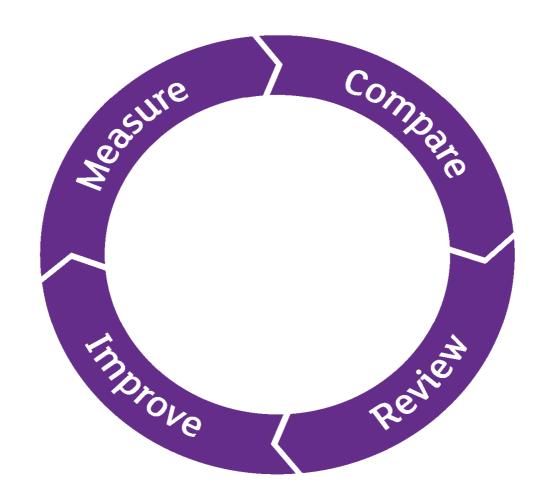


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2015 - Bath Final Report



PREFACE

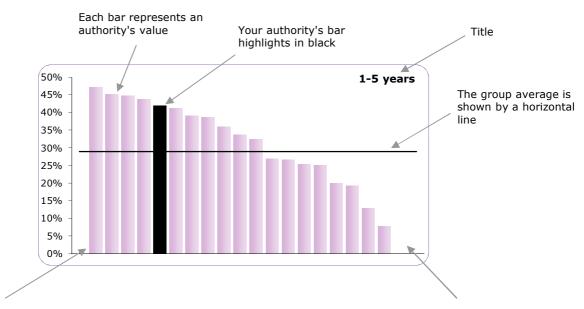
This report compares your data with the group of authorities specified on the title page.

Throughout the report your figures are shown in tables and in graphical form. If you are not familiar with our reports we hope this page will help you to better understand the way we present this data.

Averages: Almost all of our tables and charts compare your figure with a group average. The average is the unweighted mean value for the group. This average value ignores missing data, or data that we have excluded and for this reason sets of averages sometimes do not reconcile precisely.

Charts: We display a large amount of data on charts as this allows us to show the data for the entire group efficiently and gives far more information than a simple average (i.e. range of data, individual authority values etc.). Below we have annotated an example chart to help explain what they are showing.

Bar Charts: These are our standard method of displaying a full set of data



'Missing bars' on the left represent missing data or excluded data and are not included in calculating the average

Staff experience					
	FTE	%	Avg		
< 1 year	1.5	10%	9%		
1-5 years	6.5	42%	29%		
5-10 years	3.5	23%	21%		
> 10 yrs	4.0	26%	41%		
Total	15.5				

'Missing bars' on the right represent zero values and are included in the average

INTRODUCTION

This report compares your performance with the group of authorities specified on the title page. It is divided into the following sections.

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Section 1 - Summary 2015

This page provides a brief summary of the most salient aspects of the report.

Section 2 - Cost Measures

This section concentrates on cost/member ratios starting with total cost/member which is then broken down by staff costs, payroll costs, direct costs, overheads and income. Further analysis of direct costs and overheads is also provided in this section.

Section 3 - Workload Measures

The first measure of workload is the number of members in the scheme, which is shown along with a breakdown by class of membership. This is followed by an analysis of the number and type of LGPS employers.

Other workload measures include:

- · Joiners and leavers with a full analysis of the various types of retirements
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Number of quotations provided and actual events processed
- \cdot AVCs, ARCs and Added years
- · Appeals

Section 4 - Staff Related Measures

The measures included here are an analysis of staff numbers by pay band, sickness absence, pensions work experience, staff qualifications and staff turnover.

Section 5 - Industry Standard Performance Indicators

In this section we show how authorities perform against each of the LGPC performance indicators.

Section 6 - Comparison by Method of Service Delivery (final report only)

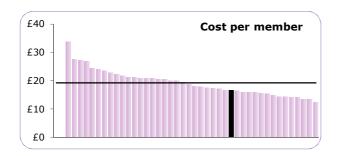
This shows members' costs and averages compared for in-house and externally managed pension schemes.

