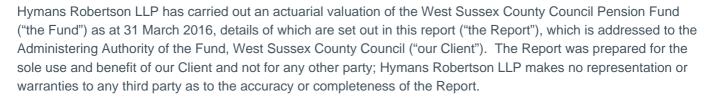
# West Sussex County Council Pension Fund

2016 Actuarial Valuation Valuation Report

March 2017





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# **Executive summary**

We have carried out an actuarial valuation of the West Sussex County Council Pension Fund ('the Fund') as at 31 March 2016. The results are presented in this report and are briefly summarised below.

### **Funding position**

The table below summarises the funding position of the Fund as at 31 March 2016 in respect of benefits earned by members up to this date (along with a comparison at the last formal valuation at 31 March 2013).

Valuation Date	31 March 2013	31 March 2016
Past Service Liabilities	(£m)	(£m)
Employees	1,043	1,099
Deferred Pensioners	476	620
Pensioners	1,222	1,425
Total Liabilities	2,741	3,144
Assets	2,370	2,986
Surplus / (Deficit)	(371)	(158)
Funding Level	86.4%	95.0%

The improvement in funding position between 2013 and 2016 is mainly due to strong investment performance over the inter-valuation period. The liabilities have also increased due to a reduction in future expected investment returns, although this has been partially offset by lower than expected pay and benefit growth.

#### **Contribution rates**

The table below summarises the whole fund Primary and Secondary Rates at this triennial valuation. These rates are the payroll weighted average of the underlying individual employer Primary and Secondary Rates, calculated in accordance with the Regulations and CIPFA guidance.

Primary Rate	Secondary Rate		te
1 April 2017 - 31 March 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
18.6% of pensionable pay	£22.1m	£23.3m	£24.6m

At the previous formal valuation, a different regulatory regime was in force. Therefore a contribution rate that is directly comparable to the rates above is not provided.

Broadly, contributions required to be made by employers in respect of new benefits earned by members (the Primary Rate) have increased as future expected investment returns have fallen. Changes to employer contributions targeted to fund the deficit have been variable across employers.

The minimum contributions to be paid by each employer from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 are shown in the Rates and Adjustment Certificate in **Appendix H**.

# 1 Introduction

We have carried out an actuarial valuation of the West Sussex County Council Pension Fund ("the Fund") as at 31 March 2016 under Regulation 62 of The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 ("the Regulations"). The purpose of the valuation is to assess the value of the assets and liabilities of the Fund as at 31 March 2016 and to calculate the required rate of employers' contributions to the Fund for the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

# **Valuation Report**

This report records the high level outcomes of the actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report is prepared by us as the actuaries to the Fund and is addressed to West Sussex County Council as the Administering Authority to the Fund.

# **Component reports**

This document is part of an "aggregate" report (i.e. it is the culmination of various "component" reports and discussions), in particular:

- Correspondence relating to data including the Data Report dated March 2017;
- The Initial Results report (dated 20 September 2016) which outlined the whole fund results;
- The formal agreement by the Administering Authority of the actuarial assumptions used in this document at a meeting dated 8 September 2016;
- The contribution modelling carried out for employers, as detailed in our report and presentation to the Administering Authority of 21 September 2016; and
- The Funding Strategy Statement ("the FSS"), confirming the different contribution rate setting approaches for different types of employer, dated March 2017.

# 2 Valuation Approach

The valuation is a planning exercise for the Fund, to assess the monies needed to meet the benefits owed to its members as they fall due. As part of the valuation process the Fund reviews its funding and investment strategies to ensure that an appropriate contribution plan is in place.

It is important to realise that the actual cost of the pension fund (i.e. how much money it will ultimately have to pay out to its members in the form of benefits) is unknown. This cost will not be known with certainty until the last benefit is paid to the last pensioner. The purpose of this valuation is to estimate what this cost will be, so that the Fund can then develop a funding strategy to meet it.

Setting the funding strategy for an open defined benefit pension fund such as the West Sussex County Council Pension Fund is complex. Firstly, the time period is very long; benefits earned in the LGPS today will be paid out over a period of the next 80 years or more and it remains open to new joiners and accrual of benefits. Secondly, the LGPS remains a defined benefit scheme so there are significant uncertainties in the final cost of the benefits to be paid. Finally, in order to reduce employer costs, the Fund has a return seeking investment strategy which can result in high levels of asset volatility.

Such a valuation can only ever be an estimate – as the future cannot be predicted with certainty. However, as actuaries, we can use our understanding of the Fund and the factors that affect it to set the pace of funding in conjunction with the Administering Authority. The pace of this funding can vary according to the level of prudence that is built into the valuation method and assumptions.

The valuation approach adopted recognises the uncertainties and risks posed to funding by the factors discussed above and follows the process outlined below.

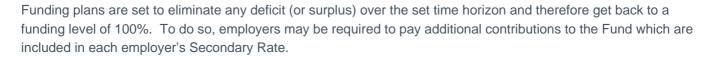
- Step 1: The Fund sets a funding target (or funding basis) which defines the target amount of assets to be held to meet the future cashflows. The assumptions underlying the funding target are discussed further in the next section. A measurement is made at the valuation date to compare the assets held with the funding target;
- Step 2: The Fund sets the time horizon over which the funding target is to be reached; and
- Step 3: The Fund sets contributions that give a sufficiently high likelihood of meeting the funding target over the set time horizon. More detail on this risk based approach to setting contribution rates can be found in **Appendix C**.

For this valuation, as for the previous valuation, our calculations identify separately the expected cost of members' benefits in respect of scheme membership completed before the valuation date ("past service") and that which is expected to be completed after the valuation date ("future service").

## Past service

The principal measurement here is the comparison of the funding position at the valuation date against the funding target. The market value of the Fund's assets as at the valuation date are compared against the value placed on the Fund's liabilities in today's terms (calculated using a market-based approach). By maintaining a link to the market in both cases, this helps ensure that the assets and liabilities are valued in a consistent manner. Our calculation of the Fund's liabilities also explicitly allows for expected future pay and pension increases. The assumptions used in the assessment of the funding position at the valuation date are detailed in the next section.

The funding level is the ratio of assets to liabilities at the valuation date. A funding level of less/more than 100% implies that there is a deficit/surplus in the Fund at the valuation date against the funding target.



#### **Future service**

In addition to benefits that have already been earned by members prior to the valuation date, employee members will continue to earn new benefits in the future. The cost of these new benefits must be met by both employers and employees. The employers' share of this cost is known as the Primary Rate.

Primary Rates for employers are determined with the aim of meeting the funding target in respect of these new benefits at the end of a set time horizon with an appropriate likelihood of success. The Primary Rate will depend on the profile of the membership (amongst other factors). For example, the rate is higher for older members as there is less time to earn investment returns before the member's pension comes into payment.

The methodology for calculating the Primary Rate will also depend on whether an employer is open or closed to new entrants. A closed employer will have a higher rate as we must allow for the consequent gradual ageing of the workforce.

For the reasons outlined above regarding the uncertainty of the future, there is no guarantee that the amount paid for the Primary Rate will be sufficient to meet the cost of the benefits that accrue. Similarly, there is no guarantee that Secondary Rates will result in a 100% funding level at the end of the time horizon. Further discussion of this uncertainty is set out in **Appendix C**.



# 3 Assumptions

Due to the long term nature of the Fund, assumptions about the future are required to place a value on the benefits earned to date (past service) and the cost of benefits that will be earned in the future (future service).

Broadly speaking, our assumptions fall into two categories when projecting and placing a value on future benefit payments and accrual – financial and demographic.

Demographic assumptions typically try to forecast **when** benefits will come into payment and what form these will take. For example, when members will retire (e.g. at their normal retirement age or earlier), how long they will then survive and whether a dependant's pension will be paid. In this valuation of the Fund, we use a single agreed set of demographic assumptions which are set out below and in more detail in **Appendix E**.

Financial assumptions typically try to anticipate the **size** of these benefits. For example, how large members' final salaries will be at retirement and how their pensions will increase over time. In addition, the financial assumptions also help us to estimate how much all these benefits will cost the Fund in today's money by making an assumption about the return on the Fund's investments in the future.

For measuring the funding position, the liabilities of the whole Fund are reported on a single constant set of financial assumptions about the future, based on financial market data as at 31 March 2016.

However, when we assess the required employer contributions to meet the funding target, we use a model that calculates the contributions required under 5,000 different possible future economic scenarios. Under these 5,000 different economic scenarios, key financial assumptions about pension increases and Fund investment returns vary across a wide range. More information about these types of assumptions is set out in **Appendix F**.

# **Financial assumptions**

#### **Discount rate**

In order to place a current value on the future benefit payments from the Fund, an assumption about future investment returns is required in order to "discount" future benefit payments back to the valuation date. In setting the discount rate, the Fund is determining the extent to which it relies on future investment returns required to meet benefit payments in excess of the monies already held at the valuation date.

For a funding valuation such as this, the discount rate must incorporate a degree of prudence. The discount rate is therefore set by taking into account the Fund's current and expected future investment strategy and, in particular, how this strategy is expected to outperform the returns from Government bonds over the long term. The additional margin for returns in excess of that available on Government bonds is called the Asset Outperformance Assumption (AOA).

The selection of an appropriate AOA is a matter of judgement and the degree of risk inherent in the Fund's investment strategy should always be considered as fully as possible. Based on their investment portfolio and market views, the Fund is satisfied that an AOA of 1.6% p.a. remains a prudent assumption for the purposes of this valuation.

#### **Price inflation / pension increases**

Pension (both in payment and deferment) benefit increases and the revaluation of career-average earnings are in line with Consumer Prices Inflation (CPI). As there continues to be no deep market for CPI linked financial instruments, the Fund derives the expected level of future CPI with reference to Retail Prices Inflation (RPI).

Due to further analysis of CPI since 2013, the Fund expects the average long term difference between RPI and CPI to be 1.0% p.a. compared with 0.8% p.a. at the 2013 valuation.



# **Salary increases**

Due to the change to a CARE scheme from 2014, there is now a closed group of membership in the Fund with benefits linked to final salary. The run-off of this final salary linked liability was modelled, taking into account the short-term restrictions in public sector pay growth.

The results of this modelling and analysis were reported in the 2016 Valuation Pay Growth Assumption Analysis, dated May 2016. Based on the results of this modelling the Fund set a salary growth assumption of RPI - 0.3%. This reflects both short term pay constraints and the belief that general economic growth and hence pay growth may be at a lower level than historically experienced for a prolonged period of time.

Note that this assumption is made in respect of the general level of salary increases (e.g. as a result of inflation and other macroeconomic factors). We also make a separate allowance for expected pay rises granted in the future as a result of promotion. This assumption takes the form of a set of tables which model the expected promotional pay awards based on each member's age and class. Please see **Appendix E**.

A summary of the financial assumptions underpinning the target funding basis and adopted during the assessment of the liabilities of the Fund as at 31 March 2016 (alongside those adopted at the last valuation for comparison) are shown below.

