secondary rate of the individual employer contributions payable are set out in the Rates and Adjustment certificate in Appendix 3. These are either based on the employer's own membership and experience or they are the employer's share of the contributions payable within a pool of employers.

In Appendix 3 we also disclose the sum of the secondary rates for the whole Fund for each of the three years beginning with 1 April 2017. The secondary rate is an adjustment to the primary rate each employer is required to pay.

Active members pay contributions to the Fund as a condition of membership in line with the rates required under the Regulations.

Past service funding position					
	31 March 2016 £000				
Smoothed asset value	1,582,434				
Past service liabilities					
Actives	710,869				
Deferred pensioners	423,695				
Pensioners	909,114				
Total	2,043,678				
Surplus (Deficit)	(461,244)				
Funding level	77%				

Primary rate	% of payroll
Total future service rate	21.3%
less employee contribution rate	(6.3%)
Total primary rate	15.0%

There was a deficit of £461,244,000 in the Fund at the valuation date, and the Fund's assets were sufficient to cover 77% of its liabilities.

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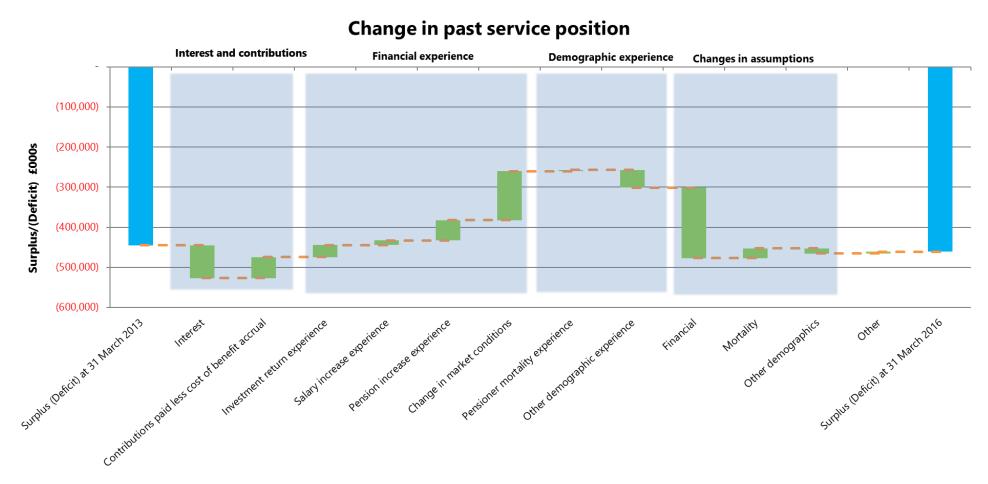
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Reconciliation to previous valuation

The key factors that have influenced the funding level of the Fund over the intervaluation period are as follows:



The funding level as a percentage has increased (due to payment of employer deficit contributions and favourable experience) although this has been partly offset by changes to the financial assumptions used.

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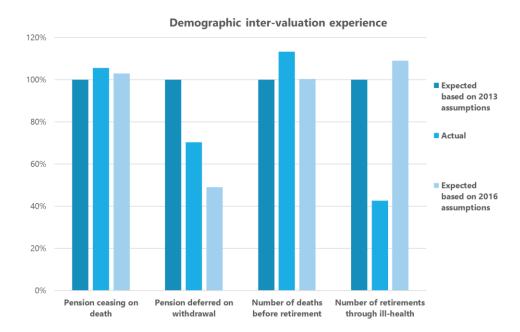


The table below sets out the change in future service contribution rate over the intervaluation period.

Change in future service contribution rate	
	% of payroll
Average employer rate at 31 March 2013	13.4%
Change in market conditions	(1.7%)
Change in assumptions	
Financial	2.9%
Mortality	(0.3%)
Other demographics	0.6%
Legislative changes	(0.2%)
Other	0.3%
Average employer rate at 31 March 2016	15.0%

Comparing experience with assumptions

A comparison of the actual demographic experience of members of the Fund over the intervaluation period, with that assumed by the assumptions adopted at the last valuation in 2013 is shown in the graph below. The graph also shows how the assumptions adopted for this valuation would have compared with those adopted at 2013.



