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Council pension time bomb

The public finances in the UK and many other ageing developed countries are under pressure with a rising number of elderly people claiming pensions and fewer people of working age paying for them. That pressure is particularly severe in the public sector though, with large pension liabilities. This new research reveals for the first time how councils across the country have more and more staff claiming pensions relative to the number now in work. It also reveals that when the number of deferred members (those no longer working at the council with benefits payable at a future date) is considered, the ratio is even worse.

In a series of research notes on public sector pensions, the TaxPayers' Alliance has revealed that the future of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is bleak unless urgent reforms are made. Previous TaxPayers' Alliance research discovered that the equivalent of £1 in every £5 of Council Tax is spent on local government pensions¹ and that there is an enormous £54 billion black hole across local government schemes.²

The key findings of this research are:

- In 2010-11, **there were fewer than 1.6 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension.** Five years earlier there were nearly 1.9 active members for every one drawing a pension. In the wider UK economy, there are 3.2 people of working age for each person of State Pension Age and over.³
- In 2010-11, there were **13 local authorities where those drawing pensions outnumbered active members by more than two to one.** In 2006-07, there were eight.

¹ Daniel, C. The true cost of the LGPS. *TaxPayers' Alliance*, January 2012: www.taxpayersalliance.com/pensioncontributions2012.pdf

² Daniel, C. The £54 billion council pensions black hole, *TaxPayers' Alliance*, April 2012: www.taxpayersalliance.com/pensiondeficits2012.pdf

³ Office for National Statistics Pension Trends, Chapter 2: Population change (2012 edition) <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/pensions/pension-trends/chapter-2--population-change--2012-edition-/sum-pt2012ch2.html>

- The falling old-age support ratio is the result of a rising number of former employees drawing pensions. There were **910,000 former local authority employees drawing a pension** in 2010-11, up from 771,000 in 2006-07 and an increase of 18 per cent.
- In 2010-11 there were over **1 million deferred members on the LGPS**, 300,000 more than in 2006-07. As more of these members begin drawing a pension, the gap between scheme pensioners (currently 910,000) and active members (currently 1.5 million) is likely to close.
- Across the UK, **345 local authorities have more deferred and pensioner members than they do employees paying into schemes**. There are only 61 councils where those paying into schemes outnumber those drawing a pension and those with benefits to draw at a future date.

For 2010-11 figures for the UK's regions are:

- In **Scotland**, there were fewer than 2.2 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were just over 3.0 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In **Wales**, there were fewer than 2.8 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 3.7 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In **Northern Ireland**, there were more than 1.6 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were also 1.6 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In **England**, there were 1.5 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 1.7 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In **London**, there were 1.1 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 1.2 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **North West**, (excluding councils in Lancashire and Cumbria because they were unable to provide complete information) there were 1.5 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 1.8 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **North East**, there were 1.2 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 1.7 active members for every one drawing a pension.

- In **Yorkshire and Humber**, there were 1.7 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 2.2 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **West Midlands**, there were 1.5 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 1.9 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **East Midlands**, there were 1.6 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 2.0 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **South West**, there were 1.8 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 2.1 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **East of England**, there were 1.5 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were also 1.5 active members for every one drawing a pension.
- In the **South East**, there were 1.6 active members of local government pension schemes for every one drawing a pension. Five years earlier there were 1.8 active members for every one drawing a pension.

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Background

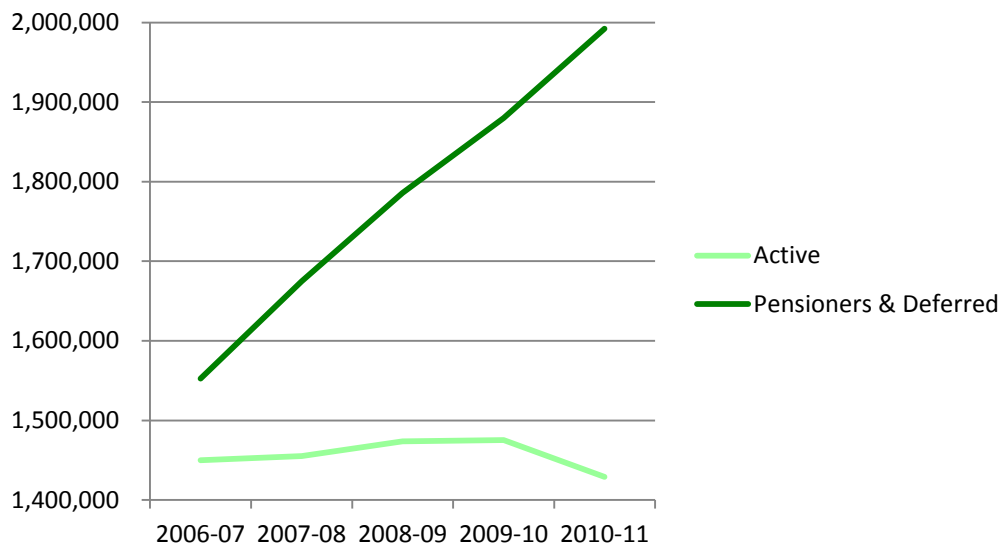
The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is unique in the public sector in that it is funded. This means that both employers and employees pay a set contribution into a pension fund. These funds are then invested to help contribute to current and future obligations. Pension funds are assessed every three years to calculate whether contribution rates are sufficient to meet future commitments.