Financial assumptions	31 March 2013	31 March 2016
Discount rate		
Return on long-dated gilts	3.0%	2.2%
Asset Outperformance Assumption	1.6%*	1.6%**
Discount rate	4.6%	3.8%
Benefit increases		
Retail Prices Inflation (RPI)	3.3%	3.2%
Assumed RPI/CPI gap	(0.8%)*	(1.0%)**
Benefit increase assumption (CPI)	2.5%	2.1%
Salary increases		
Retail Prices Inflation (RPI)	3.3%	3.2%
Increases in excess of RPI	0.5%*	(0.3%)**
Salary increase assumption	3.8%	2.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Arithmetic addition



<sup>\*\*</sup> Geometric addition



# Longevity

The main demographic assumption to which the valuation results are most sensitive is that relating to the longevity of the Fund's members. For this valuation, the Fund has adopted assumptions which give the following sample average future life expectancies for members:

		31 March 2013	31 March 2016
Male			
	Pensioners	24.4 years	23.6 years
	Non-pensioners	26.9 years	26.0 years
Female			
	Pensioners	25.8 years	25.0 years
	Non-pensioners	28.5 years	27.8 years

Further details of the longevity assumptions adopted for this valuation can be found in **Appendix E**. Note that the figures for actives and deferred pensioners assume that they are aged 45 at the valuation date. The figures for pensioners have been derived assuming a pensioner age of 65 at the valuation date.

## Other demographic assumptions

We are in the unique position of having a very large local authority data set from which to derive our other demographic assumptions. We have analysed the trends and patterns that are present in the membership of local authority funds and tailored our demographic assumptions to reflect LGPS experience.

Details of the other demographic assumptions adopted by the Fund are set out in **Appendix E**.

#### Further comments on the assumptions

As required for Local Government Pension Scheme valuations, our approach to this valuation must include a degree of prudence. This has been achieved by explicitly allowing for a margin of prudence in the AOA.

For the avoidance of doubt, we believe that all other assumptions represent the "best estimate" of future experience. This effectively means that there is a 50% chance that future experience will be better or worse than the chosen assumption.

Taken as a whole, we believe that our proposed assumptions are more prudent than the best estimate.

The actuarial assumptions underlying the Scheme Advisory Board's Key Performance Indicators may be viewed as best estimate. Using these assumptions, the assessed funding position as at 31 March 2016 would have been around 123%.

#### **Assets**

We have taken the assets of the Fund into account at their bid value as informed to us by the Administering Authority.

In our opinion, the basis for placing a value on members' benefits is consistent with that for valuing the assets - both are related to market conditions at the valuation date.





The Administering Authority has prepared a Funding Strategy Statement which sets out its funding objectives for the Fund. In broad terms, the main valuation objectives are to hold sufficient assets in the Fund to meet the assessed cost of members' accrued benefits on the target funding basis ("the Funding Objective") and to set employer contributions which ensure both the long term solvency and the long term cost efficiency of the Fund ("the Contribution Objective").

# **Funding Position Relative to Funding Target**

In assessing the extent to which the Funding Objective was met at the valuation date, we have used the actuarial assumptions described in the previous section of this report for the target funding basis and the funding method also earlier described. The table below compares the value of the assets and liabilities at 31 March 2016. The 31 March 2013 results are also shown for reference.

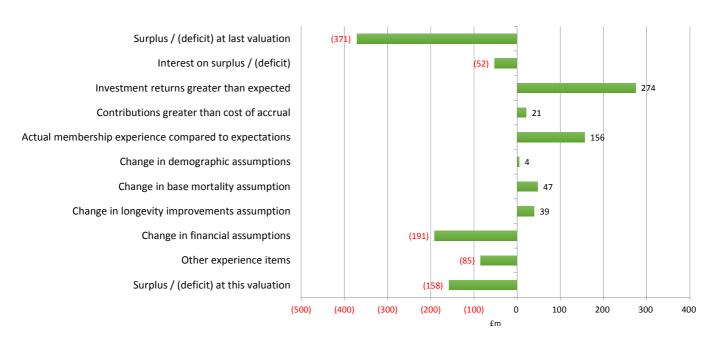
A funding level of 100% would correspond to the Funding Objective being met at the valuation date.

Valuation Date	31 March 2013	31 March 2016
Past Service Liabilities	(£m)	(£m)
Employees	1,043	1,099
Deferred Pensioners	476	620
Pensioners	1,222	1,425
Total Liabilities	2,741	3,144
Assets	2,370	2,986
Surplus / (Deficit)	(371)	(158)
Funding Level	86.4%	95.0%

The Funding Objective was not met: there was a shortfall of assets relative to the assessed cost of members' benefits on the target funding basis of around £158m.

# Summary of changes to the funding position

The chart below illustrates the factors that caused the changes in the funding position between 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2016:



Further comments on some of the items in this chart are set out below:

- There is an interest cost of £52m. This is broadly three years of compound interest at 4.6% p.a. applied to the previous valuation deficit of £371m (and can be thought of as the investment return that would have been achieved on the extra assets the Fund would have held if fully funded).
- Investment returns being higher than expected since 2013 lead to a gain of £274m. This is roughly the difference between the actual three-year return (26.9%) and expected three-year return (14.4%) applied to the whole fund assets from the previous valuation of £2,370m, with a further allowance made for cashflows during the period.
- Employers have contributed around £21m towards the deficit;
- The membership experience of the Fund has differed to the assumptions made at the 2013 valuation resulting in a gain of £156m. The table below summarises the significant factors that underlie these differences. The financial impact of these factors is available on request.

	Expected	Actual	Difference	Impact
Pre-retirement experience				
Early leavers (no.of lives)	12,316	7,277	(5,039)	Negative
III-health retirements* (no.of lives)	276	92	(184)	Positive
Salary increases (p.a.)	4.4%	1.6%	(2.8%)	Positive
Post-retirement experience				
Benefit increases (p.a.)	2.5%	1.3%	(1.2%)	Positive
Pensions ceasing (£m)	6.2	5.9	(0.2)	Negative

<sup>\*</sup>Tier 1 and Tier 2 ill-health retirements only

- The impact of the change in demographic assumptions has been a gain of around £4m.
- The change in mortality assumptions (baseline and improvements) has given rise to a gain of £86m. .
- The change in financial conditions since the previous valuation has led to a loss of £191m. This is due to a decrease in the real discount rate between 2013 and 2016. This has partially been offset by the increase in the assumed gap between RPI and CPI and a reduction in the expected future salary growth for benefits linked to final salary.
- Other experience items, such as changes in the membership data, have served to increase the deficit at this valuation by around £85m.

#### **Employer Contribution Rates**

The Contribution Objective is achieved by setting employer contributions which are likely to be sufficient to meet both the cost of new benefits accruing and to address any funding deficit relative to the funding target over the agreed time horizon. A secondary objective is to maintain, where possible, relatively stable employer contribution rates.

For each employer in the Fund, to meet the Contribution Objective, a Primary Rate has been calculated in order to fund the cost of new benefits accruing in the Fund. These rates have been assessed using a financial model that assesses the funding outcome for the employer under 5,000 different possible future economic scenarios where the key financial assumptions about pension increases and investment returns vary. The employers' Primary Rates have been set to achieve the funding target over the agreed time horizon and with the appropriate likelihood of success. The time horizon and the likelihood parameters vary by employer according to each employer's characteristics. These parameters are set out in the Funding Strategy Statement and have been communicated to employers. Employers' Secondary Rates comprise an element to return each Employer to a funding level of 100% as well as any adjustments to achieve the Funds aim of keeping rates as stable as possible over the longer term.

More information about the methodology used to calculate the contribution rates is set out in Appendix C.

The employer contributions payable from 1 April 2017 are given in **Appendix H**, and these have been devised in line with the Funding Strategy Statement: see **section 6**.

The table below summarises the whole fund Primary and Secondary Contribution rates at this valuation. These rates are the payroll weighted average of the underlying individual employer primary and secondary rates, calculated in accordance with the Regulations and CIPFA guidance.

Primary Rate	Secondary Rate		te
1 April 2017 - 31 March 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
18.6% of pensionable pay	£22.1m	£23.3m	£24.6m

The whole Fund primary rate includes an allowance of 0.4% of pay towards administration expenses.

The average employee contribution rate is 6.4% of pensionable pay. Note that the employee contribution rate includes additional contributions being paid by employees into the Fund and assumes 1% of members opt into the '50:50' scheme in future.

The table below shows the Fund's "Common Contribution Rate' as at 31 March 2013 for information purposes. Although note that the change in regulatory regime and guidance on contribution rates means that a direct comparison to the whole fund rate at 2016 is not appropriate.

Contribution Rates	31 March 2013 (% of pay)
Employer future service rate (incl. expenses)	20.5%
Past Service Adjustment	5.4%
Total employer contribution rate (incl. expenses)	25.9%
Employee contribution rate	6.3%
Expenses	0.3%





The valuation results depend critically on the actuarial assumptions that are made about the future of the Fund. If all of the assumptions made at this valuation were exactly borne out in practice then the results presented in this document would represent the true cost of the Fund as it currently stands at 31 March 2016.

However, no one can predict the future with certainty and it is unlikely that future experience will exactly match the assumptions. The future therefore presents a variety of risks to the Fund and these should be considered as part of the valuation process. In particular:

- The main risks to the financial health of the Fund should be identified;
- Where possible, the financial significance of these risks should be quantified;
- Consideration should be given as to how these risks can then be controlled or mitigated; and
- These risks should then be **monitored** to assess whether any mitigation is actually working.

This section investigates the potential implications of the actuarial assumptions not being borne out in practice.

Set out below is a brief assessment of the main risks and their effect on the valuation past service funding position results.

## Sensitivity of past service funding position results to changes in assumptions

The table below gives an indication of the sensitivity of the funding position to small changes in two of the main financial assumptions used:

	Benefit Increases & CARE Revaluation					
10	(£m)	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%		
Rates	4.0%	38	(50)	(141)	(Deficit)	
짪	4.076	101%	98%	95%	Funding Level	
Ę	3.8%	(66)	(158)	(252)	(Deficit)	
	3.076	98%	95%	92%	Funding Level	
Discount	3.6%	(175)	(270)	(368)	(Deficit)	
_	3.076	94%	92%	89%	Funding Level	

The valuation results are also very sensitive to unexpected changes in future longevity. All else being equal, if longevity improves in the future at a faster pace than allowed for in the valuation assumptions, the funding level will decline and the required employer contribution rates will increase.

Recent medical advances, changes in lifestyle and a greater awareness of health-related matters have resulted in life expectancy amongst pension fund members improving in recent years at a faster pace than was originally foreseen. It is unknown whether and to what extent such improvements will continue in the future. For example, if life expectancy were to increase, on average, by one year, the Fund's liabilities would increase by around 3-5% as at 31 March 2016.

This is not an exhaustive list of the assumptions used in the valuation. For example, changes to the assumed level of withdrawals and ill health retirements will also have an effect on the valuation results.

Note that the table shows the effect of changes to each assumption in isolation. In reality, it is perfectly possible for the experience of the Fund to deviate from more than one of our assumptions simultaneously and so the precise effect on the funding position is therefore more complex. Furthermore, the range of assumptions shown here is by no means exhaustive and should not be considered as the limits of how extreme experience could actually be.