Valuations on other bases

The liability value as set out in the previous section is known as the Fund's "funding target" and should be consistent with the Administering Authority's Funding Strategy Statement. However, as part of the valuation, we have also considered an estimate of the liabilities represented with all margins for prudence removed (the "neutral estimate").

Neutral estimate

The neutral basis is set with the main purpose of providing the Administering Authority an idea of the level of prudence contained within the funding basis. The neutral estimate represents our best estimate of the funding position, in other words, we believe that it is equally likely that the Fund will beat or miss the funding target based on the neutral assumptions derived.



For the assumptions used for the funding basis, it is appropriate to include a margin for prudence to protect against the risk of not meeting the funding target and to essentially build a cushion for future adverse experience.

The neutral estimate does not contain any margins for prudence.

The funding basis includes an allowance for prudence in the discount rate assumption only. The discount rate on the neutral basis is therefore 6.1% p.a. rather than 5.4% p.a. All other assumptions are the consistent with the ongoing funding basis.

The funding level on the neutral basis was 87%.

Projected future results

The progression of the funding level over time is influenced by a large number of factors, including the experience of the Fund's membership, the investment return achieved and the contributions paid.

We estimate that three years after the valuation date (i.e. at the next valuation) the funding position on a funding basis will be 80%. This allows for contributions to be paid as described in Appendix 3 and assumes that investment returns and other experience over the next three years is in line with the assumptions used for the valuation as set out in Appendix 2.

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4 Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivities to the liabilities

The results set out in this report are based on a particular set of assumptions. The actual cost of providing the benefits will depend on the actual experience, which could be significantly better or worse than assumed. The sensitivity of the results to some of the key assumptions is set out in the table below.

Sensitivity analysis - Past service funding position							
	2016 basis	Discount rate		CPI inflation		Long-term salary	Long-term rate of
	2010 Dasis	+0.1%	-0.1%	+0.1%	-0.1%	increases -0.1%	improvement 1.25%
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Smoothed asset value	1,582,434	1,582,434	1,582,434	1,582,434	1,582,434	1,582,434	1,582,434
Past service liabilities							
Actives	710,869	695,488	726,725	726,771	694,609	705,527	703,188
Deferred pensioners	423,695	414,967	432,684	432,581	414,598	423,695	419,432
Pensioners	909,114	899,762	918,635	917,947	900,259	909,114	902,027
Total	2,043,678	2,010,217	2,078,044	2,077,299	2,009,466	2,038,336	2,024,647
Surplus (Deficit)	(461,244)	(427,783)	(495,610)	(494,865)	(427,032)	(455,902)	(442,213)
Funding level	77%	79%	76%	76%	79%	78%	78%



Sensitivities to the primary rate

The calculated primary rate required to fund benefits as they are earned from year to year will also be affected by the particular set of assumptions chosen. The sensitivity of the primary rate to changes in some key assumptions is shown below.

Sensitivity analysis - Primary rate							
	2016 basis	Discount rate		CPI inflation		Long-term salary	Long-term rate of
	2010 Dasis	+0.1%	-0.1%	+0.1%	-0.1%	increases -0.1%	improvement 1.25%
	% of payroll	% of payroll	% of payroll	% of payroll	% of payroll	% of payroll	% of payroll
Total future service rate	21.3%	20.8%	21.9%	21.9%	20.8%	21.3%	21.1%
less Employee contribution rate	(6.3%)	(6.3%)	(6.3%)	(6.3%)	(6.3%)	(6.3%)	(6.3%)
Total primary rate	15.0%	14.5%	15.6%	15.6%	14.5%	15.0%	14.8%

5 Final comments

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Funding Strategy Statement

The assumptions used for the valuation must be documented in a revised Funding Strategy Statement to be agreed between the Fund Actuary and the Administering Authority. We are able to help the Fund to prepare the Funding Strategy Statement using the latest guidance issued by CIPFA.

Risks

There are many factors that affect the Fund's funding position and could lead to the Fund's funding objectives not being met within the timescales expected. Some of the key risks that could have a material impact on the Fund are:

- Employer covenant risk
- Investment risk
- Inflation risk
- Mortality risk
- Member options risk
- Legislative risk

Sensitivity to some of these risks were set out in section 4. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. Further information on these risks and more can be found in our initial results report and will be set out in greater detail in the Funding Strategy Statement.