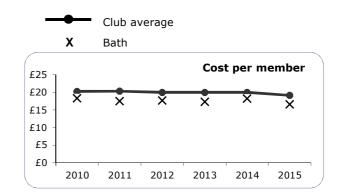
Section 7 -Timeseries (final report only)

This shows the individual members' performance over time compared to the club average for cost per member, which is analysed over staff cost and other costs.

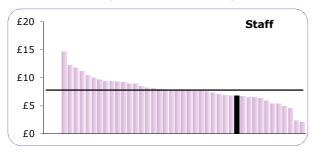
SECTION 1 - SUMMARY 2014/15

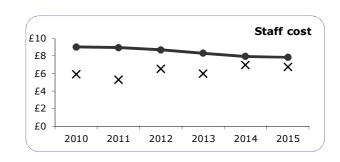
NET COST / MEMBER 2014/15



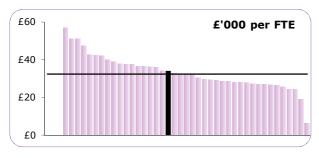


STAFF COST / MEMBER 2014/15

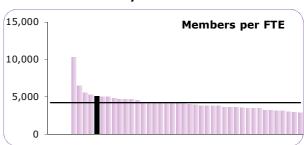




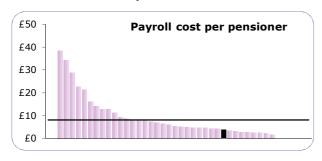
COST £'000 / FTE



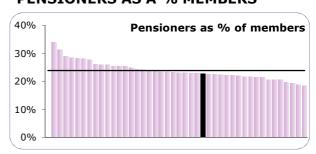
MEMBERS LGPS / ADMIN FTE



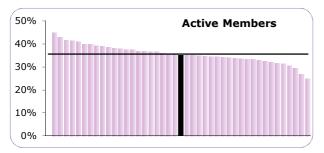
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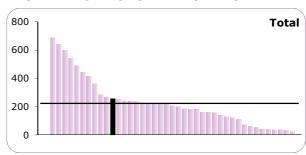
PENSIONERS AS A % MEMBERS



ACTIVES AS A % MEMBERS



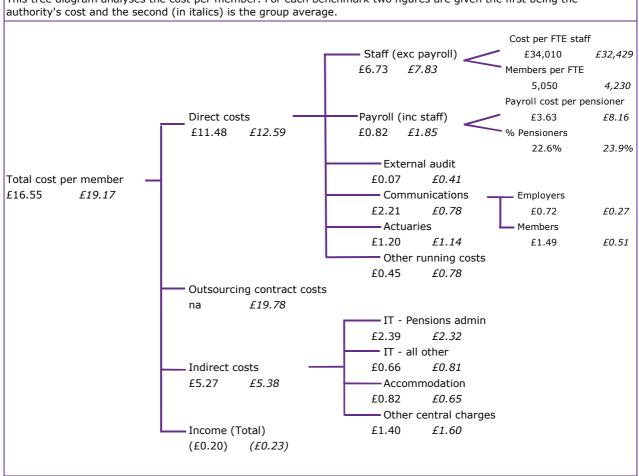
NUMBER OF LGPS EMPLOYERS



SECTION 2 - COST MEASURES

COST/MEMBER TREE 2014/15

This tree diagram analyses the cost per member. For each benchmark two figures are given the first being the



FTE staff	
Pension Section total	38.4
less	
IT staff	2.0
Payroll staff	3.0
Communications staff	2.0
Employing authority work	-
Work for other schemes	1.5
Other work	9.2
Admin of LGPS	20.7