The employer contribution rates are dependent on a number of factors including the membership profile, current financial conditions, the outlook for future financial conditions, and demographic trends such as longevity. Changes in each of these factors can have a material impact on the contribution rates (both Primary and Secondary Rates). We have not sought to quantify the impact of differences in the assumptions for individual employers because of the complex interactions between them, however, further details are available on request.

#### **Investment risk**

The Fund holds some of its assets in return seeking assets such as equities to help reduce employers' costs. However, these types of investments can result in high levels of asset volatility. Therefore, there is a risk that future investment returns are below expectations and the funding target is not met. This will require additional contributions from employers to fund any deficit.

By ways of risk mitigation, the Fund has a de-risking strategy in place that reduces the reliance on return seeking assets when certain pre-determined funding level triggers are reached. Further details of this policy can be found in the Fund's Investment Strategy Statement.

Whilst the Fund takes steps to ensure that the level of investment risk is managed and monitored via its de-risking strategy, regular strategy reviews and performance monitoring, it can never be fully mitigated.

#### Regulatory risk

One further risk to consider is the possibility of future changes to Regulations that could materially affect the benefits that members become entitled to. It is difficult to predict the nature of any such changes but it is not inconceivable that they could affect not just the cost of benefits earned after the change but could also have a retrospective effect on the past service position.

## Managing the risks

Whilst there are certain things, such as the performance of investment markets or the life expectancy of members, that are not directly within the control of the pension fund, that does not mean that nothing can be done to understand them further and to mitigate their effect. Although these risks are difficult (or impossible) to eliminate, steps can be taken to manage them.

Ways in which some of these risks can be managed could be:

- Set aside a specific reserve to act as a cushion against adverse future experience (possibly by selecting a set of actuarial assumptions that are deliberately more prudent).
- Take steps internally to monitor the decisions taken by members (e.g. 50:50 scheme take-up, commutation)
  and employers (e.g. relating to early / ill health retirements or salary increases) in a bid to curtail any adverse
  impact on the Fund.
- Pooling certain employers together at the valuation and then setting a single (pooled) contribution rate that they will all pay. This can help to stabilise contribution rates (at the expense of cross-subsidy between the employers in the pool during the period between valuations).
- Carrying out a review of the future security of the Fund's employers (i.e. assessing the strength of employer covenants) and ultimately their ability to continue to pay contributions or make good future funding deficits.
- Carry out a bespoke analysis of the longevity of Fund members and monitor how this changes over time, so
  that the longevity assumptions at the valuation provide as close a fit as possible to the particular experience
  of the Fund.



- Undertake an asset-liability modelling exercise that investigates the effect on the Fund of possible investment scenarios that may arise in the future. An assessment can then be made as to whether long term, secure employers in the Fund can stabilise their future contribution rates (thus introducing more certainty into their future budgets) without jeopardising the long-term health of the Fund.
- Purchasing ill health liability insurance to mitigate the risk of an ill health retirement impacting on solvency and funding level of an individual employer where appropriate.
- Monitoring different employer characteristics in order to build up a picture of the risks posed. Examples include membership movements, cash flow positions and employer events such as cessations.
- Regularly reviewing the Fund's membership data to ensure it is complete, up to date and accurate.

Note that the Fund currently follows a number of these steps as part of its overall risk management policy. Further details in relation to some of these can be found in the Fund's Investment and Funding Strategy Statements.



# 6 Related issues

The Fund's valuation operates within a broader framework, and this document should therefore be considered alongside the following:

- the Funding Strategy Statement, which in particular highlights how different types of employer in different circumstances have their contributions calculated;
- the Investment Strategy Statement which sets out how the Fund invests the assets;
- the general governance of the Fund, such as meetings of the Pensions Committee, decisions delegated to officers, the Fund's business plan, etc;
- the Fund's risk register; and
- the information the Fund holds about participating employers.

#### **Further recommendations**

# **Valuation frequency**

Under the provisions of the LGPS regulations, the next formal valuation of the Fund is due to be carried out as at 31 March 2019. In light of the uncertainty of future financial conditions, we recommend that the financial position of the Fund (and for individual employers) is monitored by means of interim funding reviews in the period up to this next formal valuation. This will give early warning of changes to funding positions and possible revisions to funding plans.

#### Investment strategy and risk management

We recommend that the Administering Authority continues to regularly review its investment strategy and ongoing risk management programme.

#### New employers joining the Fund

Any new employers or admission bodies joining the Fund should be referred to the Fund Actuary for individual calculations as to the required level of contribution. Depending on the number of transferring members the ceding employer's rate may also need to be reviewed.

# **Additional payments**

Employers may make voluntary additional contributions to recover any funding shortfall over a shorter period, subject to agreement with the Administering Authority and after receiving the relevant actuarial advice.

Further sums should be paid to the Fund by employers to meet the capital costs of any unreduced early retirements, reduced early retirements before age 60 and/or augmentation (i.e. additional membership or additional pension) using the methods and factors issued by me from time to time or as otherwise agreed.

In addition, payments may be required to be made to the Fund by employers to meet the capital costs of any ill-health retirements that exceed those allowed for within our assumptions.

#### **Cessations and bulk transfers**

Any employer who ceases to participate in the Fund should be referred to us in accordance with Regulation 64 of the Regulations.

Any bulk movement of scheme members:

- involving 10 or more scheme members being transferred from or to another LGPS fund, or
- involving 2 or more scheme members being transferred from or to a non-LGPS pension arrangement should be referred to us to consider the impact on the Fund.



# 7 Reliances and limitations

# Scope

This document has been requested by and is provided to West Sussex County Council in its capacity as Administering Authority to the West Sussex County Council Pension Fund. It has been prepared by Hymans Robertson LLP to fulfil the statutory obligations in accordance with regulation 62 of the Regulations. None of the figures should be used for accounting purposes (e.g. under FRS102 or IAS19) or for any other purpose (e.g. a termination valuation under Regulation 64).

This document should not be released or otherwise disclosed to any third party without our prior written consent, in which case it should be released in its entirety. Hymans Robertson LLP accepts no liability to any other party unless we have expressly accepted such liability.

The results of the valuation are dependent on the quality of the data provided to us by the Administering Authority for the specific purpose of this valuation. We have previously issued a separate report confirming that the data provided is fit for the purposes of this valuation and have commented on the quality of the data provided. However, if any material issues with the data provided are identified at a later date, then the results stated in this report may change.

#### **Actuarial Standards**

The following Technical Actuarial Standards<sup>1</sup> are applicable in relation to this report and have been complied with where material:

- TAS R Reporting;
- TAS D Data;
- TAS M Modelling; and
- Pensions TAS.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Technical Actuarial Standards (TASs) are issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) and set standards for certain items of actuarial work, including the information and advice contained in this report.

# Appendix A: About the pension fund

The purpose of the Fund is to provide retirement and death benefits to its members. It is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and is a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme.

# Defined benefit pension scheme

In a defined benefit scheme such as this, the nature of retirement benefits that members are entitled to is known in advance. For example, it is known that members will receive a pension on retirement that is linked to their salary (final salary and/or career average) and pensionable service (for service before 1 April 2014) according to a predetermined formula.

However, the precise cost to the Fund of providing these benefits is **not** known in advance. The estimated cost of these benefits represents a liability to the Fund and assets must be set aside to meet this. The relationship between the value of the liabilities and the value of the assets must be regularly assessed and monitored to ensure that the Fund can fulfil its core objective of providing its members with the retirement benefits that they have been promised.

#### Liabilities

The Fund's liabilities are the benefits that will be paid in the future to its members (and their dependants).

The precise timing and amount of these benefit payments will depend on future experience, such as when members will retire, how long they will live for in retirement and what economic conditions will be like both before and after retirement. Because these factors are not known in advance, assumptions must be made about future experience. The valuation of these liabilities must be regularly updated to reflect the degree to which actual experience has been in line with these assumptions.

#### **Assets**

The Fund's assets arise from the contributions paid by its members and their employers and the investment returns that they generate. The way these assets are invested is of fundamental importance to the Fund. The selection, monitoring and evolution of the Fund's investment strategy are key responsibilities of the Administering Authority.

As the estimated cost of the Fund's liabilities is regularly re-assessed, this effectively means that the amount of assets required to meet them is a moving target. As a result, at any given time the Fund may be technically in surplus or in deficit.

A contribution strategy must be put in place which ensures that each of the Fund's employers pays money into the Fund at a rate which will target the cost of its share of the liabilities in respect of benefits already earned by members and those that will be earned in the future.

## The long-term nature of the Fund

The pension fund is a long-term commitment. Even if it were to stop admitting new members today, it would still be paying out benefits to existing members and dependants for many decades to come. It is therefore essential that the various funding and investment decisions that are taken now recognise this and come together to form a coherent long-term strategy.

In order to assist with these decisions, the Regulations require the Administering Authority to obtain a formal valuation of the Fund every three years. Along with the Funding Strategy Statement, this valuation will help determine the funding objectives that will apply from 1 April 2017.





Provided below is a brief summary of the non-discretionary benefits that we have taken into account for active members at this valuation. This should not be taken as a comprehensive statement of the exact benefits to be paid. For further details please see the Regulations.

Provision	Benefit Structure To 31 March 2008	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31st March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014
Normal retirement age (NRA)	Age 65.	Age 65.	Equal to the individual member's State Pension Age (minimum 65).
Earliest	As per NRA (age 65).		As per NRA (minimum age 65).
retirement age (ERA) on which immediate	Protections apply to active members in the scheme immediately prior to 1 October 2006 who would have been entitled to immediate payment of unreduced benefits prior to 65, due to:		Protections apply to active members in the scheme for pensions earned up to 1 April 2014, due to:
unreduced benefits can be paid on	The benefits relating to	various segments of scheme sed as set out in Schedule 2 to	a) Accrued benefits relating to pre April 2014 service at age 65.
voluntary retirement	the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2008 and associated GAD guidance.		b) Continued 'Rule of 85' protection for qualifying members.
			c) Members within 10 yrs of existing NRA at 1/4/12 – no change to when they can retire and no decrease in pension they receive at existing NRA.
Member contributions	Officers - 6% of pensionable pay  Manual Workers – 5% of pensionable pay if has protected lower rates rights or 6% for	Banded rates (5.5%-7.5%) depending upon level of full- time equivalent pay. A mechanism for sharing any increased scheme costs between employers and scheme members is	Banded rates (5.5%-12.5%) depending upon level of actual pay.
	post 31 March 1998 entrants or former entrants with no protected rights.	included in the LGPS regulations.	
Pensionable pay	All salary, wages, fees a of the employment, exclusive overtime and some other		Pay including non-contractual overtime and additional hours.
	Some scheme members may be covered by special agreements.		
Final pay	The pensionable pay in the year up to the date of leaving the scheme. Alternative methods used in some cases, e.g. where there has been a break in service or a drop in pensionable pay.		N/A
	respect of the final salar	pers of the CARE scheme who	