Employees on the LGPS are required to contribute anywhere between 5.5 and 7.5 per cent of their salary to the scheme, while taxpayers contribute between 14 and 25 per cent on top of salary payments. This means that employees only fund between 18 and 35 per cent of total required contributions.

Previous research has revealed that the current state of the LGPS is far from healthy. Urgent reforms must be made to guarantee that funds can meet all current and future obligations. Pension liabilities outweigh assets by £54 billion and unless changes are made, this deficit is likely to get worse.⁴

These numbers illustrate the challenge when there are growing numbers drawing from the schemes and lined up to draw a pension in the future compared to those paying in. Unless changes are made to employee contribution levels and the age at which employees can draw their pension, the scheme will reach breaking point. The graph below shows that the number of pensioners and deferred members has increased at an alarming rate, while the number of active members has remained relatively consistent, before falling in 2010-11.

⁴ Daniel, C. The £54 billion council pensions black hole, *TaxPayers' Alliance*, April 2012: www.taxpayersalliance.com/pensiondeficits2012.pdf



Definitions

- Active members: those who currently pay contributions into the pension scheme.
- Pensioner members: those who receive pension benefits from the scheme (including eligible dependants who receive pensions after a member's death).
- Deferred members: those who have left the pension scheme but have not yet started to receive a pension.

Sources and Methodology

- All information was collected through responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act.
- Some councils stated that active members were distinguished by job title and not individuals. Where it was impossible to distinguish between the two, some active members were double counted.
- In 2009-10 many county, district and borough councils merged to create unitary authorities. 2006-07 figures have been provided for legacy authorities. The new unitary authorities are: Bedford Borough, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Cornwall, Central Bedfordshire, Durham, Northumberland, Shropshire and Wiltshire.
- In many cases, local authorities did not hold all of the information relating to their pension scheme. Instead it was held by fund-managing authorities. In some cases, there were small discrepancies but they did not materially alter the results.

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Table 1: The 13 local authorities where scheme pensioners outnumber active members by more than two to one

Council	2010-11		
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Scheme pensioners per 100 active members
Worthing Borough Council	192	674	351
Harlow District Council *	342	1,152	337
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	234	713	305
Norwich City Council *	731	1,823	249
Malvern Hills District Council	140	345	246
Eastbourne Borough Council *	328	732	223
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	388	795	205
Forest Heath District Council	198	403	204
Watford Borough Council	377	767	203
Castle Point Borough Council	209	423	202
Wyre Forest District Council*	321	648	202
Vale of White Horse District Council	192	387	202
South Oxfordshire District Council	227	456	201

*These councils also had more than two pensioners to one active member in 2006-07

Table 2: Full details of active members, scheme pensioners and deferred members in local government pension schemes in 2006-07 and 2010-11.

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Aberdeen City Council	3,848	1,786	1,895	5,071	2,983	3,330	
Aberdeenshire Council	5,185	1,377	1,861	7,821	2,363	3,703	
Adur District Council	329	325	231	559	398	309	
Allerdale Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Amber Valley Borough Council	364	392	343	276	396	387	
Angus Council	3,926	765	806	3,883	1,242	1,153	
Antrim Borough Council	237	123	67	257	134	107	
Ards Borough Council	334	195	170	341	199	200	
Argyll and Bute Council	3,165	652	878	3,021	1,083	1,229	
Armagh District Council	268	127	87	289	133	114	
Arun District Council	489	556	371	424	599	392	
Ashfield District Council	537	593	319	530	623	341	
Ashford Borough Council	429	377	366	362	416	367	
Aylesbury Vale District Council	550	572	429	578	655	502	
Babergh District Council	275	232	158	230	279	206	
Ballymena Borough Council	300	175	104	300	203	118	
Ballymoney Borough Council	125	49	33	113	63	50	
Banbridge District Council	170	61	44	210	70	51	
Barking and Dagenham Borough Council	4,140	3,416	2,312	3,953	3,864	3,229	
Barnet Borough Council	4,664	4,613	3,700	4,789	4,949	4,627	

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Barnsley Borough Council	7,750	3,712	3,412	7,117	4,304	4,808	
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Basildon Borough Council	963	916	507	702	984	660	
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	507	510	451	474	541	511	
Bassetlaw District Council	435	612	322	388	637	377	
Bath and North East Somerset Council	4,552	1,763	2,180	3,970	1,573	3,021	
Bedford Borough Council	-	-	-	3,528	936	1,524	
<i>Bedford Borough</i>	668	707	472	-	-	-	
<i>Bedfordshire County</i>	6,168	4,879	4,720	-	-	-	
<i>Mid Bedfordshire</i>	245	275	214	-	-	-	
<i>South Bedfordshire</i>	376	500	402	-	-	-	
Belfast City Council	2,141	1,930	936	2,294	1,961	987	
Bexley Borough Council	4,547	3,401	2,891	4,593	4,025	3,466	
Birmingham City Council	36,334	18,702	21,814	34,724	21,636	28,140	
Blaby District Council	319	169	190	276	200	228	
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Blackpool Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Blaenau Gwent Council	3,022	1,372	884	2,803	1,699	1,271	
Bolsover District Council	515	314	184	486	334	241	
Bolton Borough Council	8,663	4,296	3,211	7,140	5,269	5,552	
Boston Borough Council	264	310	268	214	339	287	
Bournemouth Borough Council	4,249	2,032	2,051	3,665	2,528	2,949	
Bracknell Forest Council	2,130	676	1,240	2,351	966	2,085	