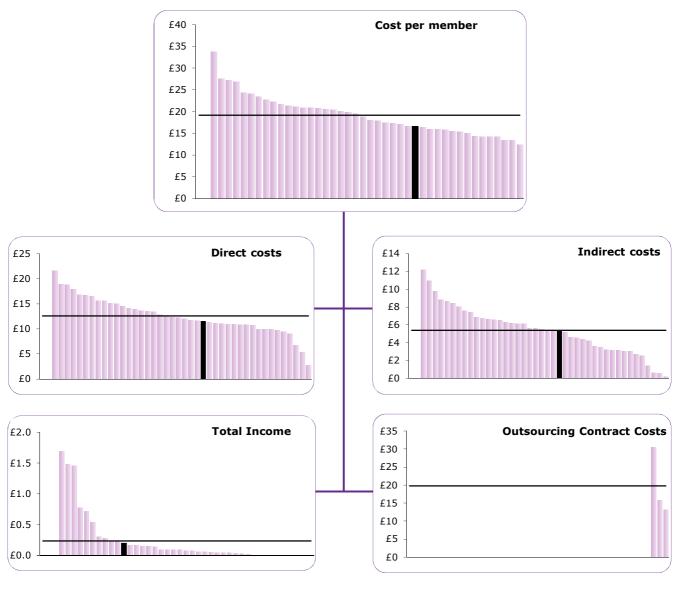
Net Costs £'000	
	£'000
Pension Section total	19,909
less	
Work for other schemes	-
Employing authority work	-
Other work	18,179
Admin of LGPS	1,730

Admin of LGPS costs		£ per	
	£'000	member	Avg
Staff - administration	704	6.73	7.83
Staff - payroll	44	0.42	0.36
Payroll	42	0.40	1.49
Communications (Total)	231	2.21	0.78
Actuaries	125	1.20	1.14
External audit	7	0.07	0.41
Other running costs	47	0.45	0.78
Total Direct Costs	1,200	11.48	12.59
Outsourcing costs	-	na	19.78
IT - Pensions admin	250	2.39	2.32
IT - All other	69	0.66	0.81
Accommodation	86	0.82	0.65
Other central charges	146	1.40	1.60
Total Indirect Costs	551	5.27	5.38
Gross Cost	1,751	16.75	19.39
Income - Members	(11)	(0.11)	(0.06)
Income - Employers	(10)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Income - Other	-	-	(0.06)
Total Income	(21)	(0.20)	(0.23)
Net Cost	1,730	16.55	19.1 <i>7</i>

Total Scheme Membership	104,532

^{*}Outsourcing Contract Costs average only includes those members who have outsourcing costs.