Provision	Benefit Structure To 31 March 2008	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31st March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014
Period of scheme membership	other pension arrangem April 2008 the award of	the Fund. (e.g. transfers from nents, augmentation, or from additional pension). For part phership is proportionate with all hours and a full time periods may be granted	N/A
Normal retirement benefits at NRA	Annual Retirement Pension - 1/80th of final pay for each year of scheme membership. Lump Sum Retirement Grant - 3/80th of final pay for each year of scheme membership.	Scheme membership from 1 April 2008:  Annual Retirement Pension - 1/60th of final pay for each year of scheme membership.  Lump Sum Retirement Grant – none except by commutation of pension.	Scheme membership from 1 April 2014:  Annual Retirement Pension - 1/49th of pensionable pay (or assumed pensionable pay) for each year of scheme membership revalued to NRA in line with CPI.  Lump Sum Retirement Grant - none except by commutation of pension.
Option to increase retirement lump sum benefit	In addition to the standard retirement grant any lump sum is to be provided by commutation of pension (within overriding HMRC limits). The terms for the conversion of pension in to lump sum is £12 of lump sum for every £1 of annual pension surrendered.	No automatic lump sum. Any lump sum is to be provided by commutation of pension (within overriding HMRC limits). The terms for the conversion of pension in to lump sum is £12 of lump sum for every £1 of annual pension surrendered.	No automatic lump sum. Any lump sum is to be provided by commutation of pension (within overriding HMRC limits). The terms for the conversion of pension in to lump sum is £12 of lump sum for every £1 of annual pension surrendered.
Voluntary early retirement benefits (non ill-health)	On retirement after age 60, subject to reduction on account of early payment in some circumstances (in accordance with ERA protections).		On retirement after age 55, subject to reduction on account of early payment in some circumstances (in accordance with ERA protections).
Employer's consent early retirement benefits (non ill-health)	Benefits paid on redunct paid with no actuarial re Otherwise, benefits are		Benefits paid on redundancy or efficiency grounds are paid with no actuarial reduction.  Employer's consent is no longer required for a member to retire from age 55.  However, benefits are subject to reduction on account of early payment, unless this is waived by the employer.

Provision Benefit Structure To 31 March 2008	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014
Ill-health benefits  As a result of permanent ill-health or incapacity.  Immediate payment of unreduced benefits.  Enhancement to scheme membership, dependent on actual membership.  Enhancement seldom more than 6 years 243 days.	As a result of permanent ill-health or incapacity and a reduced likelihood of obtaining gainful employment (local government or otherwise) before age 65.  Immediate payment of unreduced benefits.  Enhanced to scheme membership, dependent on severity of ill health.  100% of prospective membership to age 65 where no likelihood of undertaking any gainful employment prior to age 65; 25% of prospective membership to age 65 where likelihood of obtaining gainful employment after 3 years of leaving, but before age 65; or  0% of prospective membership where there is a likelihood of undertaking gainful employment within 3 years of leaving employment	As a result of permanent ill-health or incapacity and a reduced likelihood of obtaining gainful employment (local government or otherwise) before NRA.  Immediate payment of unreduced benefits.  Enhanced to scheme membership, dependent on severity of ill health.  100% of prospective membership to age NRA where no likelihood of undertaking any gainful employment prior to age NRA;  25% of prospective membership to age NRA where likelihood of obtaining gainful employment after 3 years of leaving, but before age NRA; or  0% of prospective membership where there is a likelihood of undertaking gainful employment within 3 years of leaving employment

Provision	Benefit Structure To 31 March 2008	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014
Flexible retirement	A member who has attained the age of 50, and who with their employer's consent, reduces the hours they work, or the grade in which they are employed, may elect in writing to the appropriate Administering Authority that such benefits may, with their employer's consent, be paid to them notwithstanding that he has not retired from that employment. Benefits are paid immediately and subject to actuarial reduction unless the reduction is waived by the employer.	consent, reduces the hours he employed, may make a reques Administering Authority to rece consent is required for benefits	eive all or part of his benefits. Employer is to be released.  and subject to actuarial reduction unless
Pension increases	from the payment of add increased partially unde	ditional voluntary contributions a er the Pensions (Increase) Act 19 975 (depending on the proportion	dant's pensions other than benefits arising are increased annually. Pensions are 971 and partially in accordance with Social ons relating to pre 88 GMP, post 88 GMP

Provision	Benefit Structure To 31 March 2008	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014
Death after retirement	Deceased member's former retirement pension is payable for 3 months or 6 months if there is a child in the care of the spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner.  A short term spouse's or civil partner's pension of one half of the member's pension (generally post 1 April 1972 service for widowers' pension and post 6 April 1988 for civil partners) is payable.  Different rules also apply where marriage takes place after leaving service. plus  If the member dies within five years of retiring and before age 75 the balance of five years' pension payments will be paid in the form of a lump sum; plus  Children's pensions may also be payable.	A spouse's, civil partner's or nominated cohabiting partner's pension payable at a rate of 1/160th of the member's total membership multiplied by final pay (generally post 1 April 1972 service for widowers' pension and post 6 April 1988 for civil partners and nominated cohabiting partners) is payable.  Different rules also apply where marriage takes place after leaving service plus  If the member dies within ten years of retiring and before age 75 the balance of ten years' pension payments will be paid in the form of a lump sum; plus  Children's pensions may also be payable.	A spouse's, civil partner's or nominated cohabiting partner's pension payable at a rate of 1/160th of the member's total membership multiplied by final pay for the pre 1 April 2014 membership (generally post 1 April 1972 service for widowers' pension and post 6 April 1988 for civil partners and nominated cohabiting partners). Different rules also apply where marriage takes place after leaving service  For the period from 1 April 2014 the spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner receives a pension calculated in the same way as the member's CARE benefits but using an accrual rate of 1/160.  plus  If the member dies within ten years of retiring and before age 75 the balance of ten years' pension payments will be paid in the form of a lump sum; plus  Children's pensions may also be payable.

Provision	Benefit Structure To 31 March 2008	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014		
Death in service	A lump sum of two times final pay; plus	A lump sum of three times final pay; plus	A lump sum of three times annual assumed pensionable pay; plus		
	A spouse's or civil partner's pension of one half of the illhealth retirement pension that would have been paid to the scheme member if he had retired on the day of death (generally post 1 April 1972 service for widowers' pension and post 6 April 1988 for civil partners); plus Children's pensions may also be payable.	A spouse's, civil partner's or cohabiting partner's pension payable at a rate of 1/160th of the member's total (augmented to age 65) membership (generally post 1 April 1972 service for widowers' pension and post 6 April 1988 for civil partners and nominated cohabiting partners), multiplied by final pay; plus  Children's pensions may also be payable.	A spouse's, civil partner's or cohabiting partner's pension payable at a rate of 1/160th of the member's total membership prior to 31 March 2014, (generally post 1 April 1972 service for widowers' pension and post 6 April 1988 for civil partners and nominated cohabiting partners), multiplied by final pay.  For the period from 1 April 2014 the spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner receives a pension calculated in the same way as the member's CARE benefits but using an accrual rate of 1/160 and assuming the member had stayed in active membership until their State Pension Age.		
			Children's pensions may also be payable.		
Leaving service options	scheme membership, d calculation and paymen retirement provisions (e without employer conse A transfer payment to e scheme or a suitable ins value to the deferred pe If the member has comp scheme membership, a contributions with intere premium deduction and	t conditions similar to general arliest date of payment arliest anew employer's surance policy, equivalent in ension; or colleted less than three months' return of the member's st, less a State Scheme less tax at the rate of 20%.	If the member has completed two years or more scheme membership, deferred benefits with calculation and payment conditions similar to general retirement provisions (earliest date of payment without employer consent is 55); or  A transfer payment to either a new employer's scheme or a suitable insurance policy, equivalent in value to the deferred pension; or  If the member has completed less than two years scheme membership, a return of the member's contributions with interest, less a State Scheme premium deduction and less tax at the rate of 20%.		
State pension scheme	From 6th of April 2016, the Fund will no longer be contracted out of the State Second Pension. Until that date, the benefits payable to each member were guaranteed to be not less than those required to enable the Fund to be contracted-out.				
Assumed pensionable pay	N/A  This applies in cases of reduced contractual pay (CPP) resulting from sickness, child related and reserve forces absence, whereby the amount added to the CPP is the assumed		contractual pay (CPP) resulting from sickness, child related and reserve forces absence, whereby the amount added to the CPP is the assumed pensionable pay rather than the reduced		

Provision	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2008 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	Benefit Structure From 1 April 2014
50/50 option	N/A	Optional arrangement allowing 50% of main benefits to be accrued on a 50% employee contribution rate.

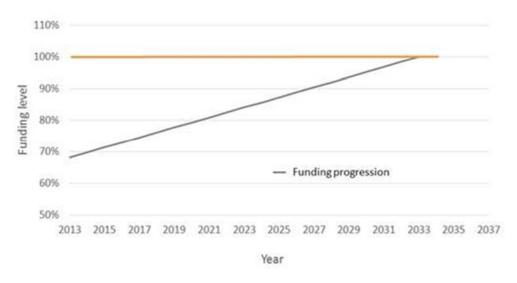
Note: Certain categories of members of the Fund are entitled to benefits that differ from those summarised above.

# **Discretionary benefits**

The LGPS Regulations give employers a number of discretionary powers. The effect on benefits or contributions as a result of the use of these provisions as currently contained within the Regulations has been allowed for in this valuation to the extent that this is reflected in the membership data provided. No allowance has been made for the future use of discretionary powers that will be contained within the scheme from 1 April 2017.

# Appendix C: Risk based approach to setting contribution rates

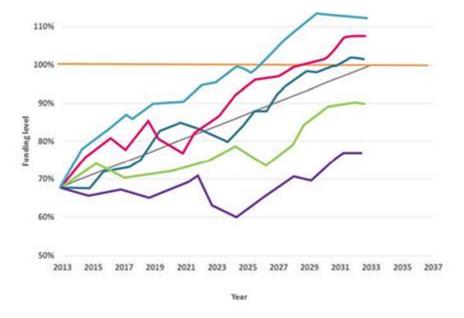
At previous valuations, we set contribution rates by calculating them using a single set of assumptions about future economic conditions (a 'deterministic' method). By using this deterministic method, there is an implicit assumption that the future will follow expectations (i.e. the financial assumptions used in the calculation) and the employer will return to full funding via one 'journey'. This approach is summarised in the illustrative chart below.



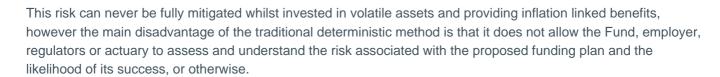
However, pension funding is uncertain as:

- the Fund's assets are invested in volatile financial markets and therefore they go up and down in value; and
- the pension benefits are linked to inflation which again can go up and down in value over time.

One single set of assumptions are very unlikely to actually match what happens, and therefore, the funding plan originally set out will not evolve in line with the single journey shown above. The actual evolution of the funding position could be one of many different 'journeys', and a sample of these are given below.



