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## Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund Actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2025

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# Executive Summary

Some of the key results contained within this report are set out below:

## 1. Funding position

- Using the agreed assumptions, the Fund had a funding position of 86.1% as at 31 March 2025, which has increased slightly from 85.6% at the 2022 valuation.

## 2. Contributions

- Individual employer contributions are set out in Appendix 8 in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate to cover the period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029.

## 3. Methods and assumptions

- The assumptions are set out in Appendix 2 and we believe they are appropriate for the 31 March 2025 valuation. The key assumptions used are a discount rate assumption of 5.3% p.a. and a CPI inflation assumption of 2.7% p.a.
- Inflation experience has been significant since the 2022 valuation, with pension increases of 10.1% in 2023 and 6.7% in 2024, increasing the liabilities.

## 4. Investment performance

- Investment returns have been volatile since the previous valuation. Fund returns were lower than the discount rate set at 2022, resulting in a lower funding level at 2025. An increase in future anticipated investment returns net of inflation (i.e. an increase in the real discount rate) has improved the funding level.

## 5. Regulatory developments

- There have been a number of important regulatory developments since the 2022 valuation which have impacted the valuation including McCloud, Climate risk and the additional reporting requirements on Gender Pensions Gap.
- Details of how we have approached each development, as well as any relevant outcomes, is detailed in this report.

## Comparison with other LGPS funds

The funding position and resulting contributions are based on assumptions about future factors such as investment returns, inflation and life expectancy. As these are uncertain, different assumptions and funding parameters are used by each LGPS fund to reflect their own views, circumstances and strategic objectives. These differences (amongst other factors including crucially the previous funding level and employer short and long-term affordability) will lead to differences in funding positions and contributions across LGPS funds.

To support comparison, LGPS funds are required to report a funding position on a consistent set of assumptions (called the "SAB funding level"). The Fund's SAB funding level at 31 March 2025 is 82%.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** the SAB assumptions are to allow comparison only, they are not intended to be appropriate for funding purposes or setting contribution rates. As such, this result has no impact on the Fund's funding strategy or employer contribution rates.



# Background

We have been asked by Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, the administering authority for the Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund (the Fund), to carry out an actuarial valuation of the Fund as at 31 March 2025. The Fund is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), a defined benefit statutory scheme administered in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (the Regulations) as amended.

The purpose of the valuation is to review the financial position of the Fund and to set appropriate contribution rates for each employer in the Fund for the period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 as required under Regulation 62 of the Regulations.

This report is provided further to earlier advice dated 15 September 2025 which sets out the background to the valuation and explained the underlying methods and assumptions derivation.

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

## Compliance statements

This advice is provided in our capacity as Fund Actuary.

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

This advice complies with Technical Actuarial Standards (TASs) issued by the Financial Reporting Council – in particular TAS 100: General Actuarial Standards and TAS 300: Pensions.

# Valuation methodology

## Setting contributions

The contribution rates consist of two elements, the primary rate and the secondary rate:

- The **primary rate** for each employer is the employer's future service contribution rate (i.e. the rate required to meet the cost of future accrual of benefits) expressed as a percentage of pay.
- The **secondary rate** is an adjustment to the primary rate to arrive at the total rate each employer is required to pay (for example, to allow for deficit recovery) over a specified "recovery period". The secondary rate may be expressed as a percentage of pay or a monetary amount.

Regulation 62 specifies four requirements that the actuary "must have regard" to:

- 1 The existing and prospective liabilities arising from circumstances common to all those bodies
- 2 The desirability of maintaining as nearly a constant a primary rate as possible
- 3 The current version of the administering authority's Funding Strategy Statement (FSS)
- 4 The requirement to secure the "solvency" of the pension fund and the "long-term cost efficiency" of the Scheme, so far as relating to the pension fund

The wording of the second objective is not ideal in that it appears to be aimed towards the primary rate rather than taking into account the surplus or deficit of the employer. We believe that if we achieve reasonably stable total individual employer rates (which seems like a preferable objective) then we will also meet the regulatory aim.

The FSS guidance includes further details in the glossary, as follows:

- "**solvency**" means contributions should be set at "such a level as to ensure that the scheme's liabilities can be met as they arise". It is not regarded that this means that the Fund should be 100% funded at all times, and

- **“long-term cost efficiency”** means that contributions must not be set at a level that gives rise to additional costs. The contributions set will be deemed to ensure long-term cost efficiency if the rate of employer contributions is sufficient to make provision for the cost of current benefit accrual, with an appropriate adjustment to that rate for any surplus or deficit in the Fund.

## Secondary rate “recovery period”

The recovery period for individual employers varies across the Fund. The administering authority’s approach to setting recovery periods is set out in the FSS. Where there is a surplus, this may also be reflected in contribution rates in line with the Fund’s FSS.



The primary and secondary rate of the individual employer contributions payable are set out in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate in Appendix 8. These will differ from the whole Fund primary rate and differ from each other, as they are either based on the employer’s own membership and experience or they are the employer’s share of the contributions payable within a pool of employers.

## Assumptions used

We have considered these four requirements when providing our advice and choosing the method and assumptions used.

A number of reports and discussions have taken place with the administering authority and, where required, its investment advisors before agreeing the assumptions to calculate the results and set contribution rates. In particular:

- The initial results report dated 27 August 2025 provides information and results on a whole Fund basis as well as background to the method and derivation of the assumptions.
- The longevity analysis paper dated 18 September 2025.
- The follow up assumptions paper dated 21 October 2025 confirming the agreed actuarial assumptions following the Committee meeting on 15 September 2025.
- The climate analysis report dated 27 October 2025 which considers climate risk in the context of the Fund’s 2025 actuarial valuation. It considers whether the 2025 valuation funding strategy is sufficiently robust in the context of this climate scenario analysis and any potential contribution impacts.
- The FSS which will confirm the approach in setting employer contributions.

Note that not all of these documents may be in the public domain and may be restricted to the administering authority which has no obligation to share them with any third parties.

The Fund’s FSS has been reviewed in collaboration with the administering authority to ensure that it is consistent with this approach. The FSS complies with the updated FSS guidance published in January 2025 by the Scheme Advisory Board’s Compliance and Reporting Committee, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

We confirm that in our opinion the agreed assumptions are appropriate for the purpose of the valuation. The assumptions in full are set out in Appendix 2.

## Valuation of liabilities

To calculate the value of the liabilities, we estimate the future cashflows which will be made to and from the Fund throughout the future lifetime of existing active members, deferred benefit members, pensioners and their dependants.

We estimate the total value of these projected benefit cashflows as at 31 March 2025, using the membership data and accrued service to 31 March 2025 and the assumptions set out in Appendix 2, to be c.£11bn.

We then discount these projected cashflows using the discount rate assumption which is essentially a calculation of the amount of money which, if invested now, would be sufficient together with the income and growth in the accumulating assets to make these payments in future, using our assumption about investment returns.

This amount is called the present value (or, more simply, the value) of members' benefits. Separate calculations are made in respect of benefits arising in relation to membership before the valuation date (past service) and for membership after the valuation date (future service).

To produce the future cashflows or liabilities and their present value we need to formulate assumptions about the factors affecting the Fund's future finances such as inflation, salary increases, investment returns, rates of mortality and staff turnover etc.

The assumptions used in projecting the future cashflows in respect of both past service and future service are summarised in Appendix 2.

## Valuation of assets

We have been provided with Fund accounts for each of the three years to 31 March 2025. We understand that the audit for Fund accounts to 31 March 2025 has been completed.

The market asset valuation as at 31 March 2025 was £3.15bn. This includes the unsmoothed value of the longevity insurance contract which is detailed further in the next section. Please note that this excludes members' additional voluntary contributions (AVCs).

For the purposes of the valuation, we use a smoothed value of the assets rather than the market value. The financial assumptions that we use in valuing the liabilities are smoothed around the valuation date so that the market conditions used are the average of the daily observations over the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025. Therefore, we value the assets in a consistent way and apply the same smoothing adjustment to the market value of the assets.

The smoothed asset valuation as at 31 March 2025 was £3.21bn. This was based on a smoothing adjustment of 102.0%. This includes the smoothed value of the longevity insurance contract which is detailed further in the next section.

The Fund's long-term investment strategy has been taken into consideration in the derivation of the discount rate assumption. The investment strategy is set out in the Fund's Investment Strategy Statement (ISS) that is available on the Fund's website.

## Longevity insurance contract

During 2009, the Fund entered into a longevity insurance contract with Swiss Re which covered all pensions in payment at the end of July 2009. This contract effectively means that the Fund will pay inflation-linked premiums to Re-Assure, Swiss Re's closed-booked insurer, and in exchange, Re-Assure will pay the actual pension amounts due. We have provided summary details of the members who are covered by the contract in Appendix 1.