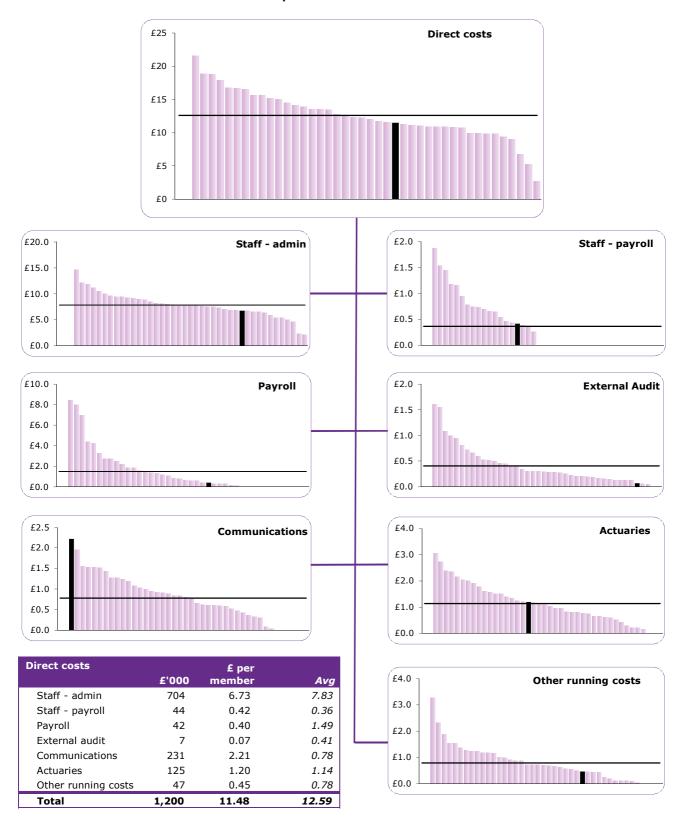
COST PER MEMBER 2014-15



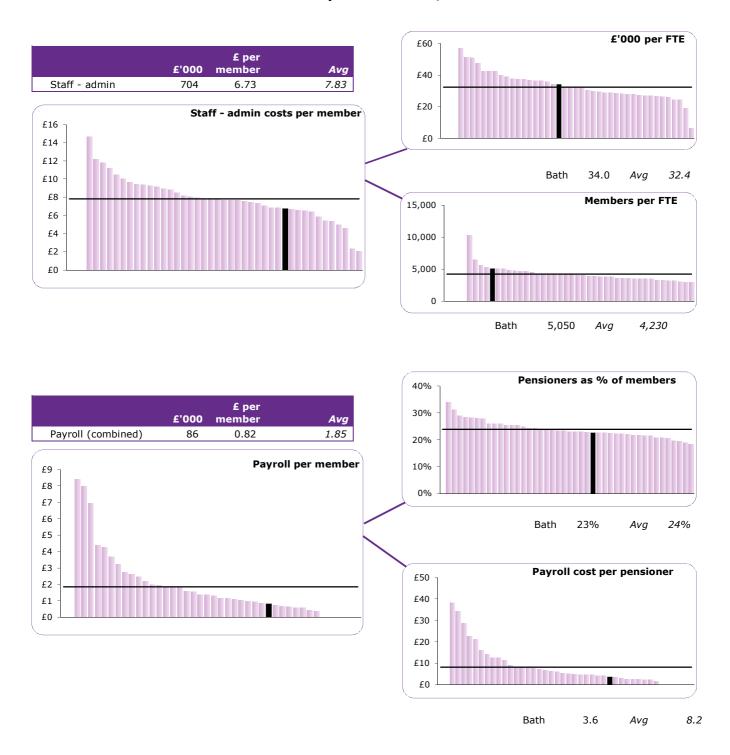
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COSTS PER MEMBER - Direct costs 2014/15