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Bradford City Council	14,133	6,878	7,952	15,224	8,757	9,746	
Braintree District Council	598	627	304	363	667	338	
Breckland District Council	285	400	276	232	437	342	
Brent Borough Council	4,631	4,681	4,483	4,200	5,159	5,737	
Brentwood Borough Council	297	419	185	242	424	237	
Bridgend Council	4,468	994	1,465	5,767	1,415	3,093	
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,998	2,390	3,178	6,087	2,895	4,658	
Bristol City Council	12,150	6,340	5,881	10,970	4,131	8,783	
Broadland District Council	221	195	149	245	205	191	
Bromley Borough Council	4,980	3,976	2,924	5,246	4,522	3,859	
Bromsgrove District Council	317	294	273	273	328	254	
Broxbourne Borough Council	464	435	453	451	454	544	
Broxtowe Borough Council	741	411	407	670	483	596	
Buckinghamshire County Council	7,542	4,713	6,048	9,332	6,004	9,013	
Burnley Borough Council	636	793	592	524	823	660	
Bury Borough Council	5,279	2,647	1,628	4,860	3,207	2,835	
Caerphilly Council	5,635	1,853	1,854	5,655	1,973	2,527	
Calderdale Borough Council	5,774	3,011	3,234	6,275	3,875	4,490	
Cambridge City Council	1,100	703	837	951	823	1,062	
Cambridgeshire County Council	10,353	5,540	9,498	11,915	6,467	13,476	
Camden Borough Council	5,080	4,196	3,910	4,758	4,978	4,310	
Cannock Chase District Council	539	561	379	498	629	415	
Canterbury City Council	694	590	512	580	692	613	
Cardiff Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

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Carlisle City Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Carmarthenshire Council	7,082	1,480	2,554	7,609	2,098	4,253	
Carrickfergus Borough Council	185	93	53	198	109	56	
Castle Point Borough Council	226	394	223	209	423	227	
Castlerea Borough Council	284	130	126	293	142	179	
Central Bedfordshire Council	See Bedford Borough for data prior to becoming unitary			5,111	1,069	1,848	
Ceredigion Council	2,630	517	977	2,576	788	1,554	
Charnwood Borough Council	610	407	424	376	451	477	
Chelmsford Borough Council	659	706	493	586	790	592	
Cheltenham Borough Council	621	465	526	526	542	637	
Cherwell District Council	610	437	329	448	543	521	
Cheshire East Council	-	-	-	8,878	672	785	
<i>Macclesfield</i>	642	753	519	-	-	-	
<i>Crewe & Nantwich</i>	613	593	311	-	-	-	
<i>Congleton</i>	360	402	194	-	-	-	
Cheshire West and Chester Council	-	-	-	8,965	709	788	
<i>Cheshire County</i>	16,081	2,107	3,325	-	-	-	
<i>Chester City</i>	641	655	360	-	-	-	
<i>Ellesmere Port & Neston</i>	676	489	231	-	-	-	
<i>Vale Royal</i>	573	706	334	-	-	-	
Chesterfield Borough Council	940	708	531	779	773	578	
Chichester District Council	572	527	369	649	560	542	
Chiltern District Council	193	261	209	198	283	222	
Chorley Borough Council	330	425	324	299	475	393	

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Christchurch Borough Council	215	209	157	212	237	164	
City of Edinburgh Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
City of London Corporation	3,413	2,923	2,278	3,450	3,083	2,989	
Clackmannanshire Council	1,759	1,063	518	1,538	1,198	598	
Colchester Borough Council	696	876	578	711	932	678	
Coleraine Borough Council	292	155	90	299	183	98	
Conwy Council	4,701	690	1,299	3,946	1,125	2,088	
Cookstown District Council	159	60	39	185	70	59	
Copeland Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Corby Borough Council	390	468	295	352	519	358	
Cornwall Council	-	-	-	12,602	5,767	10,097	
<i>Cornwall County</i>	10,851	4,397	6,554	-	-	-	
<i>Penwith</i>	316	342	136	-	-	-	
<i>Kerrier</i>	360	481	228	-	-	-	
<i>Carrick</i>	431	451	248	-	-	-	
<i>Restormel</i>	275	383	215	-	-	-	
<i>Caradon</i>	481	297	194	-	-	-	
<i>North Cornwall</i>	483	309	278	-	-	-	
Cotswold District Council	307	216	245	288	253	299	
Coventry City Council	9,007	5,833	6,266	8,366	6,880	8,344	
Craigavon Borough Council	451	253	139	492	277	186	
Craven District Council	251	213	158	198	245	204	
Crawley Borough Council	701	720	581	656	810	624	
Croydon Borough Council	6,451	5,428	3,928	6,766	5,995	5,841	9

