



Summary Funding Statement as at 31 March 2024

The ITB Pension Funds (Closed Fund)



Welcome to this year's Summary Funding Statement which provides an update about the funding position of the ITB Pension Funds (Closed Fund) ("the Scheme"). The Scheme remains financially strong with a funding level of 402% as of 31 March 2024, and through the acquisition of a buy-in insurance policy, has fully secured the future benefits payable to Scheme members.

FUNDING POSITION UPDATE

The Scheme Actuary carries out a full actuarial valuation of the Scheme every three years, with annual updates in the intervening years. This Statement provides an update on the Scheme's latest full actuarial valuation at 31 March 2024 and a review of how the funding position has changed since 31 March 2023.

Position at 31 March 2024

The full actuarial valuation of the Scheme at 31 March 2024 showed that excluding the buy-in insurance policy, the funding position was as follows:

	31 March 2024
Assets	£74.3 million
Liabilities	£18.5 million
Funding surplus	£55.8 million
Funding level	402%

The Scheme's benefits have been insured through a buy-in insurance policy with Pension Insurance Corporation (PIC) and the receipts from this policy

cover the benefit payments to members. The figures reported above exclude the PIC buy-in insurance policy, and the liabilities covered by it, to the extent that they offset each other.

As a result of the funding surplus, no contributions have been paid into the Scheme. Some of the surplus was used to increase members' benefits from May 2025.

Change in funding position since 31 March 2023

The table below shows the Scheme Actuary's estimates of the funding position at 31 March 2023, as reported in last year's statement:

	31 March 2023
Assets	£71.4 million
Liabilities	£31.9 million
Funding surplus	£39.5 million
Funding level	224%

There was a £16.3million increase in the funding surplus over the year to 31 March 2024. This is primarily because of a reduction in various reserves held by the Scheme, in particular expense reserves.



What If the Scheme started to wind-up?

If the Scheme's Trustee had decided to wind-up the Scheme at the date of the most recent full actuarial valuation, the financial position would have been as shown in the table below:

	31 March 2024
Assets	£74.3 million
Solvency liabilities	£3.0 million
Solvency surplus	£71.3 million

The Scheme's assets were more than sufficient to meet the liabilities on wind-up because it is expected that the PIC buy-in insurance policy would secure all members' benefits without further cost being incurred.

PAYMENTS TO THE EMPLOYERS

There has not been any payment to the Employers out of Scheme funds during the year to 31 March 2024.

HOW THE SCHEME OPERATES

How is my pension paid for?

The Scheme has invested the contribution payments that were received from Participating Employers and those of their employees who joined the Scheme. These investments are held in a common fund which covers all the Scheme's members and is used to pay the pensions due.

Investments include the buy-in insurance policy with PIC, the receipts from which are expected to be sufficient to cover all the benefits payable by the Scheme.

How is the amount the Scheme needs worked out?

The Scheme obtains regular actuarial valuations of the future benefits payable to members. These are used to determine whether the Scheme is adequately funded and if any further action is needed.

What Is the Scheme invested in?

At 31 March 2024, the majority of the Scheme's assets were held in the PIC buy-in insurance policy. The targeted mix for the remaining assets was as follows:

	Allocation
Global equities	15%
Corporate bonds	15%
Index-linked Government bonds	70%

THE PENSIONS REGULATOR

The Pensions Regulator has not modified the Scheme, nor made any directions regarding the contributions or the calculation of the Scheme's funding position.

CLIMATE CHANGE

In line with climate reporting requirements, a Climate Change report for 2024 has been published which you can find under the 'Library' section of our website, www.itb-online.co.uk. The report describes the actions taken by the Scheme on climate-related risks, analyses how different climate scenarios might impact upon its investments and sets out the target being used to manage climate-related risks and opportunities. A hard copy of the report is available on request.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions about this funding statement or, would like any more information about the Scheme, please visit the Scheme website at www.itb-online.co.uk or contact us at:

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