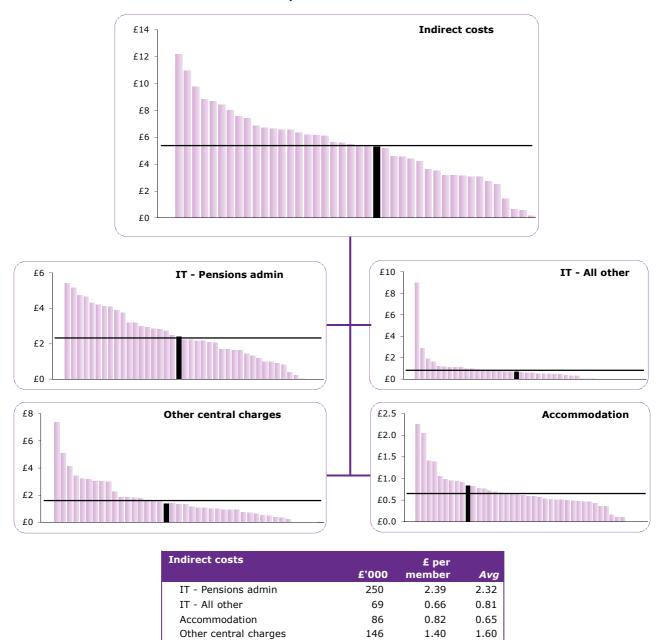


DIRECT COSTS PER MEMBER - Staff and Payroll costs 2014/15



COSTS PER MEMBER - Indirect costs 2014/15

Total

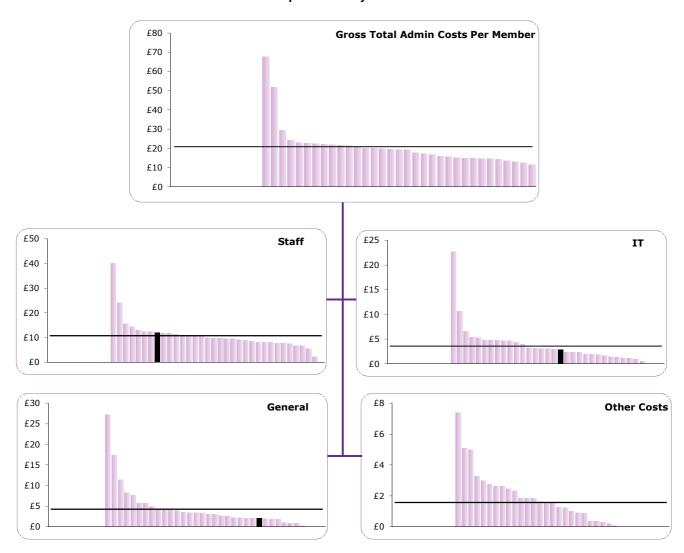


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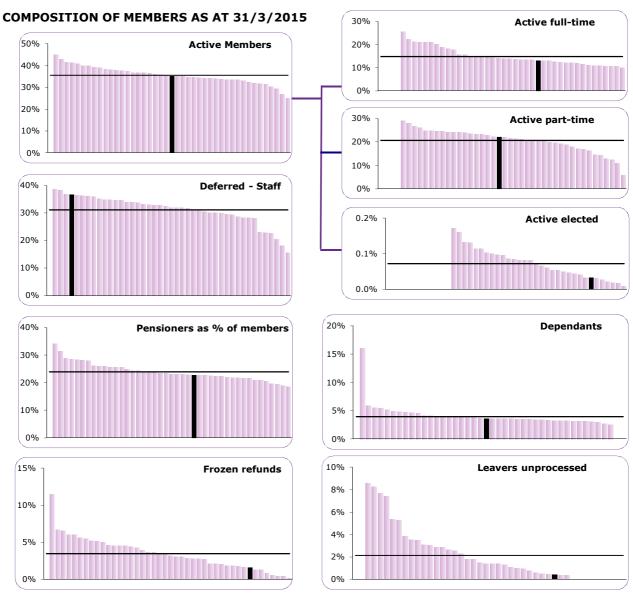
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COSTS PER MEMBER - LGPS Administration Expenses Analysis 2014/15



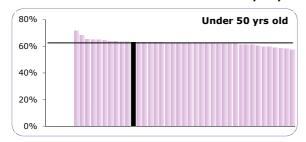
LGPS Administration Expenses		_	
EGF5 Autilities tration expenses	£'000	£ per member	Avg
Staff Costs	1,259	12.04	10.71
IT Costs	302	2.89	3.59
General Costs	212	2.03	4.25
Other Costs	17,598	>max	1.57
Gross LGPS Admin Exp.	19,371	>max	20.84
Gross LGPS Income	245	2.34	0.44
Net LGPS Admin Exp.	19,126	182.97	23.87

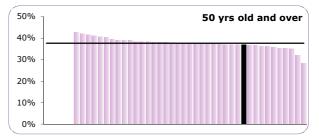
SECTION 3 - WORKLOAD MEASURES



Total	104,532		91,115	
Leavers unprocessed	429	0.4%	1,805	2.1%
Frozen refunds	1,673	1.6%	2,848	3.4%
Dependants	3,751	3.6%	3,629	3.9%
Pensioners	23,660	23%	22,128	23.9%
- Elected Members	81	0.1%	21	0.0%
- Staff	38,267	37%	27,618	31.19
Deferred:				
- sub-total	36,671	35%	33,067	35.5%
- no. of elected Members	34	0.03%	52	0.07%
- part-time	23,107	22%	17,862	20.7%
- full-time	13,530	13%	15,569	14.89
Active:				
	No.	%	Avg	Avg %

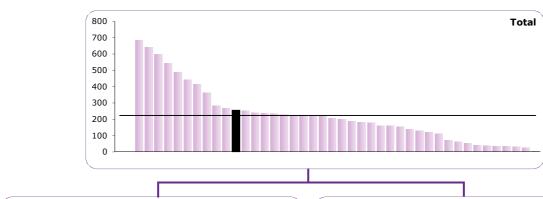
COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS AS AT 31/03/2015

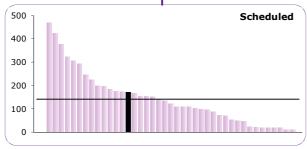


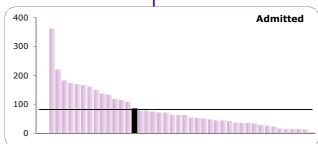


Composition of active members						
	No.	%	Avg			
Under 50 yrs old	23,147	63%	62%			
50 yrs old and over	13,524	37%	38%			