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Cumbria County Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Dacorum Borough Council	828	760	657	638	871	778	
Darlington Borough Council	2,681	988	1,101	2,570	1,232	1,658	
Dartford Borough Council	352	386	324	278	418	336	
Daventry District Council	330	241	212	253	276	295	
Denbighshire Council	3,177	667	988	3,317	1,065	1,783	
Derby City Council	6,935	1,801	2,535	7,595	2,408	3,985	
Derbyshire County Council	19,179	8,991	7,180	18,882	10,554	10,030	
Derbyshire Dales District Council	314	191	220	294	213	251	
Derry City Council	500	302	127	485	329	163	
Devon County Council	11,497	9,310	7,916	12,007	10,912	10,270	
Doncaster Borough Council	10,667	4,245	5,195	10,433	5,658	6,506	
Dorset County Council	8,563	1,692	3,932	9,611	2,886	7,001	
Dover District Council	405	514	303	377	517	304	
Down District Council	292	177	80	307	180	124	
Dudley Borough Council	9,721	3,866	3,974	9,681	4,798	5,779	
Dumfries and Galloway Council	5,753	2,733	1,967	5,664	3,155	2,934	
Dundee City Council	5,899	1,698	1,329	5,454	2,636	1,748	
Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council	231	105	68	231	111	100	
Durham County Council	9,979	7,368	2,769	12,694	12,579	6,430	11
Ealing Borough Council	4,841	5,123	6,170	5,086	5,649	7,010	
East Ayrshire Council	3,869	848	545	3,765	1,247	808	
East Cambridgeshire District Council	167	149	132	163	177	153	
East Devon District Council	425	308	231	416	400	276	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
East Dorset District Council	286	205	189	296	237	218	
East Dunbartonshire Council	2,695	553	544	2,472	857	726	
East Hampshire District Council	278	250	246	275	283	268	
East Hertfordshire District Council	317	407	282	310	432	300	
East Lindsey District Council	647	395	363	389	443	585	
East Lothian Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
East Northamptonshire District Council	194	212	105	183	204	138	
East Renfrewshire Council	2,527	417	667	2,578	732	1,160	
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	9,183	1,730	4,765	9,947	2,875	7,423	
East Staffordshire Borough Council	522	516	540	393	563	636	
East Sussex County Council	9,400	5,728	6,866	9,854	6,678	9,425	
Eastbourne Borough Council	354	764	440	328	732	489	
Eastleigh Borough Council	472	282	306	468	328	363	
Eden District Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	1,781	723	645	1,883	863	912	
Elmbridge Borough Council	369	675	336	363	669	389	
Enfield Borough Council	5,585	3,488	2,566	6,059	3,908	3,775	
Epping Forest District Council	529	674	417	503	707	460	
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	253	417	225	251	433	271	
Erewash Borough Council	465	410	301	394	431	394	
Essex County Council	15,479	11,185	10,236	17,566	12,615	15,258	
Exeter City Council	832	423	484	771	587	623	
Falkirk Council	5,109	2,852	1,414	4,991	3,270	1,779	
Fareham Borough Council	449	382	319	390	450	366	

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Fenland District Council	518	321	346	499	353	432	
Fermanagh District Council	244	154	97	267	165	129	
Fife Council	14,534	7,130	3,692	13,608	8,434	4,613	
Flintshire Council	4,760	1,118	1,002	5,641	1,663	1,796	
Forest Heath District Council	245	387	194	198	403	229	14
Forest of Dean District Council	271	220	172	252	257	200	
Fylde Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Gateshead Borough Council	6,921	4,902	3,421	6,646	5,503	4,530	
Gedling Borough Council	502	392	302	477	469	391	
Glasgow City Council	17,131	4,733	4,337	10,906	7,367	4,972	
Gloucester City Council	529	505	492	423	567	521	
Gloucestershire County Council	10,816	4,199	5,195	9,521	5,262	7,571	
Gosport Borough Council	335	319	230	291	382	247	
Gravesham Borough Council	522	422	381	454	474	427	
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	474	758	251	388	795	276	
Greater London Authority	734	15	238	587	89	532	
Greenwich Borough Council	5,785	4,949	3,544	5,583	5,467	4,990	
Guildford Borough Council	907	627	752	807	704	902	
Gwynedd Council	5,070	878	1,528	5,226	1,393	2,853	
Hackney Borough Council	3,718	5,738	5,451	3,791	5,432	5,611	
Halton Borough Council	2,887	904	942	2,883	1,189	1,476	
Hambleton District Council	366	201	194	405	238	312	
Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council	3,868	3,715	3,751	3,122	4,019	4,905	
Hampshire County Council	19,304	9,577	13,714	13,879	11,365	17,579	