<b>Valuation of longevity contract</b>	<b>£m</b>
Value of insured funded liabilities	370
Value of insured unfunded liabilities	31
Value of premium payments	528
<b>Smoothed valuation of contract</b>	<b>-127</b>

We have valued the contract as the difference between the value of the pension payments expected to be paid and the value of the premium payments due to Re-Assure, using the assumptions set out in Appendix 2 which gives the results shown. This has been allowed for in the asset valuation used in this report.

The unsmoothed valuation of the contract at 31 March 2025 is -£125m.

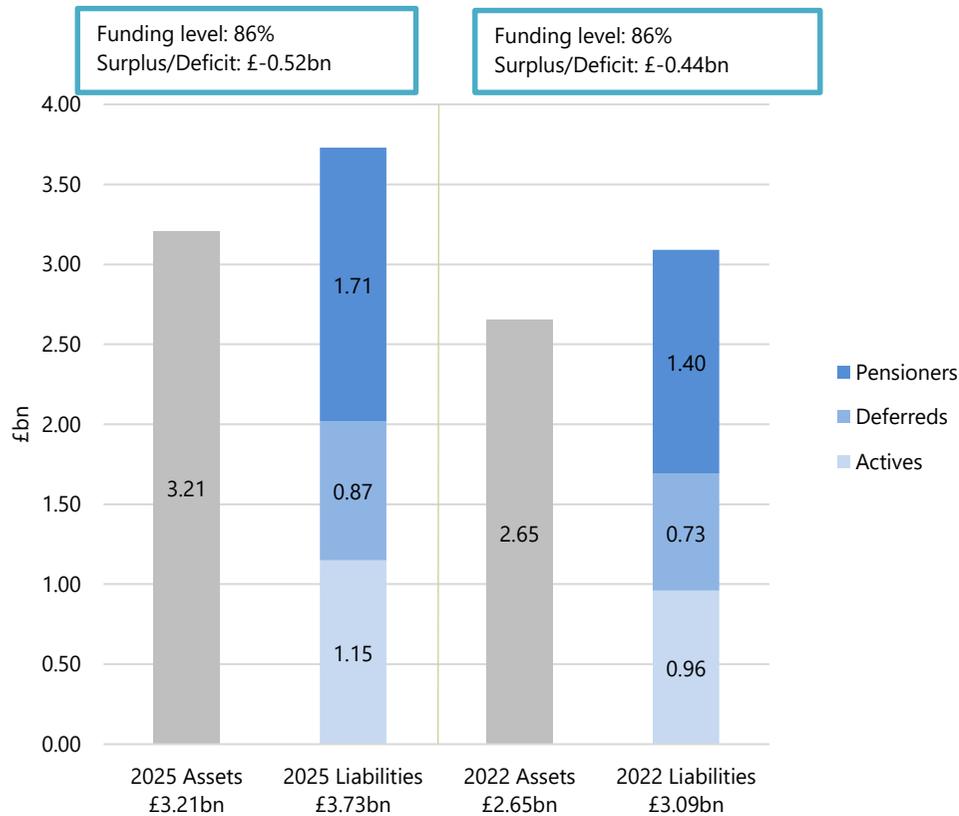


# Results

## Funding position

A comparison is made of the value of the existing assets with the value of the accrued liabilities. If there are more assets than liabilities, then there is a surplus. If the converse applies there is a deficit.

Using the assumptions summarised in Appendix 2, the funding position is set out in the graph below. This shows the funding position of the Fund at the current and previous valuation dates.



There was a deficit of £518m in the Fund at the valuation date, corresponding to a funding level of 86%.

## Previous valuation results

The previous valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2022 by Barnett Waddingham. The results are summarised in the valuation report dated 31 March 2023 and reported a deficit of £446m.



## Contribution rates

### Primary rate

Using the assumptions summarised in Appendix 2, the resulting average primary rate across the whole Fund is set out in the table below (after allowing for member contributions). This includes a comparison to the primary rate at the previous valuation.

The primary rate for the whole Fund is the weighted average (by Pensionable Pay) of the individual employers' primary rates.

Primary rate	2025 valuation of payroll p.a.	2022 valuation of payroll p.a.
Average total future service rate	21.7%	23.4%
Less average member rate	6.5%	6.5%
<b>Fund primary rate</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>

Active members pay contributions to the Fund in line with the rates required under the Regulations.

Please note that expenses are allowed for in the derivation of the discount rate and therefore we make no explicit allowance in the primary rate for expenses.

In Appendix 8 we also disclose the sum of the secondary rates for the whole Fund for each of the three years beginning 1 April 2026.

## Projected funding position

Based on the assumptions as set out in Appendix 2 and the contributions certified and set out in Appendix 8, we estimate that the funding position of the whole Fund will be 90% by 31 March 2028, the next valuation date. This projection is based on the assumptions made for this valuation and contributions being paid at the agreed amounts. This projection does not allow for any actual experience since 31 March 2025 nor any other risks or uncertainties. Some of these additional risks are set out later in this report and in Appendix 3.

## Standardised basis

Following the funding valuation, a "Section 13" report (prepared under Section 13 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013) will be prepared to report on whether the following aims are achieved: compliance, consistency, solvency and long-term cost efficiency, and to identify any funds that cause concerns.



As part of our calculations we have considered the results on a standardised basis as set by the Scheme Advisory Board (SAB). We are required to provide the SAB with the results for the Fund for comparison purposes.

The standardised basis is set using assumptions advice from the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) with some of the assumptions used being set locally (such as mortality) and some are set at Scheme level (including all the financial assumptions). It is not used to set contributions as it does not reflect the Fund's investment strategy or the administering authority's attitude to risk; contributions are set using the funding basis.

The results on the standardised basis as at 31 March 2025 are set out in the dashboard in Appendix 7. The dashboard should assist readers in comparing LGPS valuation reports and the information will be used by GAD in their "Section 13" report.

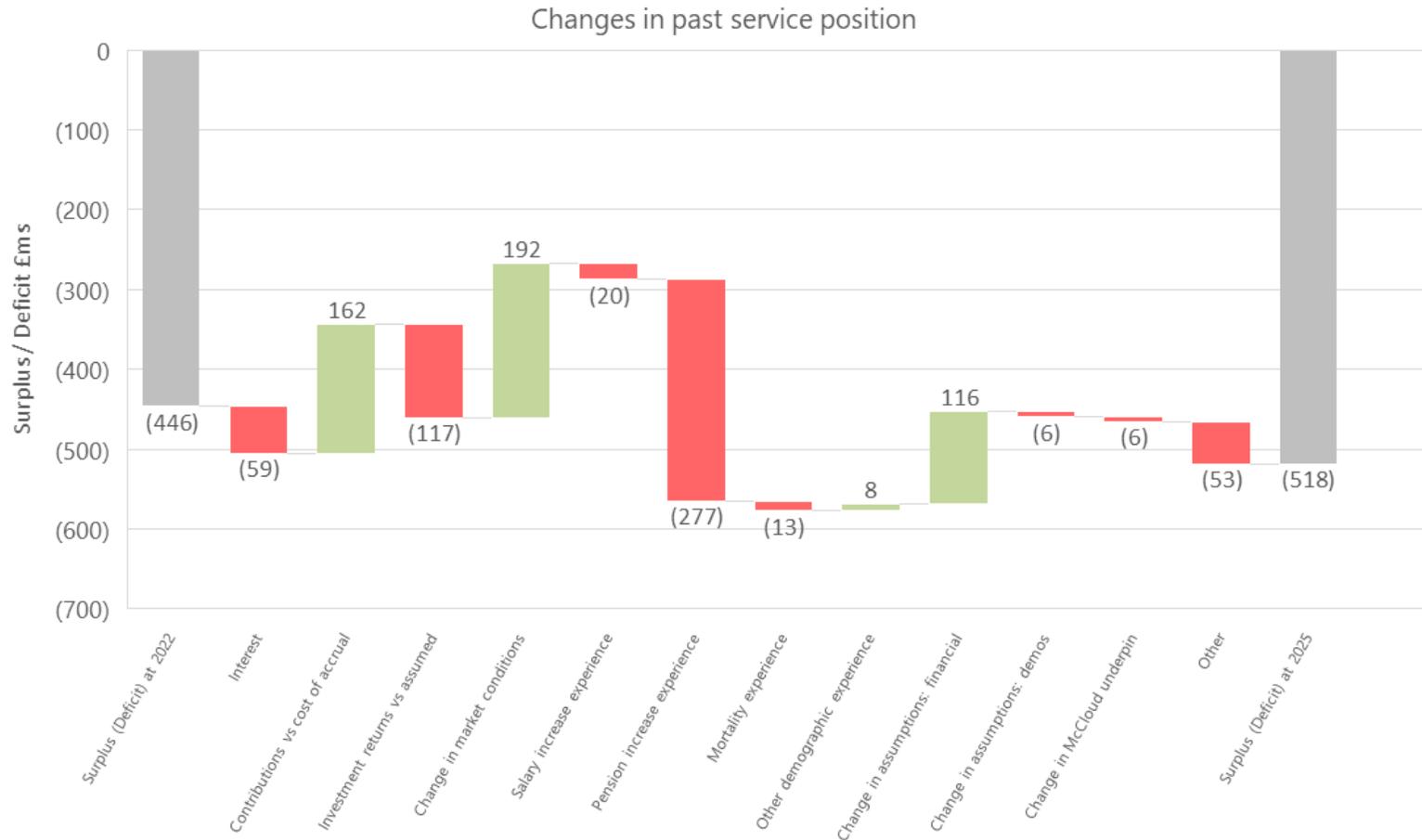
For the Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund, the funding level on the local funding basis and SAB basis is 82%. We want to note that, as requested by the Government Actuary's Department, the SAB funding level includes the 2026 pension increase award (i.e. includes an allowance for known CPI inflation to September 2025), whereas the local basis includes known CPI inflation to 31 March 2025 only. The funding position on the SAB basis would be around 1% higher if we did not make allowance for the additional CPI inflation.