NUMBER OF LGPS EMPLOYERS AS AT 31/03/2015



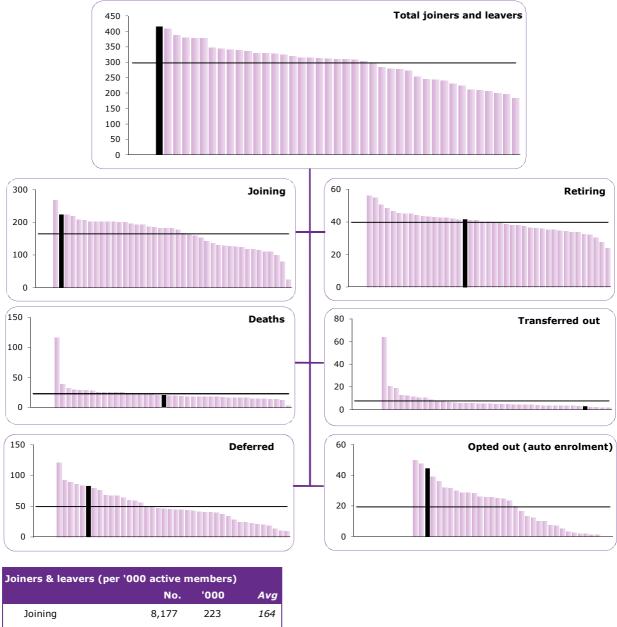




LGPS employers (31/3/15)						
	No.	Avg	of which:	No.	%	Avg
Scheduled	171	141	Local Authorities	4	2%	9%
Admitted	85	82	Transferee	41	48%	46%
Total	256	223				

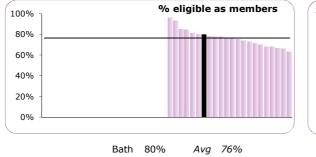
Employer change	s 2014/ 1	15				
	Appli	ed	Admitted		Leaving	
	No.	Avg	No.	Avg	No.	Avg
Scheduled	18	17	16	20	-	3
Admitted	6	9	3	9	8	4

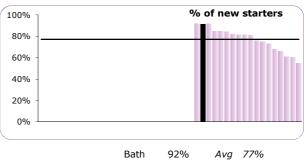
JOINERS & LEAVERS (per '000 active members)



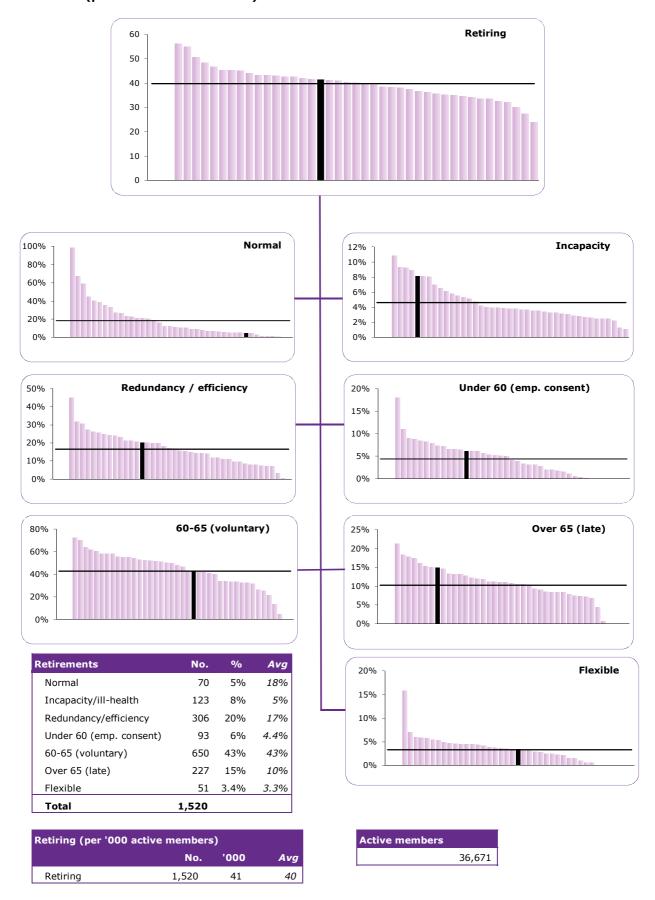
Joiners & leavers (per '000 active members)						
	No.	'000	Avg			
Joining	8,177	223	164			
Retiring	1,520	41	40			
Deaths	741	20	23			
Transferred out	97	3	8			
Deferred	3,029	83	50			
Opted out	1,635	45	19			
Total	15,199	414	298			