Rates and Adjustment Certificate

The contributions payable in respect of benefit accrual, expenses and any deficit contributions under each employer's recovery period have been set out in Appendix 3 in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate in accordance with Regulation 62 of the Regulations. In this certificate no allowance will be made for additional costs arising which need to be met by additional contributions by the employer such as non-ill health early retirements.

The contributions as set out in Appendix 3 in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate are set so that each employer's assets (including future contributions) are projected to be sufficient to cover the benefit payments for their members, on the assumptions set out in this report. Where there is currently a deficit for an individual employer, this is targeted in line with the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement and all employers are projected to be fully funded after a recovery period length of no more than 24 years.

This document has been agreed between the Administering Authority and the Fund Actuary. Contributions have been set that in our opinion meet the regulatory requirements and the funding objectives set out in the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement.

The next formal valuation is due to be carried out as at 31 March 2019 however we would recommend that the financial position of the Fund is monitored regularly during the period leading up to the next formal valuation. We would be happy to give more detail about the ways that this can be achieved.

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Appendix 1 Summary of membership data

A summary of the membership data used in the valuation is as follows. The membership data from the previous valuation is also shown for comparison.

Actives									
	Nun	Number		Pensionable pay				Average age	
			Total	£000	Aver	age £			
	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	
Males	4,678	4,588	107,551	103,814	22,991	22,627	45.4	45.5	
Females	15,726	14,904	212,577	198,709	13,518	13,332	45.2	45.4	
Total	20,404	19,492	320,128	302,523	15,689	15,520	45.2	45.4	

Deferred pensioners (including "undecideds")								
	Number		Annual pensions current				Average age	
			Total	£000	Aver	age £		
	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013
Males	6,166	5,103	10,112	9,197	1,640	1,802	44.1	44.0
Females	21,053	15,275	19,077	14,927	906	977	45.6	45.0
Total	27,219	20,378	29,189	24,124	1,072	1,184	45.3	44.7

Pensioners								
	Number		Α	nnual pens	ions curre	nt	Average age	
			Total £000		Average £			
	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013	2016	2013
Males	5,096	4,389	34,516	30,644	6,773	6,982	71.2	70.0
Females	7,766	5,946	23,670	18,651	3,048	3,137	69.7	70.0
Dependants	1,886	1,428	4,822	3,931	2,557	2,753	72.5	74.0
Total	14,748	11,763	63,008	53,226	4,272	4,525	70.6	70.5

- The numbers relate to the number of records and so will include members in receipt of, or potentially in receipt of, more than one benefit.
- Annual pensions are funded items only and include pension increases up to and including the 2016 pension increase order.
- Pensionable Pay is actual earnings.

In the table below we have set out the number of members who are assumed to reach retirement age over the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020 as required under the Rates and Adjustment Certificate.

Members may retire for a number of reasons including reaching normal retirement age, retiring through ill health or redundancy. The amounts set out in the table below are the new retirement benefit amounts, as at the current valuation date that are assumed to come into payment in each of the intervaluation years.

Projected new benefits						
Year to	Number of members	Retirement benefits				
		£000s				
31/03/2017	824	8,232				
31/03/2018	974	9,353				
31/03/2019	1,086	9,380				
31/03/2020	1,074	10,792				



Appendix 2 Actuarial assumptions

A summary of the assumptions adopted in the valuation is set out below:

Asset class	Percentage of Fund	Return assumption (% p.a.)	Real (relative to CPI)
Gilts	8%	2.4%	0.0%
Other bonds	11%	3.3%	0.9%
Cash/temporary investments	1%	1.8%	-0.6%
Equities	70%	7.4%	5.0%
Property	10%	5.9%	3.5%
Expenses (deduction)		-0.2%	
Neutral estimate of discount rate based on long-term investment strategy		6.1%	3.7%
Prudence allowance		0.7%	
Discount rate assumption		5.4%	3.0%

