

The ITB Pension Funds (Closed Fund): Summary Funding Statement for period ending 31 March 2013

The ITB Pension Funds' Trustees who look after the Scheme will provide an update of the Scheme's funding position each year in a statement similar to that shown below. This statement is based on the latest annual actuarial report, which sets out how the Scheme's funding position has changed since the last full actuarial valuation. It is essentially a snapshot of the financial position of the Fund that is based on the actuarial values of the Fund's assets and liabilities as at the date of the report.

The last ongoing funding valuation:

The most recent funding valuation of the Closed Fund showed that on 31 March 2012 the funding position was as follows:

Assets	£63.0 million
Liabilities	£44.2 million
Surplus	£18.8 million

In April 2011, the Trustees insured the Scheme's benefits through an insurance policy. This policy provides payments to the Scheme intended to cover benefit payments to members. The actuarial valuation of the Scheme excluded the insurance policy and the liabilities covered by it to the extent that they offset each other.

As a result of the valuation surplus, no further contributions were required. The Trustees decided to use some of the surplus to increase all members' benefits in early 2013.

Had the Scheme started to wind up on 31 March 2012, the Scheme Actuary assessed that the assets would have been sufficient to meet the liabilities of the Scheme in full on a solvency basis at that date. This assessment is based on the understanding that the terms of the Trustees' insurance policy would remain appropriate in a wind up. Inclusion of this information is a standard requirement and is not related to any consideration of the Trustees to wind up the scheme.

Change in funding position

The surplus increased from £19 million to £22 million between 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2013. While the Trustees used part of the surplus to increase member benefits by 3.4% in February 2013, there has been a small increase in the surplus over the year due to favourable investment returns and proceeds related to the Scheme's insurance policy.

Payment to the Employers

There has not been any payment to the Employers out of Scheme funds in the last twelve months.

How the Scheme operates

How is my pension paid for?

The Employers and employees have historically paid contributions to the Pension Scheme so that the Scheme can pay pensions to its members when they retire. There are no longer any contributing members in the Closed Fund.

The majority of the Scheme's benefits are now covered by an insurance policy. This means the Scheme receives payments to cover most of the members' benefits and the Scheme only needs to ensure it has enough assets to cover the differences between the policy payments and members' benefits.

The money to pay for members' pensions is held in a common fund. It is not held in separate funds for each individual.

How is the amount the Scheme needs worked out?

The Trustees obtain regular valuations of the benefits earned by members. Using this information, the Trustees come to a conclusion on whether the Scheme is adequately funded and if any further action is needed

What is the Scheme invested in?

The majority of the Scheme's assets are held in the insurance policy. The remaining funds are invested in a broad range of assets, including index-linked gilts, equities and cash.

Where can I get more information?

If you have any other questions, or would like any more information, please contact the ITB Funds' Office at Watford. A list of more detailed documents which provide further information is shown below. Most of the documents are available on the Funds' information website 'ITB Online' www.itb-online.co.uk

- Members of the Scheme can also use the Funds' secure modelling website 'MyITB' which can be accessed via www.itb-online.co.uk to estimate their own benefits.
- Additional documents available on request or in some cases on the Funds' website www.itb-online.co.uk
- The Statement of Investment Principles: This explains how the Trustees invest the money paid into the Scheme.
- The Annual Report and Accounts of the ITB Pension Fund, which shows the Scheme's income and expenditure in the year up to 31 March 2014.
- The full report on the Actuarial Valuation following the Actuary's check of the Scheme's situation as at 31 March 2012.
- The report on the interim Actuarial Review of the Scheme as at 31 March 2013.
- An Annual Benefit Statement. If you are not getting a pension from the Scheme you can ask for a statement that provides an illustration of your likely pension, or visit www.itb-online.co.uk to view online benefit statements and model your pension.

Important: If you are thinking of leaving the Scheme for any reason, you should consult a professional adviser, such as an independent financial adviser, before taking any action.