# Reconciliation to previous valuation

## Funding position

The previous valuation revealed a deficit of £446m compared to the deficit of £518m at the 2025 valuation. The key factors that have influenced the funding level of the Fund over the period are illustrated in the chart below.



## Experience

- Inflation has been higher than assumed. Pension increases at 10.1% in 2023 and 6.7% in 2024 have increased benefit payments
- The Fund has achieved a positive return since the 2022 valuation but was lower than previously assumed, reducing the funding position
- The payment of secondary contributions by Fund employers has reduced the deficit and helped to maintain the overall funding position

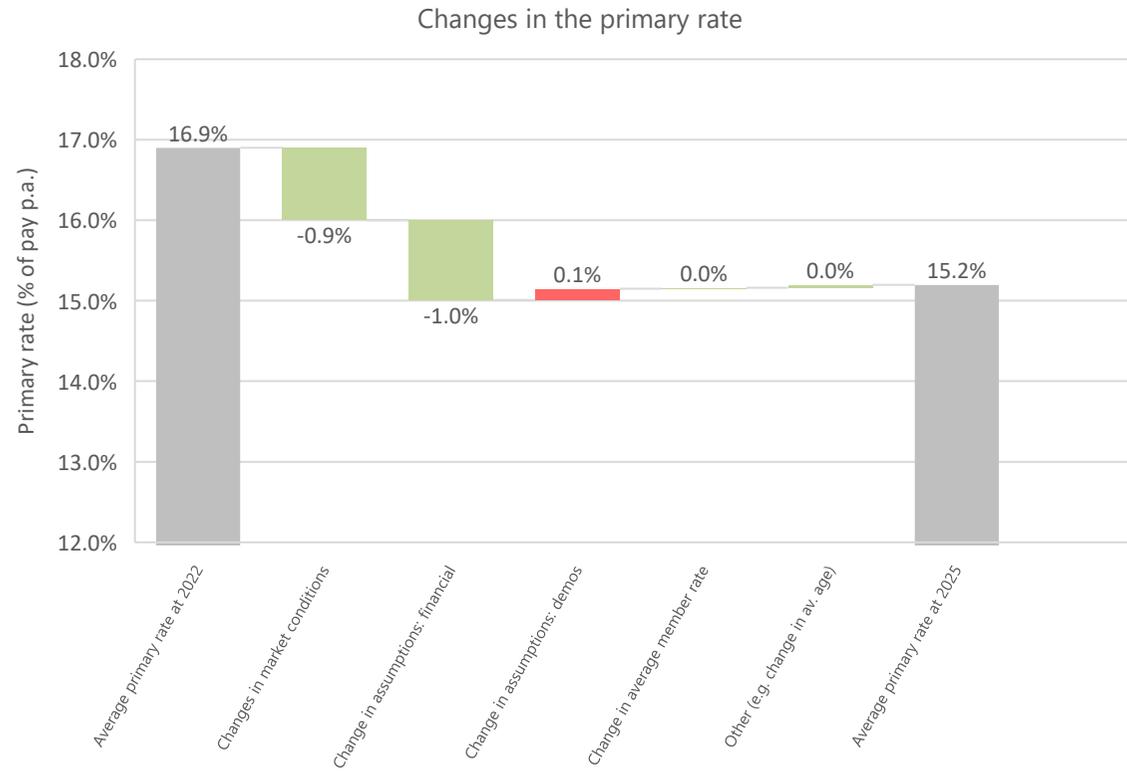
## Assumptions

- The 2025 valuation results are smoothed, the relevant smoothing adjustment applied to the Fund's assets at the valuation date is 102.0%
- Estimated future asset returns have increased since the previous valuation, leading to a higher discount rate and an increase to the funding position



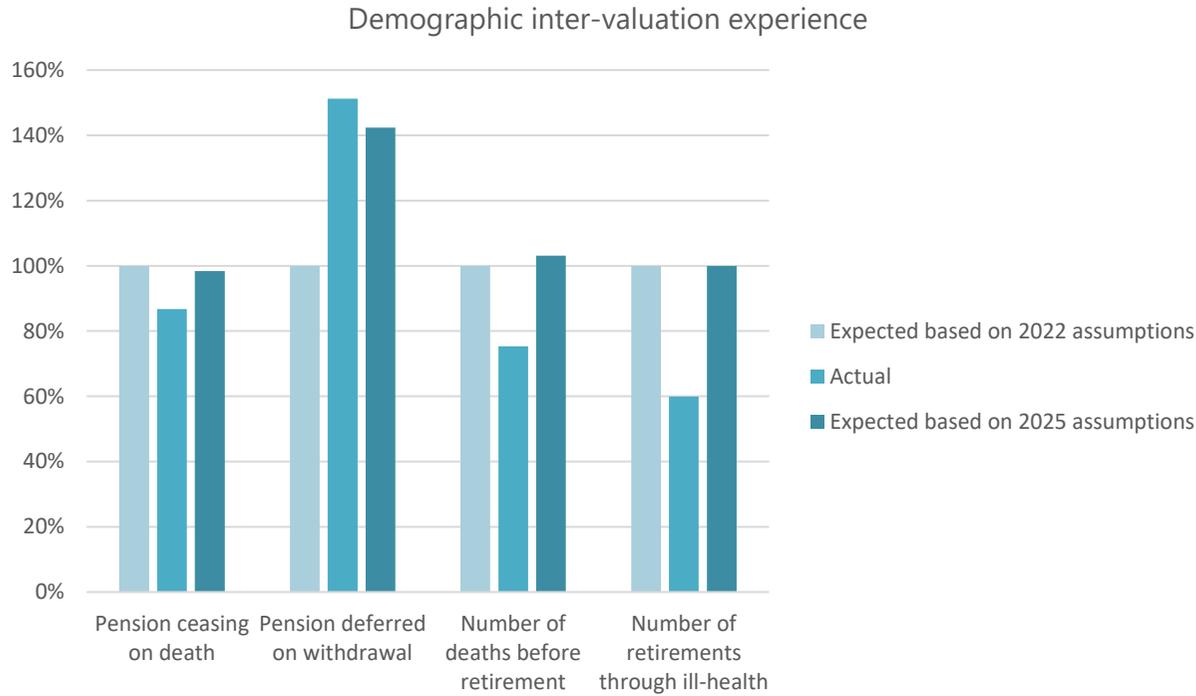
## Primary contribution rate

The previous valuation resulted in a whole Fund primary rate of 16.9% of pensionable pay compared to the whole Fund primary rate of 15.2% of pensionable pay at the 2025 valuation. The reasons for the change in the primary rate are set out in the reconciliation chart below.



## Comparing experience with assumptions

A comparison of the actual demographic experience of members of the Fund over the intervaluation period, with that assumed by the assumptions adopted at the last valuation in 2022 is shown in the graph below. The graph also shows how the assumptions adopted for this valuation would have compared with those adopted at 2022.



## Sensitivities to the liabilities

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

The figures in the table are shown relative to the deficit of £518m and funding level of 86% on the agreed funding basis as at 31 March 2025.

2025 sensitivity analysis of funding position	2025 Valuation basis	Decrease discount rate by 0.1% p.a.	Increase CPI inflation by 0.1% p.a.	Increase salary assumption by 0.5% p.a.	Reduce mortality rate by 10%
	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Smoothed asset value	3.21	3.21	3.21	3.21	3.21
Total past service liabilities	3.73	3.79	3.79	3.75	3.81
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-0.52</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>-0.58</b>	<b>-0.54</b>	<b>-0.59</b>
<b>Funding level</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>84%</b>



## Sensitivities to the primary rate

The calculated primary rate required to fund benefits as they are earned from year to year will also be affected by the particular set of assumptions chosen. The sensitivity of the primary rate to changes in some key assumptions is shown below. Please note that the primary rate set out below does not include any adjustment via the secondary rate. The total contribution rate payable by employers will be a combination of the primary rate and a secondary rate adjustment, further details can be found in Appendix 8.