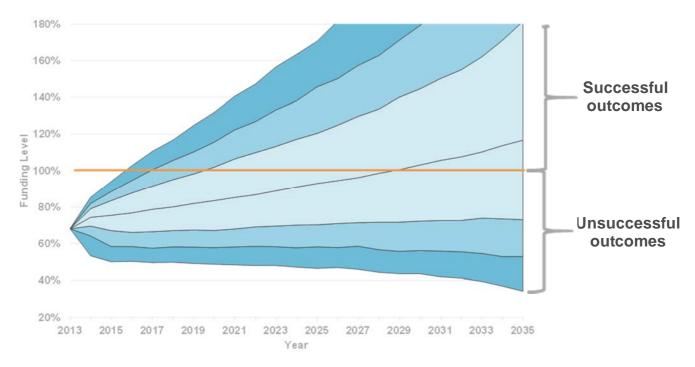
The inherent uncertainty in pension funding creates a risk that a funding plan will not be a success i.e. the funding target will not be reached over the agreed time period.



# **Risk Based Approach**

At this valuation, we have adopted a 'risk based' approach when setting contribution rates. This approach considers thousands of simulations (or 'journeys') to be projected of how each employer's assets and liabilities may evolve over the future until we have a distribution of funding outcomes (ratio of assets to liabilities). Each simulation represents a different possible journey of how the assets and liabilities could evolve and they will vary due to assumptions about investment returns, inflation and other financial factors. Further technical detail about the methodology underlying these projections is set out in **Appendix F**.

Once we have a sufficient number of outcomes to form a statistically credible distribution (we use 5,000 outcomes), we can examine what level of contribution rate gives an appropriate likelihood of meeting an employer's funding target (usually a 100% funding level) within the agreed timeframe ('time horizon') (i.e. a sufficient number of successful outcomes). The picture below shows a sample distribution of outcomes for an employer.



Having this 'funnel' of outcomes allows the Fund to understand the likelihood of the actual outcome being higher or lower than a certain level. For example, there is  $2/3^{rd}$ 's chance the funding level will be somewhere within the light shaded area, and there is a 1 in 100 chance that the funding level will be outside the funnel altogether. Using this 'probability distribution', we then set a contribution rate that leads to a certain amount of funding outcomes being successful (e.g.  $2/3^{rd}$ 's).

Further detail on the likelihoods used in employer's funding plans is set out in the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement.



This section contains a summary of the membership, investment and accounting data provided by the Administering Authority for the purposes of this valuation (the corresponding membership and investment data from the previous valuation is also shown for reference). For further details of the data, and the checks and amendments performed in the course of this valuation, please refer to our separate data report.

# Membership data - whole fund

# **Employee members**

	31 March 2013		31 March 2016		
	Number	Pensionable Pay*	Number	Pensionable Pay*	CARE Pot
		(£000)		(£000)	(000 <del>3</del> )
Total employee membership	21,761	368,306	24,218	379,919	3,765

<sup>\*</sup>actual pay (not full-time equivalent)

## **Deferred pensioners**

•	31 March 2013		31 Ma	rch 2016
	Number Deferred pension		Number	Deferred pension
		(£000)		(000 <del>3</del> )
Total deferred membership	22,573	25,657	27,080	32,292

The figures above also include any "frozen refunds" and "undecided leavers" members at the valuation date.

# Current pensioners, spouses and children

	31 Ma	rch 2013	31 Ma	rch 2016
	Number	Pension (£000)	Number	Pension (£000)
Members	14,043	68,332	15,510	78,804
Dependants	2,205	6,307	2,308	7,349
Children	123	140	136	157
Total pensioner members	16,371	74,779	17,954	86,310

Note that the membership numbers in the tables above refer to the number of records provided to us and so will include an element of double-counting in respect of any members who are accruing or are in receipt of more than one benefit.

Membership Profile	Average Age (years)		FWL (years)	
	2013	2016	2013	2016
Employees (CARE)	-	49.2	9.1	9.0
Employees (Final Salary)	51.1	51.5	9.1	
Deferred Pensioners	50.2	50.7	-	-
Pensioners	67.6	68.3	-	-

The average ages are weighted by liability.

The expected future working lifetime (FWL) indicates the anticipated length of time that the average employee member will remain as a contributor to the Fund. Note that it allows for the possibility of members leaving, retiring early or dying before retirement.





A summary of the Fund's assets provided by the Administering Authority (excluding members' money-purchase Additional Voluntary Contributions) as at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2013 is as follows:

Asset class	31 March 2013 (Market Value)	Allocation	31 March 2016 (Market Value)	Allocation
	(£000)	%	(000 <del>3</del> )	%
UK equities	451,548	19%	320,301	11%
UK fixed interest gilts	97,152	4%	48,612	2%
UK corporate bonds	72,179	3%	134,972	5%
UK index-linked gilts	0	0%	0	0%
Overseas equities	1,329,558	56%	1,841,847	62%
Overseas bonds	175,244	8%	290,298	10%
Property	184,296	8%	268,846	9%
Cash and net current assets	57,849	2%	80,925	3%
Total	2,367,826	100%	2,985,801	100%

Accounting data – revenue account for the three years to 31 March 2016

Consolidated accounts (£000)		Year to		
	31 March 2014	31 March 2015	31 March 2016	Total
Income				
Employer - normal contributions	81,503	87,097	92,005	260,605
Employer - additional contributions	1,500	0	43	1,543
Employer - early retirement and augmentation strain contributions	0	0	0	0
Employee - normal contributions	23,239	24,566	24,849	72,654
Employee - additional contributions	468	426	458	1,352
Fransfers In Received (including group and individual)	4,051	2,266	3,547	9,864
Other Income	4	32	314	350
Total Income	110,765	114,387	121,216	346,368
Expenditure				
Gross Retirement Pensions	76,327	78,983	81,189	236,499
Lump Sum Retirement Benefits	12,985	14,223	15,086	42,294
Death in Service Lump sum	1,798	1,702	3,239	6,739
Death in Deferment Lump Sum	0	0	0	0
Death in Retirement Lump Sum	0	0	0	0
Gross Refund of Contributions	13	90	195	298
Fransfers out (including bulk and individual)	8,062	41,492	4,083	53,637
Fees and Expenses	1,849	1,267	1,214	4,330
Total Expenditure	101,034	137,757	105,006	343,797
Net Cashflow	9,730	-23,370	16,210	2,570
Assets at start of year	2,367,826	2,617,178	2,975,852	2,367,826
Net cashflow	9,730	-23,370	16,210	2,570
Change in value	239,622	382,043	-6,261	615,404
Assets at end of year	2,617,178	2,975,852	2,985,801	2,985,801

Note that the figures above are based on the Fund accounts provided to us for the purposes of this valuation, which were fully audited at the time of our valuation calculations.



**Financial assumptions** 

Financial assumptions	31 March 2013 (% p.a.)	31 March 2016 (% p.a.)
Discount rate	4.6%	3.8%
Price inflation	3.3%	3.2%
Pay increases*	3.8%	2.9%
Pension increases:		
pension in excess of GMP	2.5%	2.1%
post-88 GMP	2.5%	2.1%
pre-88 GMP	0.0%	0.0%
Revaluation of deferred pension	2.5%	2.1%
Revaluation of accrued CARE pension	2.5%	2.1%
Expenses	0.3%	0.4%

<sup>\*</sup>An allowance is also made for promotional pay increases (see table below).

**Mortality assumptions** 

mortality assumptions	
Longevity assumptions	31 March 2016
Longevity - baseline	Vita
Longevity - improvements	
CMI Model version used	CMI_2013
Starting rates	CMI calibration based on data from Club Vita using the latest available data as at January 2014.
Long term rate of improvement	Period effects:
	1.5% p.a. for men and women.
	Cohort effects:
	0% p.a. for men and for women.
Period of convergence	Period effects:
	10 years for ages 45 and below with linear transition to 40 years for those aged 75 and over
	Cohort effects:
	40 years for those born in 1950 or later declining linearly to 5 years for those born in 1915 or earlier.
Proportion of convergence remaining	Period effects: 75%
at mid point	Cohort effects: 75%

As a member of Club Vita, the baseline longevity assumptions that have been adopted at this valuation are a bespoke set of VitaCurves that are specifically tailored to fit the membership profile of the Fund. These curves are based on the data the Fund has provided us with for the purposes of this valuation. Full details of these are available on request.

We have used a longevity improvement assumption based on the industry standard projection model calibrated with information from our longevity experts in Club Vita. The starting point for the improvements has been based on observed death rates in the Club Vita data bank over the period up to 2012.

We have used the 2013 version of the Continuous Mortality Investigation (CMI) longevity improvements model, instead of the more recent 2015 version, as we do not believe the increased mortality experience factored into the 2015 model is the start of a new trend. We believe it is more appropriate to use the 2013 version of the model for the 2016 valuation.

In the short term we have assumed that the "cohort effect" of strong improvements in life expectancy observed up to 2010 will not start to tail off for some years, resulting in life expectancy eventually increasing less rapidly than has been seen over the last decade or two. This could be described as using improvements that are 'non-peaked'.

In the longer term we have assumed that increases in life expectancy will stabilise at a rate of increase of around 1.2 years per decade for men and women. This is equivalent to assuming that longer term mortality rates will fall at a rate of 1.5% p.a. for men and women.

However, we have assumed that above age 90 improvements in mortality are hard to achieve, and so the long term rate of improvement declines between ages 90 and 120 so that no improvements are seen at ages 120 and over. The initial rate of mortality is assumed to decline steadily above age 98.

# Other demographic valuation assumptions

Retirements in normal health We have adopted the retirement age pattern assumption as

specified by the Scheme Advisory Board for preparing Key Performance Indicators. Further details about this assumption

are available on request.

Retirements in ill health Allowance has been made for ill-health retirements before

Normal Pension Age (see table below).

Withdrawals Allowance has been made for withdrawals from service (see

table below).

Family details A varying proportion of members are assumed to be married (or

have an adult dependant) at retirement or on earlier death. For example, at age 60 this is assumed to be 90% for males and 85% for females. Husbands are assumed to be 3 years older

than wives.

Commutation 50% of future retirements elect to exchange pension for

additional tax free cash up to HMRC limits for service to 1 April

2008 (equivalent 75% for service from 1 April 2008).

50:50 option 1.0% of members (uniformly distributed across the age, service

and salary range) will choose the 50:50 option.

The tables below show details of the assumptions actually used for specimen ages. The promotional pay scale is an annual average for all employees at each age. It is in addition to the allowance for general pay inflation described above. For membership movements, the percentages represent the probability that an individual at each age leaves service within the following twelve months. The abbreviations FT and PT refer to full-time and part-time respectively.