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Harborough District Council	253	179	204	213	220	215	
Haringey Borough Council	6,010	4,400	4,699	5,603	4,757	6,356	
Harlow District Council	407	1,142	654	342	1,152	685	
Harrogate Borough Council	1,178	645	702	1,112	732	933	
Harrow Borough Council	4,885	3,557	3,343	5,044	4,253	4,628	
Hart District Council	182	198	185	179	241	203	
Hartlepool Borough Council	3,396	1,206	1,449	3,065	1,627	2,273	
Hastings Borough Council	507	624	458	391	669	520	
Havant Borough Council	339	416	335	320	429	341	
Havering Borough Council	4,804	4,339	2,665	5,512	4,821	3,495	
Herefordshire Council	3,062	1,619	1,772	3,338	2,438	2,474	16
Hertfordshire County Council	15,959	9,033	11,752	17,426	10,483	15,571	
Hertsmere Borough Council	273	425	370	276	455	393	
High Peak Borough Council	434	291	321	244	324	375	
Highland Council	9,090	4,101	4,484	8,399	4,924	5,881	
Hillingdon Borough Council	6,106	4,476	4,243	6,039	5,187	4,890	17
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	323	215	195	308	278	231	
Horsham District Council	480	449	306	428	504	365	
Hounslow Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Huntingdonshire District Council	702	431	450	707	485	600	
Hyndburn Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Inverclyde Council	2,635	743	479	2,301	1,028	628	
Ipswich Borough Council	1,200	950	692	982	1,037	1,012	
Isle of Anglesey Council	2,302	323	424	2,481	518	626	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Isle of Wight Council	4,466	2,150	2,698	4,196	2,666	3,872	
Isles of Scilly Council	96	41	49	144	50	86	
Islington Borough Council	4,088	4,565	4,134	4,495	4,790	5,245	
Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council	3,242	2,067	2,829	3,562	2,331	3,430	
Kent County Council	22,894	11,908	13,697	24,121	14,355	18,417	
Kettering Borough Council	445	426	225	415	474	286	
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council	537	621	408	524	647	490	
Hull City Council	8,093	4,366	4,852	7,757	5,226	6,548	
Kingston upon Thames Borough Council	2,984	2,261	2,118	3,095	2,618	2,680	
Kirklees Borough Council	13,226	6,192	6,331	12,669	8,587	8,659	
Knowsley Borough Council	4,463	2,698	1,849	3,893	3,136	2,703	
Lambeth Borough Council	4,255	4,975	5,638	4,609	5,016	6,451	
Lancashire County Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Lancaster City Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Larne Borough Council	156	93	47	166	105	62	
Leeds City Council	22,039	11,170	10,734	21,386	14,188	15,267	
Leicester City Council	9,793	2,590	4,267	9,612	3,482	5,969	
Leicestershire County Council	12,258	6,200	6,350	13,180	7,517	8,664	
Lewes District Council	399	365	308	397	430	345	
Lewisham Borough Council	6,147	5,908	5,362	6,206	6,327	6,939	
Lichfield District Council	458	306	373	431	343	425	
Limavady Borough Council	131	62	35	153	75	45	
Lincoln City Council	614	577	430	543	607	505	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Lincolnshire County Council	11,921	5,438	11,360	11,287	7,296	16,461	
Lisburn City Council	432	187	172	477	203	216	
Liverpool City Council	9,701	9,451	6,270	9,018	9,892	7,056	
Luton Borough Council	4,728	1,908	2,450	4,785	2,292	3,703	
Magherafelt District Council	139	70	37	143	74	57	
Maidstone Borough Council	469	559	512	431	590	541	
Maldon District Council	141	175	80	132	179	102	
Malvern Hills District Council	236	308	228	140	345	196	
Manchester City Council	14,857	11,570	8,743	13,779	12,121	10,903	
Mansfield District Council	435	612	322	388	637	377	
Medway Council	5,601	1,324	2,370	5,300	1,931	3,660	
Melton Borough Council	183	121	119	161	142	135	
Mendip District Council	214	181	201	181	210	230	
Merthyr Tydfil Council	1,812	472	605	1,643	645	1,017	
Merton Borough Council	3,106	2,599	2,576	2,902	2,953	3,213	
Mid Devon District Council	366	209	182	382	277	222	
Mid Suffolk District Council	296	299	247	295	335	259	
Mid Sussex District Council	403	377	377	318	417	421	
Middlesbrough Council	4,799	2,122	2,218	4,258	2,780	3,788	
Midlothian Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Milton Keynes Council	3,641	626	2,341	4,576	1,116	3,554	
Mole Valley District Council	369	377	272	249	409	305	
Monmouthshire Council	2,716	927	1,028	2,367	1,157	1,489	
Moray Council	2,015	548	797	2,970	867	1,372	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Moyle District Council	92	51	18	89	57	31	
Neath Port Talbot Council	5,871	1,986	1,800	5,464	2,445	3,046	
New Forest District Council	894	531	667	877	650	915	
Newark and Sherwood District Council	541	465	321	463	515	423	
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	9,026	6,788	3,682	8,296	7,822	5,318	
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	548	781	289	521	798	350	
Newham Borough Council	6,253	5,457	4,288	5,894	5,983	5,604	
Newport Council	4,443	1,771	2,013	4,046	2,248	2,826	
Newry and Mourne District Council	382	232	93	441	240	126	
Newtownabbey Borough Council	393	213	115	381	223	148	
Norfolk County Council	15,455	7,325	7,428	17,799	9,062	13,067	
North Ayrshire Council	4,390	981	686	4,283	1,513	988	
North Devon Council	370	260	218	391	326	262	
North Dorset District Council	242	162	128	177	175	186	
North Down Borough Council	368	237	119	394	257	160	
North East Derbyshire District Council	765	432	320	399	455	389	
North East Lincolnshire Council	4,715	1,018	2,264	3,509	1,509	3,780	