The figures in the table are shown relative to the whole Fund primary rate of 15.2% of Pensionable Pay on the agreed funding basis as at 31 March 2025.

2025 sensitivity analysis of primary rate	2025 Valuation basis of payroll p.a.	Decrease discount rate by 0.1% p.a. of payroll p.a.	Increase CPI inflation by 0.1% p.a. of payroll p.a.	Reduce mortality rate by 10% of payroll p.a.
Average total future service rate	21.7%	22.2%	22.2%	22.0%
Less average member rate	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
<b>Fund primary rate</b>	15.2%	15.7%	15.7%	15.5%

## Further comments

### Funding Strategy Statement (FSS)

The assumptions used for the valuation have been documented in a revised Funding Strategy Statement agreed between the Fund Actuary and the administering authority.

#### Risks

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

- Employer covenant risk
- Investment risk
- Inflation risk
- Mortality risk
- Member options risk
- Regulatory risk
- Climate risk

The sensitivity of the funding results to some of these risks was set out in the sensitivities section of this report. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. Further information on these risks and more can be found in our initial results report and will be set out in greater detail in the FSS.

### Post valuation events

Our funding model is designed to help withstand short-term volatility in markets as it is a longer-term model. We use smoothed assumptions over a six-month period with the ultimate aim of setting stable contributions for employers. The valuation approach and assumptions are not based on gilt yields and the discount rate is derived from the long-term future expected returns on each asset class with a deduction for uncertainty and risk (our prudence adjustment).

We have considered whether there are any developments since 31 March 2025 that are significant enough to review our approach. At this stage, we do not feel that the anticipated effect on the long-term funding position of any market movements is significant enough to revise our approach.

Nevertheless, due to the ongoing uncertainty around the shorter-term impact of these issues, we have considered these issues with the administering authority in setting the employer contribution rates to ensure that contributions in to the Fund remain appropriate.

We will continue to monitor the Fund's funding position and raise any individual employer cases with the Fund that we consider need any special attention. The impact of these events will be fully considered as part of the 2028 valuation when we revisit employer contributions.

The next formal valuation is due to be carried out as at 31 March 2028 however we would recommend that the financial position of the Fund is monitored regularly during the period leading up to the next formal valuation.



## Rates and Adjustments Certificate

The primary and secondary contributions payable by each employer have been set out in Appendix 8 in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate in accordance with Regulation 62 of the Regulations and cover the period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029. In this certificate no allowance will be made for additional costs arising which need to be met by additional contributions by the employer such as non-ill health early retirements.

The contributions in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate are set so that each employer's assets (including future contributions) are projected to be sufficient to cover the benefit payments for their members, on the assumptions set out in this report. Where there is currently a deficit for an individual employer, recovery of this deficit is targeted in line with the Fund's FSS and all employers are projected to be fully funded after a recovery period length of no more than 14 years from 1 April 2026.



This document has been agreed between the administering authority and the Fund Actuary. Contributions have been set which in our opinion meet the regulatory requirements and the funding objectives set out in the Fund's FSS.

This report must be made available to members on request.

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# Appendix 1 Summary of data and benefits

## Membership data

The membership data has been provided to us by the administrators of the Fund. We have relied on information supplied by the administrator and the administering authority being accurate. The membership data has been checked for reasonableness and we have compared the membership data with information in the Fund's accounts. The numbers in the tables below relate to the number of records and so will include members in receipt of, or potentially in receipt of, more than one benefit.

Any missing or inconsistent data has been queried with the Fund and estimated where necessary. Whilst this should not be seen as a full audit of the data, we are happy that the data is sufficiently accurate for the purposes of the valuation.

## Benefits

Full details of the benefits being valued are set out in the Regulations as amended and summarised on the [LGPS website \(https://www.lgpsmember.org/\)](https://www.lgpsmember.org/). We have made no allowance for discretionary benefits.



## Membership summary

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

### Data used

### Data at 31 March 2025

### Data at 31 March 2022

	Number	Pensionable pay £m	Average age (salary- weighted)	Number	Pensionable pay £m	Average age (salary- weighted)
Active members						
Males	4,504	148	47	4,383	121	47
Females	22,013	456	47	21,049	354	47
Total	26,517	604	47	25,432	475	47
Deferred members (including undecided)						
	Number	Pension £m	Average age (pension- weighted)	Number	Pension £m	Average age (pension- weighted)
Males	9,143	19	50	8,429	16	50
Females	33,026	47	51	30,141	34	50
Total	42,169	66	51	38,570	50	50
Pensioner and dependant members						
	Number	Pension £m	Average age (pension- weighted)	Number	Pension £m	Average age (pension- weighted)
Uninsured						
Males	4,857	35	69	3,939	25	67
Females	12,047	50	68	9,435	34	67
Insured						
Males	2,141	21	81	2,563	21	79
Females	4,473	21	81	5,020	20	80
Total	23,518	128	73	20,957	100	71

## Projected retirements

In the table below we have set out the number of members who are assumed to reach retirement age over the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2029 as required under the Regulations.

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

Projected new benefits			
Year to	Number of members	Retirement benefits	
			£m's
31 March 2026	1,819	15	
31 March 2027	1,660	13	
31 March 2028	1,676	14	
31 March 2029	1,618	13	

The figures in the year to 31 March 2026 are higher than the next three years as they include members that we would expect to retire immediately, i.e. members over the age of 75. There are a number of deferred members, in particular, in the data that over the age of 75.

## Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) equalisation and indexation

As with the previous valuation, we have assumed that the Fund will pay limited increases for members that have reached State Pension Age (SPA) by 6 April 2016, with the Government providing the remainder of the inflationary increase. For members that reach SPA after this date, we have assumed that the Fund will be required to pay the entire inflationary increase. We are comfortable that our approach is consistent with the consultation outcome.



## Appendix 2 Summary of assumptions

A summary of the assumptions adopted for the valuation at 31 March 2025 and as at 31 March 2022 is set out below.

Assumptions	2025 valuation	2022 valuation
<b>Financial assumptions</b>		
CPI inflation (p.a.)	2.7%	2.9%
Salary increases (p.a.)	3.7%	3.9%
Discount rate (p.a.)	5.3%	5.1%
Pension increases on GMP	Funds will pay limited increases for members reaching SPA by 6 April 2016, and full increases for others	
<b>Demographic assumptions</b>		
Post-retirement mortality		
	Pensioners	100%/100% of S4PA tables for males/females
	Dependants	100%/105% of S4DA tables for males/females
		110%/105% of S3PA tables for males/females
		100%/95% of S3DA tables for males/females
Actives and deferreds (pre-retirement mortality)	115%/120% of GAD's assumed rates for males/females	115% of GAD
Actives and deferreds (post-retirement mortality)	As for current pensioner assumptions	As for current pensioner assumptions
Future improvements		
	CMI model	CMI_2024
		CMI_2021
	Long-term rate of improvement (p.a.)	1.50%
	Initial addition parameter (p.a.)	1.25%
		0.0%
	Overlay half-life (not applicable in 2022)	0.0%
		1 year
		n/a
Retirement assumption	Weighted average	Weighted average
Pre-retirement decrements	GAD 2020 scheme valuation: no salary scale, 50% multiplier to ill-health rates	GAD 2016 scheme valuation: no salary scale, 50% multiplier to ill-health rates
50:50 assumption	Member data	Member data
Commutation	50% of max	50% of max
Family statistics		
	% with qualifying dependant	75% (M) / 65% (F)
	Age difference	75% (M) / 70% (F)
		3 years

## Demographic assumptions – sample rates

The following tables set out some sample rates of the demographic assumptions used in the calculations. These sample rates are based on those set by the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) based on analysis of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in England and Wales.

### Allowance for ill-health early retirements

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

Age	Males	Females
25	0.01%	0.00%
30	0.01%	0.01%
35	0.02%	0.01%
40	0.04%	0.03%
45	0.09%	0.06%
50	0.18%	0.13%
55	0.36%	0.28%
60	0.74%	0.62%
65	1.51%	1.34%

Please note the above rates are the raw decrements as set by GAD. Our assumption is that there will be 50% of the number of ill-health retirements assumed by GAD.