#### **Death in Service tables:**

	Deaths per 1000 active	members per annum
Age	Female	Male
20	0.12	0.21
25	0.12	0.21
30	0.18	0.26
35	0.30	0.30
40	0.48	0.51
45	0.77	0.85
50	1.13	1.36
55	1.49	2.13
60	1.90	3.83
65	2.44	6.38

# **III Health Early Retirements tables**

Tier 1

	Inc	cidence per 1000 active	e members per annur	n
Age	IH Tier 1 Female FT	IH Tier 1 Female PT	IH Tier 1 Male FT	IH Tier 1 Male PT
20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	0.12	0.09	0.00	0.00
30	0.16	0.12	0.00	0.00
35	0.32	0.24	0.12	0.09
40	0.48	0.36	0.20	0.15
45	0.65	0.48	0.44	0.33
50	1.21	0.91	1.13	0.85
55	4.48	3.36	4.42	3.32
60	9.51	7.14	7.78	5.84
65	17.09	12.82	14.78	11.09

Tier 2

TICI Z				
	Inc	cidence per 1000 active	members per annur	n
Age	IH Tier 2 Female FT	IH Tier 2 Female PT	IH Tier 2 Male FT	IH Tier 2 Male PT
20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	0.10	0.07	0.00	0.00
30	0.13	0.10	0.00	0.00
35	0.26	0.19	0.10	0.07
40	0.39	0.29	0.16	0.12
45	0.51	0.39	0.35	0.27
50	1.22	0.92	1.14	0.85
55	2.60	1.95	2.56	1.92
60	2.69	2.01	2.20	1.65
65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

# Tier 3

Allowance for tier 3 ill health early retirements is included within the withdrawal assumptions below.



	Withdr	awals per 1000 ac	ctive members per	annum
Age	Female FT	Female PT	Male FT	Male PT
20	151.58	252.63	219.73	439.47
25	101.99	169.97	145.14	290.28
30	85.50	142.46	102.98	205.93
35	73.79	122.91	80.46	160.88
40	61.42	102.26	64.78	129.48
45	57.31	95.41	60.85	121.60
50	48.32	80.35	50.16	100.12
55	36.05	60.02	39.50	78.88
60	29.06	48.31	35.20	70.28
65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

# **Promotional salary scale**

Age	Promotional Salary Scale
20	105
25	117
30	131
35	144
40	150
45	157
50	162
55	162
60	162
65	162



This appendix is provided for readers seeking to understand the technical methodology used in assessing the employer contribution rates.

In order to assess the likelihood of the employer's section of the Fund achieving full funding we have carried out stochastic asset liability modelling (ALM) that takes into account the main characteristics and features of each employer's share of the Fund's assets and liabilities. For stabilised employers a full ALM, known as comPASS has been used. For other employers a simplified ALM, known as TARGET has been used. Please refer to the Funding Strategy Statement to determine which method has been applied for each employer.

The following sections provide more detail on the background to the modelling.

#### **Cash flows**

In projecting forward the evolution of each employer's section of the Fund, we have used anticipated future benefit cashflows. These cashflows have been generated using the membership data provided for the formal valuation as at 31 March 2016, the demographic and financial assumptions used for the valuation and make an allowance for future new joiners to the Fund (if any employer is open to new entrants).

For comPASS we have estimated future service benefit cash flows and projected salary roll for new entrants (where appropriate) after the valuation date such that payroll remains constant in real terms (i.e. full replacement) unless otherwise stated. There is a distribution of new entrants introduced at ages between 25 and 65, and the average age of the new entrants is assumed to be 40 years. All new entrants are assumed to join and then leave service at SPA, which is a much simplified set of assumptions compared with the modelling of existing members. The base mortality table used for the new entrants is an average of mortality across the LGPS and is not specific to the Fund, which is another simplification compared to the modelling of existing members. TARGET uses a similar but simplified approach to generating new entrants. Nonetheless, we believe that these assumptions are reasonable for the purposes of the modelling given the highly significant uncertainty associated with the level of new entrants.

We do not allow for any variation in actual experience away from the demographic assumptions underlying the cashflows. Variations in demographic assumptions (and experience relative to those assumptions) can result in significant changes to the funding level and contribution rates. We allow for variations in inflation (RPI or CPI as appropriate), inflation expectations (RPI or CPI as appropriate), interest rates, yield curves and asset class returns. Cashflows into and out of the Fund are projected forward in annual increments and are assumed to occur in the middle of each financial year (April to March). Investment strategies are assumed to be rebalanced annually.

# Asset liability model (comPASS)

These cashflows, and the employer's assets, are projected forward using stochastic projections of asset returns and economic factors such as inflation and bond yields. These projections are provided by the Economic Scenario Service (ESS), our (proprietary) stochastic asset model, which is discussed in more detail below.

In the modelling we have assumed that the Fund will undergo valuations every three years and a contribution rate will be set that will come into force one year after the simulated valuation date. For 'stabilised' contributions, the rate at which the contribution changes is capped and floored. There is no guarantee that such capping or flooring will be appropriate in future; this assumption has been made so as to illustrate the likely impact of practical steps that may be taken to limit changes in contribution rates over time.

Unless stated otherwise, we have assumed that all contributions are made and not varied throughout the period of projection irrespective of the funding position. In practice the contributions are likely to vary especially if the funding level changes significantly.

Investment strategy is also likely to change with significant changes in funding level, but we have not considered the impact of this.

In allowing for the simulated economic scenarios, we have used suitable approximations for updating the projected cashflows. The nature of the approximations is such that the major financial and investment risks can be broadly quantified. However, a more detailed analysis would be required to understand fully the implications and appropriate implementation of a very low risk or 'cash flow matched' strategy.

We would emphasise that the returns that could be achieved by investing in any of the asset classes will depend on the exact timing of any investment/disinvestment. In addition, there will be costs associated with buying or selling these assets. The model implicitly assumes that all returns are net of costs and that investment/disinvestment and rebalancing are achieved without market impact and without any attempt to 'time' entry or exit.

# **Asset liability model (TARGET)**

TARGET uses a similar, but simplified, modelling approach to that used for comPASS.

Contribution rates are inputs to the model and are assumed not to vary throughout the period of projection, with no valuation every three years or setting of 'stabilised' contribution rates.

In allowing for the simulated economic scenarios, we have used more approximate methods for updating the projected cash flows. The nature of the approximations is such that the major financial and investment risks can be broadly quantified.

When projecting forward the assets, we have modelled a proxy for the Fund's investment strategy by simplifying their current benchmark into growth (UK equity) and non-growth (index-linked gilts) allocations, and then adjusting the volatility of the resultant portfolio results to approximately reflect the diversification benefit of the Fund's investment strategy.

#### **Economic Scenario Service**

The distributions of outcomes depend significantly on the Economic Scenario Service (ESS), our (proprietary) stochastic asset model. This type of model is known as an economic scenario generator and uses probability distributions to project a range of possible outcomes for the future behaviour of asset returns and economic variables. Some of the parameters of the model are dependent on the current state of financial markets and are updated each month (for example, the current level of equity market volatility) while other more subjective parameters do not change with different calibrations of the model.

Key subjective assumptions are the average excess equity return over the risk free asset (tending to approximately 3% p.a. as the investment horizon is increased), the volatility of equity returns (approximately 18% p.a. over the long term) and the level and volatility of yields, credit spreads, inflation and expected (breakeven) inflation, which affect the projected value placed on the liabilities and bond returns. The market for CPI linked instruments is not well developed and our model for expected CPI in particular may be subject to additional model uncertainty as a consequence. The output of the model is also affected by other more subtle effects, such as the correlations between economic and financial variables.

Our expectation (i.e. the average outcome) is that long term real interest rates will gradually rise from their current low levels. Higher long-term yields in the future will mean a lower value placed on liabilities and therefore our median projection will show, all other things being equal, an improvement in the current funding position (because of the mismatch between assets and liabilities). The mean reversion in yields also affects expected bond returns.

While the model allows for the possibility of scenarios that would be extreme by historical standards, including very significant downturns in equity markets, large systemic and structural dislocations are not captured by the model. Such events are unknowable in effect, magnitude and nature, meaning that the most extreme possibilities are not necessarily captured within the distributions of results.



The following figures have been calculated using 5,000 simulations of the Economic Scenario Service, calibrated using market data as at 31 March 2016. All returns are shown net of fees. Percentiles refer to percentiles of the 5,000 simulations and are the annualised total returns over 5, 10 and 20 years, except for the yields which refer to the (simulated) yields in force at that time horizon. Only a subset of the asset classes are shown below.

The current calibration of the model indicates that a period of outward yield movement is expected. For example, over the next 20 years our model expects the 17 year maturity annualised real (nominal) interest rate to rise from - 1.0% (2.2%) to 0.8% (4.0%).

						Annualised	I total retu	rns						
		Index Linked Gilts (long dated)	UK Equity	Overseas Equity	Private Equity	Property	Senior Loans	Diversified Credit	Absolute Return Bonds (near zero duration)	Diversified Alternatives	Hedge Funds	Inflation	17 year real yield	17 year
	16th %'ile	-2.9%	-3.7%	-5.6%	-7.2%	-3.8%	-0.8%	0.2%	-2.6%	-2.0%	-3.7%	1.2%	-1.6%	1.7%
5 8	50th %'ile	0.5%	4.5%	4.1%	5.3%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.0%	2.6%	2.1%	2.6%	-0.7%	3.0%
5	84th %'ile	4.1%	12.7%	14.3%	19.4%	8.3%	5.3%	4.5%	6.8%	7.5%	8.2%	4.2%	0.2%	4.5%
- 90	16th %'ile	-1.8%	-1.1%	-2.6%	-3.4%	-1.8%	0.7%	1.3%	-0.8%	-0.1%	-1.3%	1.4%	-1.5%	1.9%
10 ars	50th %'ile	0.3%	5.0%	4.6%	5.9%	2.8%	3.1%	3.0%	2.6%	3.4%	3.0%	2.8%	-0.3%	3.5%
5	84th %'ile	2.7%	11.1%	12.1%	16.0%	7.5%	5.6%	4.7%	6.2%	7.2%	7.5%	4.5%	0.9%	5.5%
	16th %'ile	-1.0%	1.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	2.1%	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%	0.7%	1.7%	-0.7%	2.3%
20 3 ars	50th %'ile	0.5%	5.9%	5.6%	7.0%	3.7%	4.2%	4.0%	3.6%	4.5%	4.1%	3.0%	0.8%	4.0%
×	84th %'ile	2.2%	10.7%	11.2%	14.0%	7.6%	6.5%	5.8%	6.5%	7.5%	7.8%	4.4%	2.3%	6.3%
	Dispersion (1 yr)	9%	16%	19%	29%	14%	6%	6%	10%	10%	12%	1%		



#### **Post-valuation events**

These valuation results are in effect a snapshot of the Fund as at 31 March 2016. Since that date, various events have had an effect on the financial position of the Fund. Whilst we have not explicitly altered the valuation results to allow for these events, a short discussion of these "post-valuation events" can still be beneficial in understanding the variability of pension funding.

# **Funding conditions**

In the period from the valuation date to early March 2017, global expectations for long term future asset returns have fallen in light of economic and political uncertainty. However, the Fund's asset returns have been significantly better than expected. All else being equal this has led to an improvement in the funding position. However, the day to day volatility is significant.

# **De-risking**

As noted, the Fund has a de-risking strategy in place where its reliance on return seeking assets is reduced when certain pre-determined funding level triggers are reached. In January 2017, after the valuation date of March 2016, the Fund initiated its first rebalancing as part of this strategy due to the first funding level trigger of 95% being reached. In line with the agreed strategy, a reduction in its return seeking asset allocation by around 10% occurred. The intended impact of this is to reduce the volatility in the funding position of the Fund going forward.