LGPS members as % eligible employees

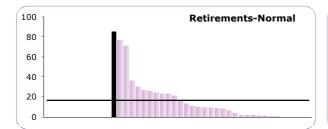


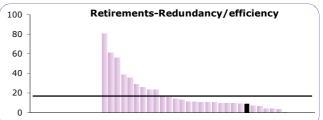


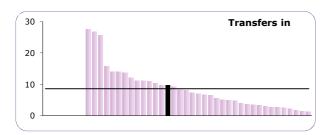
RETIRING (per '000 active members)

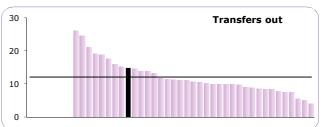


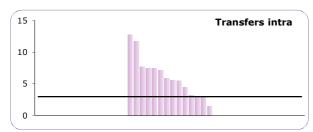
NUMBER OF QUOTATIONS PROVIDED (per '000 active members)

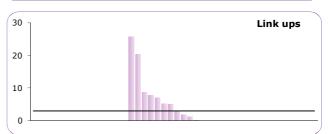


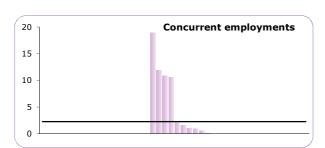


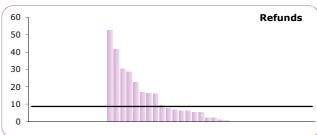




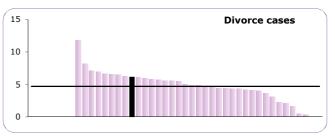






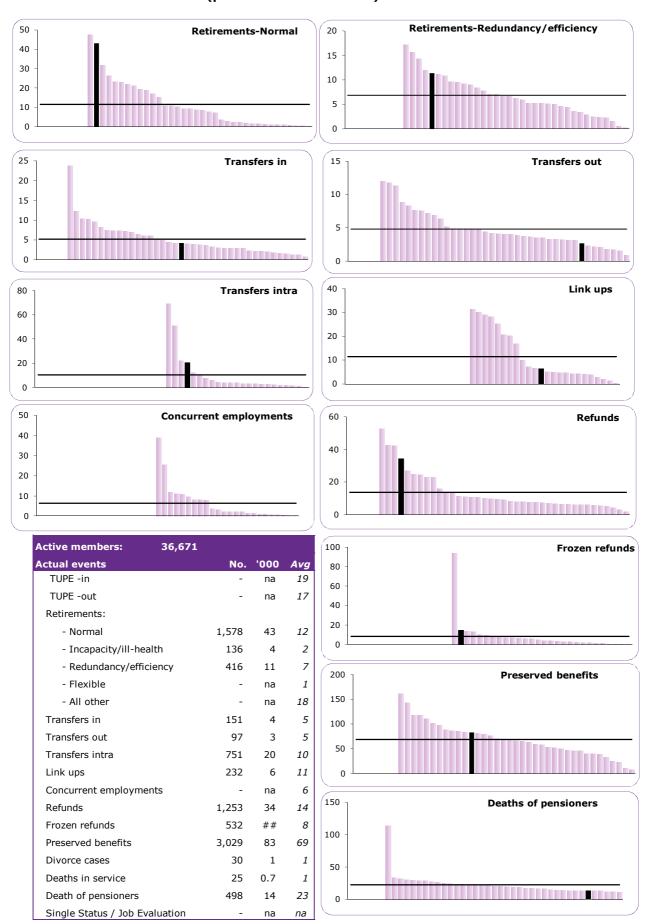


Active members: 36,671			
Quotations provided	No.	'000	Avg
TUPE -in	-	-	0
TUPE -out	-	-	0
Retirements:			
- Normal	3,123	85	17
- Incapacity/ill-health	108	3	2
- Redundancy/efficiency	328	9	17
- Flexible	-	-	1
- All other	-	-	22
Transfers in	357	10	9
Transfers out	541	15	12
Transfers intra	-	-	3
Link ups	-	-	3
Concurrent employments	-	-	2
Refunds	-	-	9
Divorce cases	225	6	5
Deaths in service	-	-	0
Deaths of pensioners	-	-	4