North Hertfordshire District Council	372	575	505	334	615	506	
North Kesteven District Council	349	233	224	378	249	285	
North Lanarkshire Council	9,576	1,972	2,086	9,656	2,904	2,609	
North Lincolnshire Council	5,416	1,052	2,269	5,293	1,685	3,953	
North Norfolk District Council	311	174	397	287	199	428	
North Somerset Council	4,293	1,505	2,000	4,015	1,350	2,824	
North Tyneside Borough Council	5,964	3,878	2,670	5,478	4,687	3,418	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
North Warwickshire Borough Council	353	189	197	345	224	237	
North West Leicestershire District Council	505	245	217	492	294	307	
North Yorkshire County Council	16,407	6,360	7,828	17,582	8,097	14,313	
Northampton Borough Council	1,189	1,454	754	1,041	1,554	912	
Northamptonshire County Council	12,447	5,096	5,959	12,047	6,586	10,165	
Northumberland County Council	6,927	3,853	3,578	6,720	6,500	6,276	
<i>Alnwick</i>	204	142	78	-	-	-	
<i>Berwick</i>	129	113	101	-	-	-	
<i>Blyth Valley</i>	442	471	207	-	-	-	
<i>Castle Morpeth</i>	249	214	190	-	-	-	
<i>Tynedale</i>	247	222	158	-	-	-	
<i>Wansbeck</i>	584	525	248	-	-	-	
Norwich City Council	773	1,829	808	731	1,823	906	
Nottingham City Council	8,873	3,271	5,468	8,398	4,347	7,838	
Nottinghamshire County Council	16,626	10,324	10,411	17,470	12,840	15,308	
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	816	580	500	670	739	570	
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	188	137	123	177	174	137	
Oldham Borough Council	6,945	4,007	3,370	6,196	4,640	4,687	
Omagh District Council	253	118	80	280	127	93	
Orkney Islands Council	1,504	434	426	1,469	529	615	
Oxford City Council	1,585	865	783	1,047	1,012	1,150	
Oxfordshire County Council	13,496	4,813	6,284	13,145	6,320	10,996	
Pembrokeshire Council	4,100	759	1,604	4,383	1,164	2,935	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Pendle Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Perth and Kinross Council	3,985	757	876	3,969	1,180	1,300	
Peterborough City Council	2,777	1,457	2,357	2,286	1,919	3,514	
Plymouth City Council	5,774	2,210	3,209	5,812	3,147	4,946	
Poole Borough Council	3,116	1,230	1,536	3,020	1,602	2,037	
Portsmouth City Council	4,704	2,222	2,956	5,061	2,718	4,122	
Powys Council	5,169	2,159	3,162	6,254	2,647	5,227	
Preston City Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Purbeck District Council	151	136	105	148	144	122	
Reading Borough Council	2,764	1,434	1,632	2,929	1,741	2,578	
Redbridge Borough Council	4,763	3,509	2,625	5,048	3,801	3,666	
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	4,756	1,930	1,318	4,306	2,458	2,892	
Redditch Borough Council	679	486	472	608	585	530	
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	449	670	407	411	702	433	
Renfrewshire Council	5,703	1,439	1,085	5,239	2,187	1,588	
Rhondda Cynon Taf Council	10,397	1,994	2,324	9,414	2,895	5,663	
Ribble Valley Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Richmond upon Thames Borough Council	2,614	2,047	2,343	2,571	2,631	3,120	
Richmondshire District Council	265	202	163	213	238	199	
Rochdale Borough Council	6,993	3,868	3,190	5,650	4,506	4,937	
Rochford District Council	170	231	123	159	246	138	
Rossendale Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Rother District Council	250	424	181	246	432	182	
Rotherham Borough Council	9,305	4,086	3,969	8,956	6,697	4,922	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Rugby Borough Council	457	312	282	409	372	356	
Runnymede Borough Council	409	349	300	388	410	321	
Rushcliffe Borough Council	401	372	375	280	412	450	
Rushmoor Borough Council	282	366	349	264	395	354	
Rutland County Council	636	224	385	727	316	598	
Ryedale District Council	263	233	131	239	278	169	
Salford City Council	6,369	4,446	3,512	5,920	4,978	4,807	
Sandwell Borough Council	8,582	5,593	5,178	8,633	6,197	6,518	
Scarborough Borough Council	826	862	581	674	925	654	
Scottish Borders Council	4,274	1,905	1,565	4,415	2,376	2,061	
Sedgemoor District Council	467	446	290	306	497	349	
Sefton Borough Council	8,606	4,013	2,966	7,030	4,527	5,197	
Selby District Council	327	271	246	248	325	299	
Sevenoaks District Council	380	408	328	356	429	362	
Sheffield City Council	12,476	8,100	9,366	12,511	10,364	10,461	
Shepway District Council	373	435	323	393	459	390	
Shetland Islands Council	2,778	643	664	2,738	803	993	
Shropshire Council	6,550	3,295	3,436	8,040	4,077	5,194	27
Slough Borough Council	1,780	904	1,308	2,016	1,122	1,909	
Solihull Borough Council	4,770	2,625	3,503	4,259	3,210	4,940	
Somerset County Council	11,511	4,170	6,071	12,373	5,511	9,687	
South Ayrshire Council	3,402	828	616	3,403	1,274	785	
South Bucks District Council	130	211	165	135	217	175	
South Cambridgeshire District Council	433	319	258	413	390	317	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
South Derbyshire District Council	327	219	184	275	232	243	
South Gloucestershire Council	5,891	1,670	2,700	6,079	1,816	4,001	
South Hams District Council	419	255	287	414	328	329	
South Holland District Council	374	303	242	238	324	277	
South Kesteven District Council	515	379	261	481	423	339	
South Lakeland District Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
South Lanarkshire Council	9,784	2,096	1,649	9,269	2,999	2,318	
South Norfolk District Council	364	279	244	373	322	313	
South Northamptonshire District Council	315	242	195	199	282	223	
South Oxfordshire District Council	276	427	304	227	456	355	