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

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



## Death before retirement

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

Age	Males	Females
25	0.02%	0.01%
30	0.03%	0.01%
35	0.05%	0.02%
40	0.06%	0.03%
45	0.09%	0.05%
50	0.13%	0.08%
55	0.21%	0.12%
60	0.32%	0.19%
65	0.5%	0.29%

Please note the above rates are the raw decrements as set by GAD. We have applied a 115%/120% (Males/Females) multiplier to the rates assumed by GAD.

## Allowance for withdrawals

This assumption is regarding active members who leave service to move to deferred member status. Active members are assumed to leave service at the following sample rates:

Age	Males	Females
25	14%	13%
30	10%	10%
35	8%	8%
40	6%	7%
45	5%	6%
50	4%	5%
55	3%	4%
60	3%	3%
65	2%	2%



## Appendix 3 Regulatory uncertainties

There are currently a few important regulatory uncertainties surrounding the 2025 valuation as follows:

- Long-term impact of the McCloud and Sargeant cases;
- Cost management reviews which could affect future and historic LGPS benefits;
- Virgin Media case;
- Gender Pensions Gap reporting; and
- Climate change risks and opportunities;

Although it is unclear what impact these uncertainties will have on the future benefits of individual members, we have considered these issues in the assumptions used to set the contribution rates for employers.

### McCloud

At the 2022 valuation we estimated the impact of the McCloud ruling for each active member based on the membership data available. This included looking back at historic valuation data to estimate a payroll history for each member which was then used to determine the equivalent service accrued in the final salary scheme had it not been discontinued. Due to the lack of sufficient data as well as direction from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), no estimates were made for deferred and pensioner members.

The LGPS McCloud remedy regulations became law on 1 October 2023. Since the 2022 valuation Funds have been collecting additional data for each member to allow for a more data-driven approach at the 2025 valuation which relies less on actuarial and data estimates. We received McCloud information for the majority of members, however there was still a significant number of estimates required.

As part of the 2025 valuation, we calculated each member's liabilities which includes an allowance for the McCloud underpin for eligible members as determined by the remedy regulations. The liabilities calculated as part of the 2025 valuation reflects the fact that eligible members may receive a pension uplift at retirement if their benefits would have been higher had they continued to accrue service in the discontinued final salary scheme until 31 March 2022.

There still remains uncertainty over the long-term effects of the McCloud judgment but where data has been available, we have been able to estimate the impact of McCloud on individual employers and funding positions and contributions have been set accordingly.

### Cost management reviews

Further cost control and cost management reviews will be carried out and may lead to future benefit changes. However, as the aim of this monitoring is to keep the cost of benefits within an affordable range, we can be relatively comfortable that future reviews will not have a significant impact on the value we placed on the liabilities and so did not make any explicit allowance for these.

### Virgin Media case

This issue relates to a case where missing actuarial certification resulted in historic benefit changes being void. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) published an announcement on 5 June 2025 noting the plan to introduce new legislation in response to the Virgin Media vs NTL Trustees ruling. The legislation will allow affected pension schemes to retrospectively obtain written actuarial confirmation that historic changes to scheme rules met the required standards.

The new legislation is hoped to provide clarity to affected schemes, we have therefore assumed that there will be no impact on the LGPS as a result of the ruling.



## Appendix 4 Gender Pensions Gap

On 15 May 2025, Government launched a consultation on changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in England and Wales. The proposed changes are intended to improve fairness in and access to the LGPS. The proposals include addressing survivor pensions and deaths grants and addressing the Gender Pension Gap in the LGPS.

As required under the LGPS Regulations 2013, we have reported on the gender pensions gap within the Fund. The reporting approach, including derivation of statistics, is consistent with the guidance '2025 Fund Valuations: Guidance for Gender Pension Gap reporting' dated 2 February 2026 except for:

For the purpose of this analysis, we have relied upon the membership data provided by the Fund for the purpose of the 2025 actuarial valuation.

The Gender Pensions Gap (GPG) is calculated as:

$$GPG = \frac{\text{Mean pension value for males} - \text{Mean pension value for females}}{\text{Mean pension value for males}}$$

The GPG is expressed as a percentage. For example, a GPG of 10% indicates that, on average within the population analysed, for every £1 of pension accrued by males, females will have accrued £0.90.

## Active members

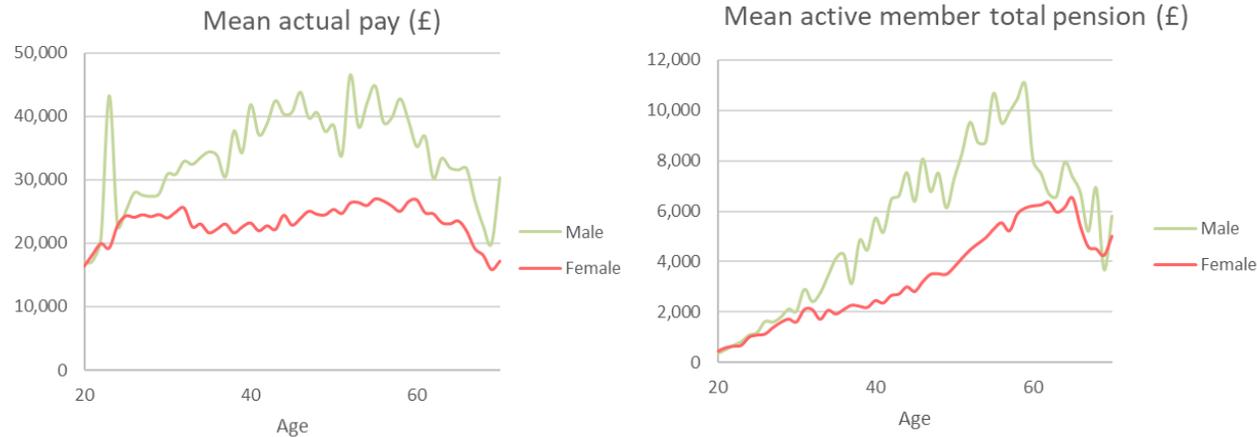
The results in this section set out the analysis for members who were active at 31 March 2025.

### Fund level analysis

At overall Fund level, the gender pensions gap (GPG) for active members of the Fund is 39%. Further detail is set out in the table below. Please note that the number of active members in the table below will differ from the total number of active records as set out in Appendix 1, as in the Gender pension gap (GPG) analysis we have treated members with multiple records as a single member.

Gender pension gap for active members	Number of members	Percentage of overall membership	Mean age	Mean FTE pay (£)	Mean actual pay (£)	Mean CARE pension (£)	Mean Final Salary pension (£)	Mean combined pension (£)
Females	19,141	82%	46	£35,709	£23,831	£2,834	£3,038	<b>£3,561</b>
Males	4,274	18%	46	£45,002	£34,616	£4,327	£6,277	<b>£5,847</b>
			Gender gap	21%	31%	34%	52%	<b>39%</b>

A chart of mean pensionable pay for males and females by age and a chart of mean total pension for males and females by age is shown below.



## Employer category analysis

In line with the Guidance, analysis at employer category level is set out below.

### Local authorities and connected bodies (SF3 number 1)

GPG for local authorities and connected bodies	Number of members	Percentage of overall membership	Mean age	Mean FTE pay (£)	Mean actual pay (£)	Mean CARE pension (£)	Mean Final Salary pension (£)	Mean combined pension (£)
Females	11,115	80%	47	£37,434	£26,533	£3,306	£3,499	<b>£4,276</b>
Males	2,804	20%	46	£46,817	£37,492	£5,065	£6,937	<b>£7,059</b>
			Gender gap	20%	29%	35%	50%	<b>39%</b>

### Centrally funded public sector bodies excluding academies (SF3 number 2)

GPG for centrally funded public sector bodies (exc. academies)	Number of members	Percentage of overall membership	Mean age	Mean FTE pay (£)	Mean actual pay (£)	Mean CARE pension (£)	Mean Final Salary pension (£)	Mean combined pension (£)
Females	598	74%	46	£33,292	£20,435	£1,965	£2,477	<b>£2,309</b>
Males	210	26%	42	£39,804	£25,254	£2,216	£4,011	<b>£2,674</b>
			Gender Gap	16%	19%	11%	38%	<b>14%</b>

### Academies (SF3 number 2, local authority indicator 2)

GPG for academies	Number of members	Percentage of overall membership	Mean age	Mean FTE pay (£)	Mean actual pay (£)	Mean CARE pension (£)	Mean Final Salary pension (£)	Mean combined pension (£)
Females	6,817	87%	46	£31,149	£18,816	£1,981	£1,744	<b>£2,288</b>
Males	1,055	13%	44	£36,827	£27,999	£2,747	£2,747	<b>£2,833</b>
			Gender Gap	15%	33%	21%	37%	<b>19%</b>



## Private/voluntary/other bodies (SF3 number 4)

GPG for other private/voluntary/other bodies	Number of members	Percentage of overall membership	Mean age	Mean FTE pay (£)	Mean actual pay (£)	Mean CARE pension (£)	Mean Final Salary pension (£)	Mean combined pension (£)
Females	611	75%	48	£37,380	£33,958	£4,635	£3,869	<b>£5,984</b>
Males	205	25%	48	£41,156	£38,918	£5,794	£5,899	<b>£8,038</b>
			Gender Gap	9%	13%	20%	34%	<b>26%</b>

## Pensioner members

The GPG for pensioner members of the Fund is 45%. Further detail is set out in the table below. Please note that the number of pensioner members in the table below will differ from the total number of pensioner records as set out in Appendix 1, as in the Gender pension gap (GPG) analysis we have treated members with multiple records as a single member.