It should be noted that the above is for information only: the figures in this report have all been prepared using membership data, audited asset information and market-based assumptions all as at 31 March 2016. In particular, we do not propose amending any of the contribution rates listed in the Rates & Adjustments Certificate on the basis of these changes, and all employer contribution rates are based on valuation date market conditions. In addition, these rates are finalised within a risk-measured framework as laid out in the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement (FSS). We do not propose altering the FSS or valuation calculations to include allowance for post-valuation date changes since a long term view has been taken.

# Other events

Other than investment conditions and asset allocation changes above, I am not aware of any other material changes at whole fund level or events occurring since the valuation date.



# Appendix H: Rates and adjustments certificate

In accordance with regulation 62(4) of the 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 in order to maintain the solvency of the Fund.

The method and assumptions used to calculate the contributions set out in the Rates and Adjustments certificate are detailed in the Funding Strategy Statement dated March 2017 and our report on the actuarial valuation dated 30 March 2017.

The required minimum contribution rates are set out below.

Employer code	Employer/Pool name	Primary Rate (%) 1 April 2017 -	S	econdary Ra	te		Total Contribution Rate	
		31 March 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Schedule Bodies - Major Aut	horities		2017/2010	2010/2019	2019/2020	2017/2010	2010/2019	2013/2020
50	West Sussex County Council Pool*	18.0%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%
251	Adur District Council	17.9%	£1,077,000	£1,122,000	£1,166,000		17.9% plus £1,122,000	
258	Arun District Council Pool	17.8%	£1,549,000	£1,549,000	£1,549,000		17.8% plus £1,549,000	
318	Chichester District Council	17.6%	2.4%	3.1%	3.8%	20.0%	20.7%	21.4%
331	Crawley Borough Council	17.9%	3.2%	3.7%	4.2%	21.1%	21.6%	22.1%
394	Horsham District Council	17.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	20.5%	20.5%	20.5%
433	Mid Sussex District Council Pool	18.6%	£1,133,000	£1,133,000	£1,133,000		18.6% plus £1,133,000	
609	Worthing Borough Council Pool	17.0%	£1,922,000	£1,865,000	£1,808,000		17.0% plus £1,865,000	
520 & 521	Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex Pool	17.5%	4.4%	5.4%	6.4%	21.9%	22.9%	23.9%
Colleges	r clied and climic commissions for custom r co		,0	0.170	0.170	2.1070	22.070	20.070
101	Chichester College**	19.4%	-1.9%	-0.9%	0.0%	17.5%	18.5%	19.4%
109	Central Sussex College**	20.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
105	Collyers 6th Form College	25.2%	-3.6%	-1.8%	0.0%	21.6%	23.4%	25.2%
107	Worthing 6th Form College	21.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	25.2%	25.2%	25.2%
Schools & Academies								
704	Baldwins Hill Primary	20.2%	£5,000	£5,000	£6,000	20.2% plus £5,000	20.2% plus £5,000	20.2% plus £6,000
2047	Barnham Academy	19.5%	£11,000	£11,000	£12,000	19.5% plus £11,000	19.5% plus £11,000	19.5% plus £12,000
215	Bewbush Academy	19.9%	£17,000	£18,000	£18,000	19.9% plus £17,000	19.9% plus £18,000	19.9% plus £18,000
238	Bishop Luffa Academy	19.7%	£26,000	£26,000	£27,000	19.7% plus £26,000	19.7% plus £26,000	19.7% plus £27,000
716	Bohunt Worthing Academy	21.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.1%	21.1%	21.1%
220 & 221	Broadfield East Academy	19.2%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	24.1%	24.1%	24.1%
236	Chichester Free School	19.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.2%	19.2%	19.2%
231 & 232	Chichester High School	19.5%	£28,000	£29,000	£30,000	19.5% plus £28,000	19.5% plus £29,000	19.5% plus £30,000
702	Durrington High School	19.8%	£48,000	£49,000	£51,000	19.8% plus £48,000	19.8% plus £49,000	19.8% plus £51,000
706	Fernhurst Primary Academy	20.4%	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	20.4% plus £6,000	20.4% plus £6,000	20.4% plus £6,000
708	Gatwick Free School	18.9%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
108	Greenway Academy	19.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%
703	Halsford Park Primary Academy	19.8%	£12,000	£12,000	£13,000	19.8% plus £12,000	19.8% plus £12,000	19.8% plus £13,000
700	Harlands Academy	20.9%	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	20.9% plus £8,000	20.9% plus £8,000	20.9% plus £8,000
209	Hazelwick Academy	19.5%	£23,000	£24,000	£25,000	19.5% plus £23,000	19.5% plus £24,000	19.5% plus £25,000
224	Hilltop Academy	19.6%	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	19.6% plus £6,000	19.6% plus £6,000	19.6% plus £6,000

			Primary Rate (%) 1 April 2017 -		Pagandami Da	40	Total Contribution Data		
	Employer code	Employer/Pool name	31 March 2020	Secondary Rate				Total Contribution Rate	<b>}</b> ┃
			31 March 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
	705	Kingsham Primary Academy	18.9%	£17,000	£18,000	£18,000	18.9% plus £17,000	18.9% plus £18,000	18.9% plus £18,000
	222	Oaks Academy	20.5%	£20,000	£20,000	£21,000	20.5% plus £20,000	20.5% plus £20,000	20.5% plus £21,000
	2083	Orchard Comm School	18.9%	£16,000	£17,000	£17,000	18.9% plus £16,000	18.9% plus £17,000	18.9% plus £17,000
	237	Ormiston Six Villages Academy	18.2%	£14,000	£14,000	£14,000	18.2% plus £14,000	18.2% plus £14,000	18.2% plus £14,000
	223	Portfield Academy	19.1%	£17,000	£18,000	£18,000	19.1% plus £17,000	19.1% plus £18,000	19.1% plus £18,000
	216	Seal Academy	20.2%	£14,000	£14,000	£15,000	20.2% plus £14,000	20.2% plus £14,000	20.2% plus £15,000
П	212	Selsey Academy	18.6%	£20,000	£21,000	£21,000	18.6% plus £20,000	18.6% plus £21,000	18.6% plus £21,000
П	225	Seymour Academy	18.5%	£13,000	£14,000	£14,000	18.5% plus £13,000	18.5% plus £14,000	18.5% plus £14,000
	207	Southwater Infant School	20.1%	£5,000	£5,000	£6,000	20.1% plus £5,000	20.1% plus £5,000	20.1% plus £6,000
	208	Southwater Junior School	20.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.6%	20.6%	20.6%
	229	St Lawrence Academy	19.5%	£9,000	£10,000	£10,000	19.5% plus £9,000	19.5% plus £10,000	19.5% plus £10,000
	217	Tangmere Academy	19.2%	£9,000	£9,000	£10,000	19.2% plus £9,000	19.2% plus £9,000	19.2% plus £10,000
	709	The Globe Primary Academy	20.0%	£21,000	£21,000	£22,000	20.0% plus £21,000	20.0% plus £21,000	20.0% plus £22,000
П	234	The Mill Primary	19.1%	£4,000	£4,000	£5,000	19.1% plus £4,000	19.1% plus £4,000	19.1% plus £5,000
	219	Thomas Bennett College	18.8%	£29,000	£30,000	£31,000	18.8% plus £29,000	18.8% plus £30,000	18.8% plus £31,000
	701	White Meadows Academy	19.2%	£11,000	£11,000	£11,000	19.2% plus £11,000	19.2% plus £11,000	19.2% plus £11,000
	110	Worthing High School Academy	19.9%	£11,000	£11,000	£11,000	19.9% plus £11,000	19.9% plus £11,000	19.9% plus £11,000
Ge	neral Academies Pool		·		•				
	235	Downview Primary	20.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%
	230	Eastbrook Primary Academy	20.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%
MF	RSS Pool	<u> </u>	<u>'</u>						
Г	445	Midhurst Academy	19.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	21.6%	21.6%	21.6%
	213	Regis Academy	19.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	21.6%	21.6%	21.6%
	202	Shoreham Academy	19.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	21.6%	21.6%	21.6%
	226	South Way Academy	19.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	21.6%	21.6%	21.6%
Sc	hoolsworks Pool		<del></del>						
	218	Edward Bryant Academy	19.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
	211	Medmerry Academy	19.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
	233	River Beach Primary	19.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
	707	Rose Green Academy	19.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
г	228	Rustington Primary Academy	19.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
Su	ssex Learning Trust	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							
_	210	Warden Park Academy	19.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	22.8%	22.8%	22.8%
	214	Warden Park Primary Academy	19.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	22.8%	22.8%	22.8%
Un	iversity of Brighton Trust	, ,	<u> </u>						
	2065	Blackthorn Academy	19.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%
Н	2064	Holmbush Academy	19.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%
Н	2081	Lindfield School	19.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%
Н	713	Poundhill Infant Academy	19.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%
W	oodard Pool	1	1						
Ë	201	Littlehampton Academy	19.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%
$\vdash$	203	Sir Robert Woodard Academy	19.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%



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Employer code	Employer/Pool name	Primary Rate (%) 1 April 2017 -	5	econdary Ra	ite		Total Contribution Rate		
		31 March 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	
nall Scheduled Bodies Pod	ıl '	-							
261	Angmering Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
336	Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
265	Ashington Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
256	Ashurstwood Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
257	Balcombe Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
299	Bersted Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
285	Billingshurst Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
271	Bognor Regis Town Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
272	Burgess Hill Town Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
300	Chichester City Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
335	Cuckfield Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
337	Donnington Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
339	Earnley Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
340	East Grinstead Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
342	East Preston Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
341	Eastergate Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
385	Haywards Heath Town Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
396	Hunston Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
2106	Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
425	Lancing Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
395	Lindfield Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
399	Lindfield Rural Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
431	Littlehampton Town Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
432	Midhurst Town Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
463	North Horsham Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
464	North Mundham Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
469	Pagham Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
473	Pulborough Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
474	Pyecombe Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
485	Rustington Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
493	Selsey Town Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
495	Shermanbury Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
512	Shipley Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
501	Slaugham Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
503	Slinfold Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
506	Southwater Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
504	Steyning Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
508	Storrington And Sulington Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
525	Turners Hill Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
526	Twineham Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
534	Upper Beeding Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
545	West Grinstead Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
550	West Itchenor Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	