South Ribble Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
South Somerset District Council	630	401	415	546	445	483	
South Staffordshire District Council	273	253	245	258	251	284	
South Tyneside Borough Council	5,287	3,461	2,328	4,450	3,997	3,300	
Southampton City Council	5,078	1,776	3,602	5,754	2,315	4,678	
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	1,598	1,480	1,202	1,940	1,573	1,618	
Southwark Borough Council	6,387	4,746	5,707	6,396	5,176	6,713	
Spelthorne Borough Council	290	493	283	273	499	313	
St Albans City Council	410	518	394	357	566	418	
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	493	622	406	427	685	468	
St Helens Borough Council	5,059	2,706	2,353	5,162	3,086	3,233	
Stafford Borough Council	504	541	443	410	587	533	
Staffordshire County Council	19,531	9,881	14,303	18,725	12,508	19,463	
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	288	302	223	263	313	269	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Stevenage Borough Council	488	632	454	415	694	531	
Stirling Council	2,932	1,730	952	2,702	2,034	1,196	
Stockport Borough Council	6,550	3,706	4,331	6,242	4,325	6,037	
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	5,982	2,118	2,575	5,974	2,830	4,290	
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	9,379	3,536	4,630	7,724	4,944	7,317	
Strabane District Council	187	90	41	179	96	56	
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	325	223	271	277	261	315	
Stroud District Council	503	343	278	369	396	349	
Suffolk County Council	11,477	4,953	6,351	12,640	6,360	9,722	
Suffolk Coastal District Council	314	297	268	329	322	285	
Sunderland City Council	8,637	5,637	3,967	7,991	6,262	5,489	
Surrey County Council	15,709	8,285	11,436	19,864	9,976	19,118	
Surrey Heath Borough Council	248	348	222	227	376	250	
Sutton Borough Council	3,741	2,504	2,322	4,144	2,856	3,039	
Swale Borough Council	335	387	264	302	412	274	
Swansea Council	7,920	3,001	2,136	7,621	3,718	3,333	
Swindon Borough Council	5,606	1,908	2,781	4,822	2,593	4,496	
Tameside Borough Council	6,194	3,769	3,058	5,551	4,439	4,341	
Tamworth Borough Council	371	370	387	329	414	422	
Tandridge District Council	302	313	259	283	348	268	
Taunton Deane Borough Council	633	423	386	539	506	436	
Teignbridge District Council	504	304	303	496	390	385	
Telford and Wrekin Council	3,949	641	1,860	4,186	1,112	3,009	
Tendring District Council	493	580	293	479	603	370	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Test Valley Borough Council	458	352	328	418	410	406	
Tewkesbury Borough Council	267	179	185	248	209	240	
Thanet District Council	534	706	423	553	696	445	
Vale of Glamorgan Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Three Rivers District Council	340	344	278	265	379	277	
Thurrock Borough Council	1,953	1,000	1,128	2,116	1,105	1,900	
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	382	337	295	341	382	332	
Torbay Borough Council	2,153	1,462	1,664	2,127	1,821	2,068	
Torfaen Council	3,049	1,524	1,244	2,709	1,718	1,552	
Torridge District Council	252	168	157	246	225	211	
Tower Hamlets Borough Council	5,455	3,485	4,299	5,637	3,847	5,668	
Trafford Borough Council	4,776	3,105	2,817	4,737	3,618	3,714	
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	334	352	367	310	389	414	
Uttlesford District Council	305	236	158	251	265	211	
Vale of White Horse District Council	309	331	235	192	387	289	
Wakefield City Council	12,016	5,687	6,057	10,919	7,293	7,959	
Walsall Borough Council	7,770	4,863	3,802	7,402	5,488	5,610	
Waltham Forest Borough Council	6,546	5,399	3,075	6,510	5,901	3,747	
Wandsworth Borough Council	5,019	3,405	5,099	5,079	3,871	6,522	
Warrington Borough Council	4,769	1,432	1,131	4,854	1,892	2,286	
Warwick District Council	509	413	332	501	443	408	
Warwickshire County Council	9,556	3,637	4,959	10,417	4,667	7,692	
Watford Borough Council	525	754	517	377	767	557	
Waveney District Council	698	685	394	476	777	529	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Waverley Borough Council	422	472	356	361	573	371	
Wealden District Council	489	388	321	473	460	366	
Wellingborough Borough Council	364	369	205	268	407	257	
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	498	663	513	234	713	511	
West Berkshire Council	2,610	614	1,252	3,155	966	2,412	
West Devon Borough Council	127	96	68	127	120	75	
West Dorset District Council	411	360	243	450	387	320	
West Dunbartonshire Council	3,666	739	615	3,596	1,143	850	
West Lancashire Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
West Lindsey District Council	285	213	170	246	257	241	
West Lothian Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
West Oxfordshire District Council	322	252	212	241	300	250	
West Somerset District Council	122	140	85	91	146	99	
West Sussex County Council	13,264	6,254	7,744	13,195	7,773	10,632	
Westminster City Council	3,023	3,362	4,207	2,976	3,508	4,779	
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council	418	447	215	338	477	253	
Wigan Borough Council	9,190	4,914	3,142	7,824	5,578	5,973	
Wiltshire Council	19,313	8,848	12,333	19,456	11,343	17,883	
<i>West Wiltshire</i>	71	362	307	-	-	-	
<i>North Wiltshire</i>	94	327	265	-	-	-	
<i>Kenneth</i>	91	274	217	-	-	-	
<i>Salisbury</i>	127	445	332	-	-	-	
Winchester City Council	469	420	388	426	461	479	
Windsor and Maidenhead Council	2,488	816	1,474	2,797	1,124	2,451	