Gender pension gap for pensioner members	Number of members	Percentage of overall membership	Mean age	Mean pension (£)
Females	10,144	72%	68	<b>£4,725</b>
Males	3,884	28%	69	<b>£8,613</b>
			Gender Gap	<b>45%</b>



A chart of mean total pension for males and females by age is shown below.



## Appendix 5 Climate risk analysis

Climate risk is an important consideration for the 2025 valuation. We have carried out scenario analysis on the assets and liabilities of the Fund in-line with the Key Principles drafted by the four actuarial firms who advise the LGPS funds and agreed with the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) for the purpose of the 2025 LGPS valuations in England and Wales. Further information can be found on the climate scenario analysis report dated 27 October 2025.

We have also considered the requirements under the Occupational Pension Schemes (Climate Change Governance and Reporting) Regulations 2021 although these regulations do not apply to the LGPS. This is because we anticipate that the equivalent regulations that could ultimately apply to the LGPS will contain similar requirements.

The analysis considered the projected funding level under various climate-related scenarios, alongside the agreed 2025 valuation basis for the Fund. The results thereby allow the administering authority to consider whether the 2025 valuation funding strategy is sufficiently robust in the context of this climate scenario analysis and any potential contribution impacts.

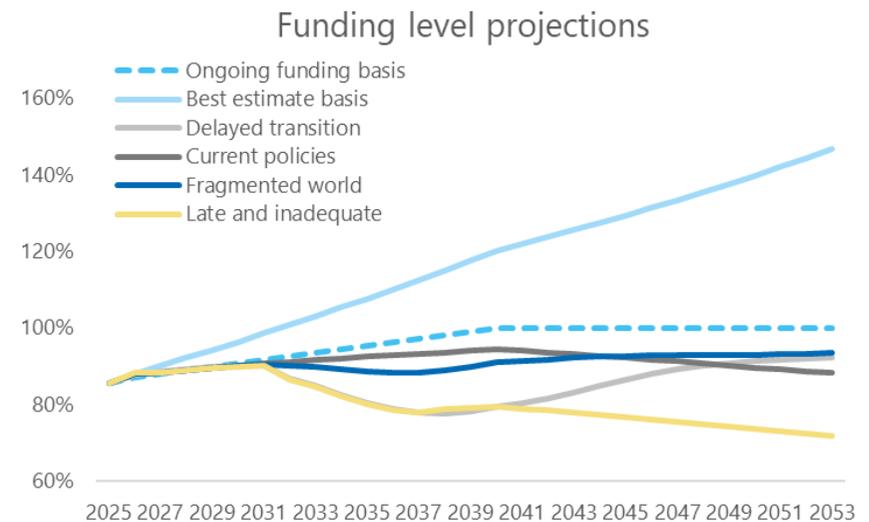
The climate scenarios within Barnett Waddingham's in-house climate scenario framework include three climate scenarios which have been provided by Moody's Analytics and are broadly based on scenarios from the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). A brief description of these scenarios is set out below:

- 1 **Base case** – we have assumed the Fund's best estimate funding basis as the base case scenario. All other scenarios are considered relative to this base case, using the relative difference in returns and financial assumptions between Moody's own base case, and each climate scenario.
- 2 **Delayed transition** – additional policy implementation is delayed until 2030. Stronger policies are required (versus a scenario whereby policy implementation is not delayed), such as a higher effective carbon price, in

order to limit global temperature rises to below 2.0°C.

- 3 **Current policies** – no new climate policies are introduced beyond the current policies in place, resulting in a lower effective carbon price, but also a growing concentration of greenhouse gas emissions and a larger increase in global temperatures, relative to a transition scenario.
- 4 **Fragmented world** – additional policy implementation is delayed and diverges globally. Those countries with net-zero targets are assumed to meet c.80% of their target, whilst those without follow current policies.
- 5 **Late and inadequate action** – this scenario has been created by Barnett Waddingham, and takes the highest negative return impact, on an annual basis, across the other three scenarios. The scenario is assumed to exhibit a mixture of characteristics from the above scenarios (i.e. delayed transition and high temperature rises).

The impact on the funding position of each scenario is considered in the graph below.



Our quantitative analysis does not consider the impact of many risks associated with climate change due to the current lack of robust data. Examples include certain investment risks and a degree of inflation risk (we believe these are quantified within the model to some extent, but not fully), litigation risk, political risk and geopolitical risk. Furthermore, it is widely believed that climate scenarios fail to exhaustively model transition and physical risks and the impact of tipping points is not included in the data.

Climate scenario modelling is in its infancy and is expected to undergo significant development over time and data quality is generally considered spurious. We intend to develop and build upon this analysis over time as data quality and availability improves. Our analysis recognises these limitations and has addressed them by combining the quantitative and qualitative analyses in the comprehensive report dated 27 October 2025.



## Appendix 6 Decisions Log

The triennial actuarial valuation is a significant exercise carried out by the Fund. This report is a summary of the main outputs from the triennial actuarial valuation. The outputs are the result of funding strategy analysis, discussions and Fund decisions throughout the valuation process. A high-level audit trail of the key funding strategy decisions is set out below.

### Funding strategy

The actuarial assumptions were reviewed by the Fund on 27 August 2025, supported by analytics and other information from the Fund Actuary. The assumptions, including the level of prudence, were agreed by the Fund at the Pensions Committee meeting on 15 September 2025.

The funding strategy parameters, including management of surpluses (where present) and prudence levels, which feed into the setting of employer contribution rates, were reviewed by the Fund and agreed in October 2025. Other aspects of the funding strategy, including the approach to cessation valuations and exit credits were also reviewed at this time.

The outcomes of these decisions were collated and documented in an updated copy of the Funding Strategy Statement. The draft FSS was discussed at the 8 December 2025 Pensions Committee meeting. The final version was agreed at the 16 March 2026 Pensions Committee meeting.

### Stakeholder engagement

In addition, the Fund has engaged with employers and the Local Pensions Board throughout the valuation exercise. A summary of the engagement is detailed below.

- Employer forum: the employers forum on 13 November 2025 discussed the key themes of the 2025 valuation.
- Employer results: a results schedule setting out their 2025 valuation funding position and contribution rate was issued to relevant employers from November 2025. Employers were then offered the opportunity to engage with the Fund to discuss their results.
- Funding Strategy Statement consultation: an updated version of the FSS was issued to employers on 29 December 2025 with the opportunity to feed back comments or ask questions to the Fund by 30 January 2026.

# Appendix 7 Dashboard

## GAD Dashboard

		2025 valuation	2022 valuation
<b>Funding position - local funding basis</b>			
Funding level (assets/liabilities)	%	86.1%	85.6%
Funding level (change since previous valuation)	%	0.5%	7.8%
Asset value used at the valuation	£m	3,211	2,652
Value of liabilities (including McCloud liability)	£m	3,729	3,099
Surplus (deficit)	£m	(518)	(446)
Discount rate – past service	% pa	5.3%	5.1%
Discount rate – future service	% pa	5.3%	5.1%
Assumed pension increases (CPI)	% pa	2.7%	2.9%
		In line with the Funding Strategy Statement, with the level of prudence in the ongoing discount rate determined based on a success probability of 67%	In line with the Funding Strategy Statement, with the level of prudence in the ongoing discount rate determined based on a success probability of 65%
Method of derivation of discount rate, plus any changes since previous valuation	Freeform text		
<b>Assumed Life expectancies at age 65</b>			
Life expectancy for current pensioners – men age 65	years	21.70	21.00
Life expectancy for current pensioners – women age 65	years	24.00	23.80
Life expectancy for future pensioners – men age 45	years	23.40	22.26
Life expectancy for future pensioners – women age 45	years	25.80	25.23
<b>Past service funding position - LGPS EW SAB basis (for comparison purposes only)</b>			
Market value of assets	£m	3,139	2,705
Value of liabilities	£m	3,798	3,244
Funding level on SAB basis (assets/liabilities)	%	82.6%	83.4%
Funding level on SAB basis (change since last valuation)	%	-0.7%	6.3%