Financial assumptions			
		31 March 2016	31 March 2013
		% p.a.	% p.a.
Discount rate		5.4%	6.1%
Pay increases	Long-term	3.9%	4.5%
	Short-term	CPI for period from 31 March 2016 to 31 March 2020	CPI for period from 31 March 2013 to 31 March 2015
Pension increases (CPI)		2.4%	2.7%
Pension increases on GMP		Funds will pay limited increases for members that have reached SPA by 6 April 2016, with the Government providing the remainder of the inflationary increase. For members that reach SPA after this date, we have assumed that Funds will be required to pay the entire inflationary increases.	No allowance for limit in increases for any members

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Demographic assumptions		
	31 March 2016	31 March 2013
Pre-retirement mortality - base table	GAD tables (updated)	GAD tables
Post-retirement mortality (member) - base table	S2PA tables with a multiplier of 85% for males and 95% for females	90% of the S1PA tables
Post-retirement mortality (dependant) - base table	S2PA tables with a multiplier of 95% for female dependants and 85% for male dependants	90% of the S1PA tables
Allowance for improvements in life expectancy	2015 CMI Model with a long-term rate of improvement of 1.5% p.a.	2012 CMI Model with a long-term rate of improvement of 1.5% p.a.
Promotional salary scale	GAD tables (updated)	GAD tables
Allowance for early retirements (ill health)	GAD tables (updated)	GAD tables
Allowance for withdrawals	GAD tables (updated)	GAD tables
Allowance for cash commutation	Members will commute pension at retirement to provide a lump sum of 50% of the maximum allowed under HMRC rules and this will be at a rate of £12 lump sum for £1 of pension	Members will commute pension at retirement to provide a lump sum of 50% of the maximum allowed under HMRC rules and this will be at a rate of £12 lump sum for £1 of pension
Allowance for 50:50 membership	Based on members' current section	10% of active members will opt to pay 50% of contributions for 50% of benefits under the new scheme
Partner age difference	Males are three years older than their spouse and females are three years younger than their spouse	Males are three years older than their spouse and females are three years younger than their spouse
Proportion married	There is a 75%/70% chance that male/female members will, at retirement or earlier death, have a dependant who is eligible for death benefits	There is an 80%/70% chance that male/female members will, at retirement or earlier death, have a dependant who is eligible for death benefits
Retirement age	For each tranche of benefit, the "tranche retirement age" is the earliest age a member could retire with unreduced benefits. Each member is assumed to retire at the weighted average of these for all tranches of benefit.	For each tranche of benefit, the "tranche retirement age" is the earliest age a member could retire with unreduced benefits. Each member is assumed to retire at the weighted average of these for all tranches of benefit.

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Demographic assumptions – sample rates

The following tables set out some sample rates of the demographic assumptions used in the calculations. These are the same as those used by the Government Actuary's Department when LGPS reforms were designed and are based on analysis of incidence of death, retirement and withdrawal for Local Authority Funds, details of which are saved here: http://www.lgpsregs.org/index.php/dclg-publications/dclg-other

Allowance for ill health early retirements (GAD table b6.1)

A small proportion of members are assumed to retire early due to ill health. In the table below we set out an extract of some sample rates from our decrement table used:

Age	Leaving p.a. (M)	Leaving p.a. (F)
25	0.01%	0.00%
30	0.01%	0.01%
35	0.02%	0.02%
40	0.05%	0.03%
45	0.10%	0.07%
50	0.20%	0.15%
55	0.41%	0.33%
60	0.84%	0.71%
65	1.72%	1.53%

The proportion of ill health early retirements falling into each tier category has been assumed to be as follows for both males and females:

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
75%	15%	10%





A small number of members are assumed to die before reaching retirement age. In the table below we set out an extract of some sample rates from our decrement table used:

Age		Males	Females
	25	0.03%	0.01%
	30	0.04%	0.02%
	35	0.05%	0.02%
	40	0.06%	0.03%
	45	0.09%	0.05%
	50	0.13%	0.08%
	55	0.21%	0.13%
	60	0.32%	0.20%
	65	0.51%	0.30%

Allowance for withdrawals (GAD table b7)

This assumption is regarding active members who leave service to move to deferred member status or take a transfer out but do not yet retire. Active members are assumed to leave service at the following sample rates:

Age		Leaving p.a. (M)	Leaving p.a. (F)
	25	8.10%	9.08%
	30	6.38%	7.20%
	35	5.02%	5.71%
	40	3.95%	4.53%
	45	3.11%	3.59%
	50	2.44%	2.85%
	55	1.92%	2.26%
	60	1.51%	1.79%
	65	1.19%	1.42%





In addition to the assumption made about annual salary increases, we have also included an allowance for a promotional salary scale which applies at each age and some sample rates are set out in the table below:

Age	N	/lales F	emales
2	25 1	.0368	1.0165
3	30 1	.1177	1.0526
3	35 1	.1741	1.0820
4	10 1	.2137	1.1033
4	45 1	.2472	1.1040
!	50 1	.2715	1.1043
!	55 1	.2716	1.1044
(50 1	.2717	1.1045

Appendix 3 Rates and Adjustment Certificate



Regulatory background

In accordance with Regulation 62 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations we have made an assessment of the contributions that should be paid into the Fund by participating employers for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

The method and assumptions used to calculate the contributions set out in the Rates and Adjustments certificate are detailed in the Funding Strategy Statement and our report on the actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2017.

The primary rate of contribution as defined by Regulation 62(5) for each employer for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 is set out in the table overleaf. The primary rate is the employer's share of the cost of benefits accruing in each of the three years beginning 1 April 2017. In addition each employer pays a secondary contribution as required under Regulation 62(7) that when combined with the primary rate results in the minimum total contributions as set out below. This secondary rate is based on their particular circumstances and so individual adjustments are made for each employer.

Primary and secondary rate summary

The primary rate for the whole Fund is the weighted average (by payroll) of the individual employers' primary rates, and is 15.0% of payroll.

The secondary rates across the entire Fund (as a percentage of projected payroll and as an equivalent monetary amount) in each of the three years in the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 is set out in the table below.

Secondary contributions	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Average as a % of payroll	7.8%	7.9%	7.9%
Total monetary amounts	£25,366,261	£26,341,144	£26,986,006

General notes

Employers may pay further amounts at any time and future periodic contributions, or the timing of contributions, may be adjusted on a basis approved by us as the Fund Actuary. The Administering Authority, with the advice from us as the Fund Actuary may allow some or all of these contributions to be treated as a prepayment and offset against future certified contributions.

The certified contributions include an allowance for expenses and the expected cost of lump sum death benefits but exclude early retirement strain and augmentation costs which are payable by participating employers in addition.

The monetary amounts are payable in 12 monthly instalments throughout the relevant year unless agreed by the Administering Authority and an individual employer. In particular, we understand that in general, the Administering Authority will agree a schedule with employers based on 10 monthly instalments.

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Employer Code	Employer name	Primary rate (%				Total contributions (% pay plus monetary adjustment)			
		pay)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
Major en	nployers								
700	Somerset County Council	15.5%	£12,214,988	£12,507,242	£12,806,488	15.5% plus £12,214,988	15.5% plus £12,507,242	15.5% plus £12,806,488	
701	Mendip District Council	14.9%	£814,665	£834,156	£854,114	14.9% plus £814,665	14.9% plus £834,156	14.9% plus £854,114	
702	Sedgemoor District Council	14.9%	£1,554,687	£1,591,885	£1,629,972	14.9% plus £1,554,687	14.9% plus £1,591,885	14.9% plus £1,629,972	
703	Taunton Deane Borough Council	15.4%	£1,898,521	£1,943,945	£1,990,455	15.4% plus £1,898,521	15.4% plus £1,943,945	15.4% plus £1,990,455	
704	West Somerset DC	26.5%	£503,548	£515,596	£527,932	26.5% plus £503,548	26.5% plus £515,596	26.5% plus £527,932	
707	South Somerset DC	16.1%	£1,240,000	£1,620,653	£1,659,428	16.1% plus £1,240,000	16.1% plus £1,620,653	16.1% plus £1,659,428	
720	Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner	13.2%	£2,807,994	£2,875,178	£2,943,968	13.2% plus £2,807,994	13.2% plus £2,875,178	13.2% plus £2,943,968	
871	Avon & Somerset Police Chief Constable	13.2%	-	-	-	13.2%	13.2%	13.2%	
Colleges									
722	Bridgwater College	14.8%	£514,000	£528,000	£540,000	14.8% plus £514,000	14.8% plus £528,000	14.8% plus £540,000	
723	Richard Huish Sixth Form College	14.1%	£69,000	£70,000	£72,000	14.1% plus £69,000	14.1% plus £70,000	14.1% plus £72,000	
724	Strode College	16.2%	£76,000	£77,818	£79,680	16.2% plus £76,000	16.2% plus £77,818	16.2% plus £79,680	
725	Yeovil College	13.8%	£101,000	£103,000	£105,000	13.8% plus £101,000	13.8% plus £103,000	13.8% plus £105,000	
Town an	d parish councils								
731	Burnham Burial Board	17.8%	£4,317	£4,420	£4,526	17.8% plus £4,317	17.8% plus £4,420	17.8% plus £4,526	