Council	2006-07			2010-11			Note
	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	Active members	Scheme pensioners	Deferred members	
Wirral Borough Council	9,311	5,403	3,472	8,976	6,277	4,880	
Woking Borough Council	448	480	402	474	567	454	
Wokingham Borough Council	2,096	647	1,230	2,597	959	1,946	
Wolverhampton City Council	7,981	5,508	4,999	7,265	6,287	6,166	
Worcester City Council	494	518	344	300	558	421	
Worcestershire County Council	8,650	4,381	4,123	10,129	5,359	6,016	
Worthing Borough Council	559	673	455	192	674	476	
Wrexham Council	4,095	779	1,135	4,533	1,250	1,866	
Wychavon District Council	311	367	209	209	375	233	
Wycombe District Council	518	654	560	496	730	654	
Wyre Borough Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Wyre Forest District Council	376	963	298	321	648	294	
City of York Council	4,898	1,484	2,356	4,797	2,044	3,900	
Totals:	1,449,864	770,766	781,830	1,428,933	909,632	1,082,407	

Table 3: Notes to table 2

Number	Note
1	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Cumbria County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
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4	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Lancashire County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
5	Cardiff City Council cannot provide figures for pensioners and deferred members for each body in the pension fund. To avoid distorting the totals, their active number has been omitted.
6	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Cumbria County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
7	Can only provide figures from the triennial assessment of the fund. To avoid distorting the totals, their partial response has been omitted.
8	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Cumbria County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
9	Croydon Council " does not separate out the Admitted and Scheduled bodies so these figures are for the whole Fund"
10	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Cumbria County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
11	Figures for 2006-07 are for all 7 legacy authorities that preceded Durham Council.
12	Can only provide figures from the triennial assessment of the fund. To avoid distorting the totals, their partial response has been omitted.
13	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Cumbria County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
14	Pensioners include some former members to whom Regulation 18 of the 2007 Benefit Regulations (flexible retirees) applies
15	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Lancashire County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
16	Pensioner's figures for 2010-11 include 5 flexible retirees in each year.
17	Membership is for the entire fund, not just Hillingdon Council's share. These figures were taken from their Pension Scheme Annual Report which does not distinguish between bodies on the scheme

Number	Note
18	Hounslow Council is unable to provide information for 2006-07 without "extra resource", so to avoid distorting the overall totals, these figures have been omitted.
19	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Lancashire County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
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27	Figures for 2006-07 relate to the legacy authority Shropshire County Council
28	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Cumbria County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
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30	Vale of Glamorgan Council employees are members of the pension scheme administered by Cardiff City Council. Cardiff City Council cannot provide figures for pensioners and deferred members for each body in the pension fund and only an overall total, these figures have therefore been excluded from the report.
31	Figures for 2006-07 were provided by Lancashire County Council which has full figures at each triennial assessment of the pension fund. Complete figures are not available for 2010-11. The 2006-07 figures have been left out to avoid distorting the overall totals
32	Can only provide figures from the triennial assessment of the fund. To avoid distorting the totals, their partial response has been omitted.
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