## Contribution rates payable

Primary contribution rate	% of pay	15.2%	16.9%
Secondary contribution rate (cash amounts in each year)			
Secondary contribution rate - 1st year of rates and adjustment certificate	£m	47.14	41.13
<i>Secondary contribution rate - 2nd year of rates and adjustment certificate</i>	£m	49.26	42.93
Secondary contribution rate - 3rd year of rates and adjustment certificate	£m	51.53	45.11
Giving total expected contributions			
Total expected contributions - 1st year of rates and adjustment certificate (£ figure based on assumed payroll)	£m	141.43	124.61
Total expected contributions - 2nd year of rates and adjustment certificate (£ figure based on assumed payroll)	£m	147.03	129.65
Total expected contributions - 3rd year of rates and adjustment certificate (£ figure based on assumed payroll)	£m	152.89	135.19
Assumed payroll (cash amounts in each year)			
Total assumed payroll - 1st year of rates and adjustment certificate (£m)	£m	620.39	495.00
Total assumed payroll - 2nd year of rates and adjustment certificate (£m)	£m	643.21	514.20
Total assumed payroll - 3rd year of rates and adjustment certificate (£m)	£m	666.88	534.15
3-year average total employer contribution rate	% of pay	22.9%	25.2%
Average employee contribution rate (% of pay)	% of pay	6.5%	6.5%
Employee contribution rate (£ figure based on assumed payroll of £m)	£m pa	40.25	32.24

## Deficit recovery & surplus management plan for local authorities

Latest deficit recovery period end date, where this methodology is used by the fund's actuarial advisor	Year	2040	2040
Earliest surplus spreading period end date, where this methodology is used by the fund's actuarial advisor	Year	2033	2037
The time horizon end date, where this methodology is used by the fund's actuarial advisor	Year	n/a	n/a
The funding plan's likelihood of success, where this methodology is used by the fund's actuarial advisor	%	n/a	n/a
Surplus Methodology (Explicit contribution stabilisation mechanism; surplus spreading period; surplus buffer and surplus spreading period; Volatility asset reserve and surplus spreading period; other; or N/A)	Drop down	Surplus buffer and surplus spreading period	Surplus buffer and surplus spreading period

Surplus methodology & parameters explanation (including changes since previous valuation)	Freeform text	For some categories of employers, if funding level > 115%, then surplus above this level is amortised over a maximum of 14 years or the contract length	For some categories of employers, if funding level > 130%, then surplus above this level is amortised over a maximum of 17 years or the contract length
<b>Additional information</b>			
Percentage of liabilities relating to employers with deficit recovery periods of longer than 20 years	%	n/a	n/a
Percentage of total liabilities that are in respect of Tier 3 employers	%	4.5%	7.9%
Included climate change analysis/comments	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Gender pension gap statistic - Fund active mean CARE pension GPG	%	34.5%	n/a
Gender pension gap statistic - Fund active mean combined Final Salary and CARE pension GPG	%	39.1%	n/a
Gender pension gap statistic - Fund pensioner mean pension GPG	%	45.1%	n/a



# Appendix 8 Rates and Adjustments Certificate

## Regulatory background

In accordance with Regulation 62 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations we have made an assessment of the contributions that should be paid into the Fund by participating employers for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029.

The method and assumptions used to calculate the contributions set out in the Rates and Adjustments Certificate are detailed in the Funding Strategy Statement and in Appendix 2 of this report.

The primary rate of contribution as defined by Regulation 62(5) for each employer for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 is set out in the table overleaf. The primary rate is the employer's contribution towards the cost of benefits accruing in each of the three years beginning 1 April 2026. In addition each employer pays a secondary contribution as required under Regulation 62(7) that when combined with the primary rate results in the minimum total contributions as set out below. This secondary rate is based on their particular circumstances and so individual adjustments are made for each employer.

## Primary and secondary rate summary

The primary rate for the Fund is the weighted average (by payroll) of the individual employers' primary rates and is 15.2% p.a. of payroll.

The secondary rates across the entire Fund (as a percentage of projected Pensionable Pay and as a monetary amount) in each of the three years in the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 is set out in the table below.

Secondary contributions	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Total as a % of payroll	7.5%	7.6%	7.7%
Equivalent to total monetary amounts of	£47,136,000	£49,259,000	£51,526,000

These amounts reflect the individual employers' recovery plans.

## General and specific notes

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



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

The monetary amounts are payable in 12 monthly instalments throughout the relevant year unless agreed by the administering authority and an individual employer.

The notes below relate to particular employers and correspond to the letters shown in the specific notes column in the table below.

A – Major scheduled bodies who pay their total secondary contributions up front will have a discount applied, as long as the payment is received by the end of the April of the appropriate period. The discount applied would be 3% for all three deficit contribution payments made by the end of April 2026, or 1% for paying one year of deficit contributions by the end of April of the associated period.



Employer code	Employer name	Primary rate  (% pay)	Secondary rate (% pay plus monetary adjustment)			Total contributions i.e. primary (% of pay) plus secondary			Specific notes
			2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
<b>Unitary Authorities and Associated Employers</b>									
<i>Funding Pool</i>	<i>Bracknell Forest</i>								
2	Bracknell Forest Council	15.2%	£5.16m	£5.35m	£5.55m	15.2% plus £5.16m	15.2% plus £5.35m	15.2% plus £5.55m	A
9	Bracknell Town Council	15.2%	9.0%	8.3%	8.3%	24.2%	23.5%	23.5%	
42	Winkfield Parish Council	15.2%	9.0%	8.3%	8.3%	24.2%	23.5%	23.5%	
49	Binfield Parish Council	15.2%	9.0%	8.3%	8.3%	24.2%	23.5%	23.5%	
125	Crowthorne Parish Council	15.2%	9.0%	8.3%	8.3%	24.2%	23.5%	23.5%	
137	Sandhurst Town Council	15.2%	9.0%	8.3%	8.3%	24.2%	23.5%	23.5%	
190	Warfield Parish Council	15.2%	9.0%	8.3%	8.3%	24.2%	23.5%	23.5%	
<i>Funding Pool</i>	<i>RBWM</i>								
3	RBWM	15.6%	£3.66m	£3.79m	£3.93m	15.6% plus £3.66m	15.6% plus £3.79m	15.6% plus £3.93m	A
3	RBWM (schools)	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
15	Cookham Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
19	Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
45	Eton Town Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
51	Cox Green Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
118	Bray Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	

Employer code	Employer name	Primary rate	Secondary rate (% pay plus monetary adjustment)			Total contributions i.e. primary (% of pay) plus secondary			Specific notes
			(% pay)	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2026/27	2027/28	
127	White Waltham Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
143	Hurley Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
279	Wraysbury Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
397	Horton PC	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
400	Leisure Focus Trust	15.6%	-	-	-	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	
459	Datchet Parish Council	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	
460	Tactical Facilities Management	15.6%	-	-	-	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	
<i>Funding Pool</i>		<i>West Berkshire</i>							
4	West Berkshire Council	15.6%	£6.90m	£7.16m	£7.42m	15.6% plus £6.90m	15.6% plus £7.16m	15.6% plus £7.42m	A
11	Thatcham Town Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
20	Tilehurst Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
47	Theale Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
88	Newbury Town Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
136	Hungerford Town Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
147	Burghfield Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
249	Holybrook Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
250	Purley on Thames Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	

Employer code	Employer name	Primary rate	Secondary rate (% pay plus monetary adjustment)			Total contributions i.e. primary (% of pay) plus secondary			Specific notes
			(% pay)	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2026/27	2027/28	
288	Compton Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
313	Greenham Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
314	Yattendon Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
323	Hampstead Norreys Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
364	Pangbourne Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
386	Bucklebury Parish Council	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
411	West Illsley PC	15.6%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	
439	KGB Cleaning South West Ltd	15.6%	-	-	-	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	
457	Reef Cleaning Solutions	15.6%	-	-	-	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	
458	Dolce Limited	15.6%	-	-	-	15.6%	15.6%	15.6%	
<i>Funding Pool</i>									
<i>Reading</i>									
5	Reading Borough Council	14.8%	£6.44m	£6.93m	£7.43m	14.8% plus £6.44m	14.8% plus £6.93m	14.8% plus £7.43m	A
66	The Blessed Hugh Faringdon School	14.8%	8.4%	6.7%	6.7%	23.2%	21.5%	21.5%	
402	CGL	14.8%	-	-	-	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%	
<i>Funding Pool</i>									
<i>Slough</i>									
6	Slough Borough Council	15.8%	£5.02m	£5.21m	£5.40m	15.8% plus £5.02m	15.8% plus £5.21m	15.8% plus £5.40m	A
61	Holy Family School	15.8%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	27.6%	27.6%	27.6%	