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Code		pay)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
732	Burnham&Highbridge TC&BB	17.8%	£2,410	£2,468	£2,527	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£2,410	£2,468	£2,527
733	Crewkerne TC&BB	17.8%	£5,728	£5,865	£6,005	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£5,728	£5,865	£6,005
734	Glastonbury Town Council	17.8%	£4,175	£4,275	£4,377	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
		4= 00/				£4,175	£4,275	£4,377
735	Shepton Mallet Town Council	17.8%	£471	£482	£493	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
726	C D I . C	17.00/	62.405	62.156	62.207	£471	£482	£493
736	Street Parish Council	17.8%	£2,105	£2,156	£2,207	17.8% plus	17.8% plus £2,156	17.8% plus
737	Minehead Town Council	17.8%	£4,828	£4,944	£5,062	£2,105 17.8% plus	17.8% plus	£2,207 17.8% plus
737	Milleriead Town Council	17.070	14,020	£4,344	£3,002	£4,828	£4,944	£5,062
738	Yeovil Town Council	17.8%	£6,298	£6,448	£6,603	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
730	reovii rowii codiicii	17.070	20,230	20,110	20,003	£6,298	£6,448	£6,603
739	Axe Brue Drainage Board	17.8%	£18,106	£18,539	£18,983	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
			, , ,	-,	-,	£18,106	£18,539	£18,983
740	Ilminster Town Council	17.8%	£3,729	£3,818	£3,909	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£3,729	£3,818	£3,909
749	Wells City Parish Council	17.8%	£8,020	£8,212	£8,408	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£8,020	£8,212	£8,408
750	Berrow Parish Council	17.8%	£656	£671	£687	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£656	£671	£687
758	Chard Town Council	17.8%	£7,042	£7,210	£7,383	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£7,042	£7,210	£7,383
759	Wincanton Town Council	17.8%	£2,076	£2,126	£2,177	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
760		47.00/	645 407	645.460	645.000	£2,076	£2,126	£2,177
763	Frome Town Council	17.8%	£15,107	£15,468	£15,838	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
7.04	Languart Town Coursil	17.00/	COC1	C001	(002	£15,107	£15,468	£15,838
764	Langport Town Council	17.8%	£861	£881	£902	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
						£861	£881	£902



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Code		rate (%	2017/10	adjustment)	2010/20	2017/18	adjustment)	2010/20
772	Axbridge Town Council	pay) 17.8%	2017/18 £701	2018/19 £718	2019/20 £735	2017/18 17.8% plus	2018/19 17.8% plus	2019/20 17.8% plus
112	Axionage rown council	17.070	2701	2710	2733	£701	£718	£735
773	Somerton Town Council	17.8%	£2,416	£2,474	£2,533	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus
774	Society of Local Council Clerks	17.8%	£12,979	£13,290	£13,608	£2,416 17.8% plus £12,979	£2,474 17.8% plus £13,290	£2,533 17.8% plus £13,608
779	Williton Parish Council	17.8%	£1,700	£1,741	£1,783	17.8% plus £1,700	17.8% plus £1,741	17.8% plus £1,783
788	Cheddar Parish Council	17.8%	£901	£923	£945	17.8% plus £901	17.8% plus £923	17.8% plus £945
790	Nether Stowey Parish Council	17.8%	£824	£844	£864	17.8% plus £824	17.8% plus £844	17.8% plus £864
869	Wellington Town Council	17.8%	£893	£914	£936	17.8% plus £893	17.8% plus £914	17.8% plus £936
903	Parrett Drainage Board	17.8%	£2,873	£2,942	£3,012	17.8% plus £2,873	17.8% plus £2,942	17.8% plus £3,012
Academi	es							
805	Holyrood Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
806	Huish Episcopi Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
807	Kingsmead Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
808	Taunton Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
810	Kings of Wessex	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
811	Minehead Middle School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
812	West Somerset Community College	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
813	Ansford Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
814	Bishop Foxes Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
815	Brookside Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%