Employer Code	Employer/Pool name	Primary Rate (%) 1 April 2017 -	s	econdary Ra	te	Total Contribution Rate			
		31 March 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	
dmitted Bodies									
253	Age UK (Ex Arun)	33.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.4% ¥	33.4% ¥	33.4% ¥	
387	BAM	36.6%	-30.9%	-30.9%	-30.9%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	
280	Brookwood Partnership	35.1%	-35.1%	-35.1%	-35.1%	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	
275	Care Quality Commission**	43.3%	-43.3%	-43.3%	-43.3%	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	
350 392	Firefighters Charity	22.7%	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	22.7% plus £15,000	22.7% plus £15,000	22.7% plus £15,000	
392 417	Homes & Communities Agency** Impulse Leisure	25.8% 23.2%	£102,000 -5.0%	£105,000 -5.0%	£108,000 -5.0%	25.8% plus £102,000 18.2%	25.8% plus £105,000 18.2%	25.8% plus £108,000 18.2%	
440	Martlet Homes**	23.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.9% ‡	23.9% ‡	23.9% ‡	
450	Muntham House School	24.9%	-5.3%	-5.3%	-5.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
462	NSL Services Group	34.9%	-34.9%	-34.9%	-34.9%	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	
468	PFP Leisure	24.5%	£12,000	£12,000	£12,000	24.5% plus £12,000	24.5% plus £12,000	24.5% plus £12,000	
475	Reliance Secure Task Management	30.2%	-30.2%	-30.2%	-30.2%	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	
480	Royal Town Planning Institute	42.7%	£49,000	£51,000	£52.000	42.7% plus £49,000	42.7% plus £51,000	42.7% plus £52,000	
491	Saxon Weald Homes	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8% ‡	20.8% ‡	20.8% ‡	
494	Shaw Healthcare	30.6%	-4.9%	-4.9%	-4.9%	25.7%	25.7%	25.7%	
-			-9.4% plus	-9.4% plus	-9.4% plus				
500	Shoreham Port Authority	27.7%	£288,000	£297,000	£305,000	18.3% plus £288,000	18.3% plus £297,000	18.3% plus £305,00	
513	Southdowns Leisure Trust (Worthing)	21.2%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	26.9%	26.9%	26.9%	
531	University of Chichester**	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.5%	20.5%	20.5%	
538	Viridor Waste Management Ltd	33.9%	-33.9%	-33.9%	-33.9%	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	0.0% ¥	
ther Scheduled Bodies	A draw Manufair and Indian Communities	40.00/	0.40/	0.40/	0.40/	04.40/	04.40/	04.40/	
252	Adur Worthing Joint Committee	18.0%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	21.1%	21.1%	21.1%	
320	Chichester Harbour Conservancy	19.0%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
430 507	Littlehampton Harbour Board	15.8%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	19.3%	19.3%	19.3%	
ensus Pool	South Downs National Parks Authority	18.1%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	19.9%	19.9%	19.9%	
199	Census (Horsham)	18.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	19.1%	19.1%	19.1%	
200	Census (Mid Sussex)	18.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	19.1%	19.1%	19.1%	
est Sussex Pass Through En	,	16.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.776	19.176	19.176	19.176	
240	Addaction	19.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.9%	19.9%	19.9%	
267	Aspire Sussex Ltd	26.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	
269	Balfour Beatty	26.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	26.2%	26.2%	26.2%	
305	Carers Support	23.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.3%	23.3%	23.3%	
276	Capita IT	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	22.2%	22.2%	
277	Capita SSO	22.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.4%	22.4%	22.4%	
333	Change, Grow, Live	32.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	32.3%	32.3%	32.3%	
349	Essex Cares Ltd	25.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.4%	25.4%	25.4%	
418	In Touch	29.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	29.2%	29.2%	29.2%	
361	Freedom Leisure (Ex Six Villages)	19.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.9%	19.9%	19.9%	
375	Grace Eyre Foundation	24.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.3%	24.3%	24.3%	
389	HSSA Homespace	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	
390	HSSA Withy Patch	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	
479	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	
est Sussex Pass Through En		20.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	20.070	20.070	20.070	
604	Churchill - Coastal	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
602	Churchill - Field Place	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
611	Churchill - Oak Grove	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
612	Churchill - St Wilfrids	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
awley Borough Council Pas	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	21.170	0.070	0.070	5.576	270	/0	21.170	
436	Mears (Crawley)	22.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.7%	22.7%	22.7%	
437	Mitie (Crawley)	23.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	
401	Monitor Cleaning	23.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	



Employer code	Employer/Pool name	Primary Rate (%) 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2020	S	econdary Rate	Total Contribution Rate			
p.o,o. oodo			2017/2018	2018/2019 2019/2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	
loyers with no contributin	g members	<u> </u>						
410	Age UK (Horsham)***							
254	Age UK (West Sussex)***							
255	Ardingly Parish Council		Pooled with Small Scheduled Bodies					
262	Arundel Town Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
301	Bolney Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
273	Camilia Botnar Foundation			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
310	Chichester Diocesan Association of Family Social Workers***							
846	Churchill - Chatsmore				Pooled with Churchi	I Group		
603	Churchill - Corporate				Pooled with Churchi			
607	Churchill - Gossops Green				Pooled with Churchi			
605	Churchill - Hazelwick				Pooled with Churchi			
601	Churchill - Holy Trinity School				Pooled with Churchi			
606	Churchill - Warden Park				Pooled with Churchi			
2494	Churchill - West Chiltington Comm School				Pooled with Churchi			
600	Churchill - Worthing High				Pooled with Churchi	I Group		
329	Compass Travel			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
206	Discovery New School***							
344	East Wittering & Bracklesham Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
352	Felpham Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
351	Findon Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
353	Fittleworth Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
360	Freedom Leisure (Ex Mid Sussex)			Poole	ed with Mid Sussex D	istrict Council		
384	Hassocks Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
205	Hazelwick Trust School			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
386	Health Management (Sussex Police)			Pooled wit	th Sussex Police & C	ime Commissioner		
398	Impact Initiatives			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
416	Inspire Leisure			P	ooled with Arun Distri	ct Council		
60	Magistrates Court Committee***							
435	May Gurney			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
455	National Car Parks			Poo	led with Worthing Bor	ough Council		
901	National Health***							
900	National Water Company***		]					
461	New Concept			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
460	New Shoreham Porth Health			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
456	Northchapel Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
457	Oving Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
465	Pallant House Gallery Trust***							
466	Places for People			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
467	Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council			Po	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
470	Portsmouth Water Company***							
490	Saint Thomas More School***		1					
33333	SERCO			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
498	Singleton & Charlton Parish Council				oled with Small Sched			
502	Spurgeons			Poole	d with West Sussex (	County Council		
511	Superclean Services		Pooled with West Sussex County Council					
509	Superclean Services Wothorpe Ltd		Pooled with West Sussex County Council					
428	The Listening Company		Pooled with West Sussex County Council					
590	Valuation & Community Charge Tribunal		Pooled with West Sussex County Council					
536	Village Coaches		Pooled with West Sussex County Council					
540	West & Southbourne Joint BC***		Pooled with Small Scheduled Bodies					
543	West Chiltington Parish Council				oled with Small Sched			
570	West Sussex Economic Partnership***							
660	Woodmancote Parish Council			Poi	oled with Small Sched	luled Bodies		
620	Worthing Society for the Blind***	<del> </del>		1 0		–		



Employer code	Employer/Pool name	Primary Rate (%) 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2020	Secondary Rate			Total Contribution Rate			
			2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	
Other New Emploers in the Fund	Other New Emploers in the Fund since 1st April 2016								
723	Central Church of England Primary School	17.5%	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	17.5% plus £4,000	17.5% plus £4,000	17.5% plus £4,000	
334	Cocking Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
302	Colgate Parish Councl	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
345	Easebourne Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
661	Forge Wood Academy	18.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	
362	Freedom Leisure (Ex Inspire)	26.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	26.2%	26.2%	26.2%	
722	Gossops Green Community Primary School	17.7%	£8,000	£9,000	£9,000	17.7% plus £8,000	17.7% plus £9,000	17.7% plus £9,000	
378	Grace Eyre Coastal (West Sussex Pass Through)	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	
377	Grace Eyre Northern (West Sussex Pass Through)	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	
376	Grace Eyre Western (West Sussex Pass Through)	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	
***	Greater Brighton Metropolitan College**	20.8%	4.2%	5.2%	6.4%	25.0% ‡	26.0% ‡	27.2% ‡	
379	Groundswork Sourth Ltd (Crawley Pass Through)	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.5%	20.5%	20.5%	
419	Impact Initatives (HCP) (West Sussex Pass Through)	20.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	
431	Lodsworth Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
435	Medisort Ltd (Chichester Pass Through)	17.6%	2.4%	3.1%	3.8%	20.0%	20.7%	21.4%	
720	Seaside Academy	18.0%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%	
514	SLM Community Leisure	25.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.9%	25.9%	25.9%	
515	SLM Fitness & Health	24.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.6%	24.6%	24.6%	
516	SLM Food & Beverage	24.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.1%	24.1%	24.1%	
719	The Burgess Hill Acadmy	18.0%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%	
721	The Laurels Academy	18.0%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	24.7%	24.7%	24.7%	
551	West Hoathly Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
539	Westbourne Parish Council	18.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	

¥ The rates shown will be reviewed annually (or more often where appropriate) as the employer is approaching the end of their participation in the Fund.

‡ The rates shown are dependent on the employer providing security to the satisfaction of the Administering Authority. Where security is not provided to the satisfaction of the Administering Authority, these rates will be reviewed.

\*The below employers pay the West Sussex County Council Pool rate:

Employer code	Employer name
204	Bourne Community College Trust School
426	Learning Skills Council
50	West Sussex County Council
585	West Sussex Music Trust

Certain bodies have been combined with their predecessor bodies. A key to the employer codes of the successor and predecessor(s) are contained in the following table:

Successor Body Named in Rates & Adjustments Certificate		Predecessor Bodies Combined with Successor		
Employer code	Employer/Pool name	Employer code	Employer name	
		438	National Care Standards Commission	
275	Care Quality Commission	328	Commission for Social Care Inspection	
		103	Northbrook College	
***	Greater Brighton Metropolitan College	****	City College Brighton & Hove	
		325	CNT	
392	Homes & Communities Agency Pool	4027	Commisison for New Towns	
440	Martlet Homes	330	Chichester District Community Housing	
		581	Chichester Institute of Higher Education	
		580	WSIHE	
531	University of Chicester	530	University College Chichester	
		102	Crawley College	
109	Central Sussex College	106	Hayward Health 6th Form	
101	Chichester College Pool	104	Brinsbury College	

\*\*\*Deficits of non-pooled employers with no contributing members on the ongoing funding basis are shown below:

Employer code	Employer name	(£000's)
410	Age UK (Horsham)	111
254	Age UK (West Sussex)	45
310	Chichester Diocesan Association of Family Social Workers	376
206	Discovery New School	21
416	Inspure Leisure	973
60	Magistrates Court Committee	2,491
901	National Health	(73)
900	National Water Company	2,028
465	Pallant House Gallery Trust	120
470	Portsmouth Water Company	(405)
490	Saint Thomas More School	(141)
570	West Sussex Economic Partnership	181
620	Worthing Society for the Blind	37

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Employer codes for these employers were not assigned at the time of writing.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>Employer was previously in the East Sussex Pension Fund.

# ther Comments

# III health liability insurance

Please note, employers within the West Sussex County Council Pension Fund are permitted to take out insurance on an individual basis. If appropriate evidence of insurance is provided, the Administering Authority may allow the insurance premium to be offset against the contribution rates set out above such that the employer's LGPS costs are unchanged. This arrangement is allowed for the period the insurance is in place and where the Fund has not taken out cover for all employers.

#### **Stabilisation**

The following employers have had their contribution rates stabilised following a separate modelling exercise that we carried out on their behalf:

- West Sussex County Council Pool
- Adur District Council
- Arun District Council Pool
- Chichester District Council
- Crawley Borough Council

Horsham District Council

- Mid Sussex District Council Pool
- Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex Pool
- Worthing Borough Council Pool
- Adur Worthing Joint Committee

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