Employer code	Employer name	Primary rate  (% pay)	Secondary rate (% pay plus monetary adjustment)			Total contributions i.e. primary (% of pay) plus secondary			Specific notes
			2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	
62	Priory School	15.8%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	27.6%	27.6%	27.6%	
122	Wexham Court Parish Council	15.8%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	27.6%	27.6%	27.6%	
407	Coram	15.8%	-	-	-	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%	
438	Care Outlook	15.8%	-	-	-	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%	
<i>Funding Pool</i>									
	<i>Wokingham</i>								
7	Wokingham Borough Council	14.7%	£5.53m	£5.73m	£5.94m	14.7% plus £5.53m	14.7% plus £5.73m	14.7% plus £5.94m	A
10	Earley Town Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
12	Wokingham Town Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
21	Woodley Town Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
52	Swallowfield Parish Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
117	Finchampstead Parish Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
129	Winnersh Parish Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
159	Twyford Parish Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
227	Wokingham Without Parish Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
251	Charvil Parish Council	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	
455	Birkin Group Limited	14.7%	-	-	-	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	
700	Wokingham Borough Council (Schools)	14.7%	9.5%	9.4%	9.4%	24.2%	24.1%	24.1%	

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<b>Community Admission Bodies</b>									
<i>Individual Employers</i>									
23	Berkshire County Blind Society	0.0%	£16,300	£16,750	£17,150	£16,300	£16,750	£17,150	
26	Age Concern Berkshire	27.1%	£4,330	£4,490	£4,660	27.1% plus £4,330	27.1% plus £4,490	27.1% plus £4,660	
30	Mary Hare Grammar School	26.9%	£80k	£170k	£270k	26.9% plus £80k	26.9% plus £170k	26.9% plus £270k	
40	Reading Voluntary Action	28.8%	£10,000	£19,000	£28,000	28.8% plus £10,000	28.8% plus £19,000	28.8% plus £28,000	
44	Reading Transport Ltd	27.0%	£0.95m	£1.10m	£1.25m	27.0% plus £0.95m	27.0% plus £1.10m	27.0% plus £1.25m	
95	Berkshire Music Trust	26.5%	£31,250	£45,250	£59,300	26.5% plus £31,250	26.5% plus £45,250	26.5% plus £59,300	
105	PACT	26.3%	£66,000	£68,400	£70,900	26.3% plus £66,000	26.3% plus £68,400	26.3% plus £70,900	
121	SECBE	24.1%	£8,320	£8,620	£8,940	24.1% plus £8,320	24.1% plus £8,620	24.1% plus £8,940	
128	Greenwich Leisure Ltd	27.4%	£19,200	£19,900	£20,600	27.4% plus £19,200	27.4% plus £19,900	27.4% plus £20,600	
<b>Colleges</b>									
<i>Funding Pool</i>		<i>Colleges</i>							
53	Newbury College	14.6%	10.3%	9.7%	9.7%	24.9%	24.3%	24.3%	
57	The Windsor Forest Colleges Group (formerly East Berkshire College)	14.6%	9.7%	9.7%	9.7%	24.3%	24.3%	24.3%	
385	Activate Learning	14.5%	9.9%	9.7%	9.7%	24.4%	24.2%	24.2%	

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<b>Housing Associations</b>									
<i>Individual Employers</i>									
48	Sovereign Housing Association	0.0%	£231k	£240k	£248k	£231k	£240k	£248k	
83	Dimensions UK Ltd	25.8%	£53,000	£54,950	£56,950	25.8% plus £53,000	25.8% plus £54,950	25.8% plus £56,950	
<b>Transferee Admission Bodies</b>									
<i>Individual Employers</i>									
90	Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service	14.4%	£298k	£309k	£320k	14.4% plus £298k	14.4% plus £309k	14.4% plus £320k	
115	MITIE	18.6%	£16,100	£15,800	£15,400	18.6% plus £16,100	18.6% plus £15,800	18.6% plus £15,400	
160	Optalis Limited	20.1%	-	-	-	20.1%	20.1%	20.1%	
226	Berks Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust	21.2%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.7%	20.5%	20.5%	20.5%	
242	Krinkels UK (previously Continental Landscapes)	16.0%	-	-	-	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	
260	Slough Children First	13.7%	-	-	-	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	
315	Optalis	21.0%	-	-	-	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	
359	Cardo South Ltd	19.3%	-1.7%	-4.7%	-7.7%	17.6%	14.6%	11.6%	
360	NSL Services Ltd	23.2%	-5.5%	-7.9%	-7.9%	17.7%	15.3%	15.3%	
366	Absolutely Leisure Ltd	14.5%	-	-	-	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	
371	Sports and Leisure Management (Fitness and Health)	17.8%	-1.4%	-4.4%	-7.4%	16.4%	13.4%	10.4%	

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372	Sports and Leisure Management (Food and Beverage)	19.6%	-2.8%	-3.9%	-3.9%	16.8%	15.7%	15.7%	
373	Sports and Leisure Management (Community Leisure)	18.4%	-	-	-	18.4%	18.4%	18.4%	
382	Compass (The Holt)	18.1%	-	-	-	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	
389	VolkerHighways	22.0%	-2.6%	-5.6%	-5.8%	19.4%	16.4%	16.2%	
399	Thames Valley Cleaning	30.0%	-10.4%	-7.4%	-4.4%	19.6%	22.6%	25.6%	
412	Greenwich Leisure	20.3%	-0.4%	-	-	19.9%	20.3%	20.3%	
413	Compass Contract Services (Baylis Court)	21.7%	-	-	-	21.7%	21.7%	21.7%	
423	Haywards Services	19.3%	£480	£490	£510	19.3% plus £480	19.3% plus £490	19.3% plus £510	
424	Compass (Churchend)	24.6%	-3.9%	-0.9%	0.5%	20.7%	23.7%	25.1%	
425	ABM Catering Limited	26.1%	-0.8%	2.2%	4.3%	25.3%	28.3%	30.4%	
427	Compass Group (Prospect)	23.0%	£1,510	£1,570	£1,630	23.0% plus £1,510	23.0% plus £1,570	23.0% plus £1,630	
428	Seetec	18.5%	£3,130	£4,360	£5,670	18.5% plus £3,130	18.5% plus £4,360	18.5% plus £5,670	
430	Aspens (St Bernard's)	26.1%	£480	£950	£990	26.1% plus £480	26.1% plus £950	26.1% plus £990	
<b>Academies</b>									
<i>Funding Pool</i>	<i>Academies</i>								
152	Lowbrook Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
161	The Holt School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	

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165	The Avenue Academy	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
167	Langley Hall Primary Academy	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
168	Kendrick School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
169	Langley Grammar School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
173	Reading School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
174	St Bartholomew's School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
175	Cox Green School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
176	Furze Platt Senior School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
180	Denefield School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
183	Westgate School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
199	Castleview School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
200	Charters School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
205	Ryvers School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
229	Holyport College	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
264	Forest Bridge School (Free School)	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
269	Newlands Girls' School	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
311	Chiltern Way Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	



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319	Bonitas Multi Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
320	The Keys Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
324	Activate Learning Education Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
325	Ashley Hill Schools Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
326	Thames Learning Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
327	Bellevue Place Education Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
328	Bohunt Education Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
329	Anthem Schools Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
330	Excalibur Academies Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
332	Glyn Learning Foundation	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
333	Greenshaw Learning Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
334	Haybrook College Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
335	Equinox Learning Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
336	Arbib Educational Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
338	Maiden Erlegh Schools Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
339	Marish Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
341	Newbury Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	



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342	Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
343	Park Federation Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
344	Reach2 Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
346	SASH Education Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
347	Schelwood Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
348	Specialist Education Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
349	St Thomas' Catholic Academies Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
353	The Forest School Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
354	The Slough and East Berkshire MAT	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
355	The Pioneer Educational Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
356	Windsor Learning Partnership	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
361	The Corvus Learning Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
362	The Circle Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
377	Kings Academy Binfield	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
390	Frays Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
406	Sikh Academies Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
416	The Elliot Foundation	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	

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429	Orchard Learning Alliance	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
431	Liberty Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
442	Agape Multi Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
445	Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
446	Ascendancy Partnership Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
444	Gemini Commercial Cleaning Facilities Limited	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
450	Gemini Commercial Cleaning Facilities Limited	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
471	Stir Foods Limited	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
435	Cleantec Services	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
436	Cleantec Services	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
451	Bidvest Noonan	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
452	Bidvest Noonan (Prospect)	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
453	Wrap Around CARE 4 U Limited	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
454	CleanTEC Services	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
464	Insite Managed Services Limited	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	

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462	Cardo Group	14.7%	-	-	-	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	
467	Direct Cleaning Services	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
470	Advanced IT Services	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
463	Propeller Academy Trust	15.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	
468	Advanced IT Services	15.3%	-	-	-	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	
465	St Nicholas Hurst Parish Council	14.7%	-	-	-	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	
466	Arborfield and Newland Parish Council	14.7%	-	-	-	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	



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