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Code		rate (% pay)	2017/18	adjustment) 2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	adjustment) 2018/19	2019/20
816	Castle Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
817	Crispin Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
818	Haygrove Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
819	Preston Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
820	Redstart Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
821	Wedmore Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
822	Avishayes Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
823	Buckler's Mead Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
824	Maiden Beech Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
825	North Town Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
826	Oakfield Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
827	St Dunstan's Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
828	Stanchester Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
829	Tatworth Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
830	Westfield Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
831	Whitstone Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
832	Blue Academy, Wells	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
833	Sexey's Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
834	Enmore C of E school	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
835	Selwood Middle School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
837	Axbridge Church of England School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
838	Bridgwater College Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
839	Steiner Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
840	Pen Mill School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%



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Code		rate (% pay)	2017/18	adjustment) 2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	adjustment) 2018/19	2019/20
841	Grass Royal School (aka St Michael's)	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
842	St Cuthbert's School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
843	St James Church School (Bath & Wells Academy Trust)	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
844	Churchfield Church School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
845	St John & St Francis Church School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
846	Manor Court Community Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
847	Priorswood Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
848	Wellesley Park Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
850	Bath & Wells Diocese Academy Trust	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
851	Horrington Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
852	Brymore School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
853	Cheddon Fitzpaine School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
854	Hamp Junior Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
855	Hayesdowne First School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
856	St Andrews School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
857	Preston C of E School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
858	Horsington School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
859	Huish Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
872	Courtfields School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
873	Woolavington Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
874	Danesfield School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
875	St Peter's School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
876	Old Cleeve School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%



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Code		rate (% pay)	2017/18	adjustment) 2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	adjustment) 2018/19	2019/20	
877	Willowdown Primary	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
878	Staplegrove Church School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
879	Norton Fitzwarren Church School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
881	King Ina Church of England Academy	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
886	Buckland St Mary Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
887	Castle Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
888	Hambridge Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
889	Huish Episcopi Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
890	Othery Village School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
891	Middlezoy Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
892	Oakhill Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
897	The Mendip School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
902	Bishops Lydeard Primary School	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	
Other en	nployers								
713	South West Councils	13.2%	£224,514	£229,886	£235,386	13.2% plus	13.2% plus	13.2% plus	
						£224,514	£229,886	£235,386	
716	Somerset Care Ltd	19.2%	£250,000	£280,000	£310,000	19.2% plus	19.2% plus	19.2% plus	
						£250,000	£280,000	£310,000	
742	Aster Communities	17.8%	£235,558	£241,194	£246,964	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	17.8% plus	
743	Magina Magt Compaget IIA	1.0.00/	(71.402	C72 111	(74.000	£235,558	£241,194	£246,964	
743	Magna West Somerset HA	16.6%	£71,403	£73,111	£74,860	16.6% plus £71,403	16.6% plus £73,111	16.6% plus £74,860	
744	Yarlington Housing Group	14.5%	£534,060	£546,837	£559,921	14.5% plus	14.5% plus	14.5% plus	
7	rannigton Housing Group	17.570	2337,000	25-0,057	233,321	£534,060	£546,837	£559,921	
746	Homes in Sedgemoor	16.6%	£49,344	£50,525	£51,734	16.6% plus	16.6% plus	16.6% plus	
	3		•	•	•	£49,344	£50,525	£51,734	



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Code		rate (%		adjustment)					
		pay)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
754	National Autistic Society	22.2%	£29,932	£30,648	£31,382	22.2% plus £29,932	22.2% plus £30,648	22.2% plus £31,382	
769	Exmoor National Park	14.8%	£140,000	£140,000	£140,000	14.8% plus £140,000	14.8% plus £140,000	14.8% plus £140,000	
775	Greenwich Leisure Ltd	13.3%	-	-	-	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	
780	May Gurney	16.9%	£188,432	£188,432	£188,432	16.9% plus £188,432	16.9% plus £188,432	16.9% plus £188,432	
781	1610 Ltd	14.8%	-	-	-	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%	
782	Care Focus Somerset Ltd	14.5%	-3.5%	-3.5%	-3.5%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	
784	Leisure East Devon	10.7%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	
785	Edwards & Ward	20.3%	£59	£60	£62	20.3% plus £59	20.3% plus £60	20.3% plus £62	
786	ICM	23.0%	-	-	-	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	
789	SASP	17.5%	-	-	-	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	
791	NSL Ltd (Taunton Deane)	19.6%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	20.6%	20.6%	20.6%	
792	Buckler's Mead Leisure	9.3%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	
794	Mama Bears	18.0%	-	-	-	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	
795	MD Building	17.4%	£4,557	£4,666	£4,777	17.4% plus £4,557	17.4% plus £4,666	17.4% plus £4,777	
796	BAM FM	24.4%	-	-	-	24.4%	24.4%	24.4%	
798	Wyvern Nursery Group	10.5%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	
799	SWAP	13.4%	£149,770	£153,353	£157,022	13.4% plus £149,770	13.4% plus £153,353	13.4% plus £157,022	
849	Kings of Wessex Leisure	13.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	
880	Churchill (Yeovil College)	23.8%	-	-	-	23.8%	23.8%	23.8%	
882	Glen Cleaning Company Ltd	22.8%	-	-	-	22.8%	22.8%	22.8%	
883	NSL Ltd (Mendip)	19.6%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	20.6%	20.6%	20.6%	



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Code		rate (%		adjustment)			adjustment)			
		pay)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		
884	South West Heritage Trust	15.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%		
885	Taylor Shaw Ltd	18.2%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%		
893	Somerset Skills & Learning CIC	16.6%	-	-	-	16.6%	16.6%	16.6%		
894	Churchill (Bridgwater College)	21.1%	£3,440	£3,523	£3,607	21.1% plus £3,440	21.1% plus £3,523	21.1% plus £3,607		
895	MITIE plc	25.8%	-	-	-	25.8%	25.8%	25.8%		



Post valuation employers

A number of employers joined the Fund on or after 1 April 2016 and their rates were certified at their date of joining and have been reviewed as part of the 2016 valuation process. The table summarises the start dates and contributions required from these employers where known.

Employer Code	Employer name	Transfer date	Primary rate (%	Secondary rate (% pay plus monetary adjustment)			Total contributions (% pay plus monetary adjustment)		
			pay)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
907	Compass	1 April 2016	19.3%	-	-	-	19.3%	19.3%	19.3%
906	Minehead First School	1 May 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
904	Nunney First School	1 June 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
976	BAM FM	12 August 2016	22.5%	-	-	-	22.5%	22.5%	22.5%
911	Taylor Shaw Ltd. (KAHS)	12 August 2016	24.9%	-	-	-	24.9%	24.9%	24.9%
910	Taylor Shaw Ltd. (HSMS)	12 August 2016	22.0%	-	-	-	22.0%	22.0%	22.0%
912	Taylor Shaw Ltd. (SDHS)	12 August 2016	17.9%	-	-	-	17.9%	17.9%	17.9%
909	Minerva Primary School	1 September 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
916	East Brent School	1 November 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
917	Hugh Sexey School	1 November 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
914	Mark First School	1 November 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
915	Lympsham School	1 November 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%
918	Holy Trinity School	1 November 2016	15.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%

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			pay)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
919	Idverde Ltd	1 February 2017	25.0%	-	-	-	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	
922	Wayahead	27 March 2017	23.5%	-	-	-	23.5%	23.5%	23.5%	

Any other employers that joined the Fund after 31 March 2016 and are not listed above will be advised of their contribution rates separately.