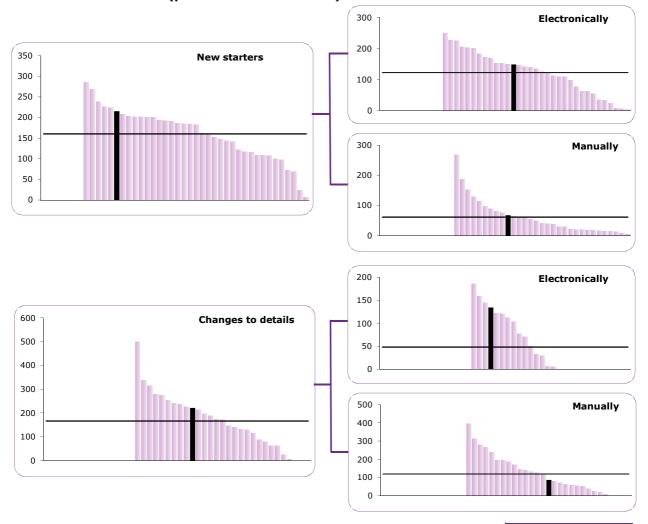


No of bulk transfers	No.	'000	Avg
TUPE -in		na	5
TUPE -out		na	4

NUMBER OF ACTUAL EVENTS (per '000 active members)

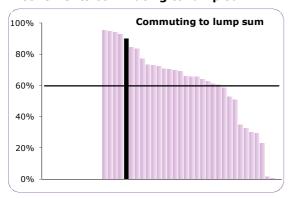


ACTUAL CALCULATIONS (per '000 active members)



RETIREMENTS

Retirements commuting to lump sum



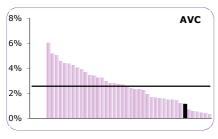
Retirements commuting lump sum					
Numbe	r % t	otal	Avg		
1,36	8 9	90%	60%		

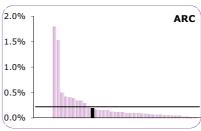
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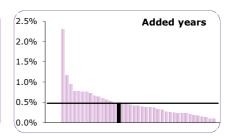
Actual calculations			
	No.	'000	Avg
New starters	7,866	215	160
- electronically	5,418	148	122
- manually	2,448	67	61
Changes to details	8,084	220	166
- electronically	4,910	134	48
- manually	3,174	87	119

AVCs, ARCs and Added years

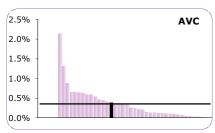
% Currently contributing

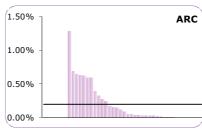


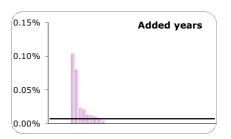




% New contributors this year



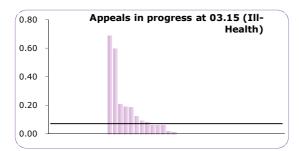


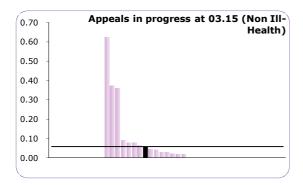


ontributors to AVCs and ARCS			
	No.	%	Avg
Currently contributing			
- AVC	422	1.15%	2.57%
- ARC	70	0.19%	0.22%
- Added years	179	0.49%	0.48%
Total	671	1.83%	2.97%
New contributors this year			
- AVC	141	0.38%	0.36%
- ARC	-	0.00%	0.20%
- Added years	-	0.00%	0.01%
Total	141	0.38%	0.49%

Active members	
36.6	71

APPEALS



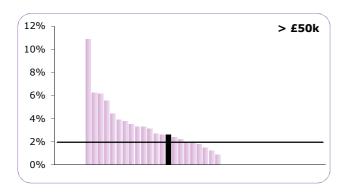


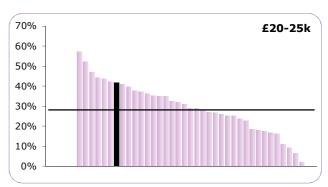
*Club total: This shows the total for all the Benchmarking Club members 2015

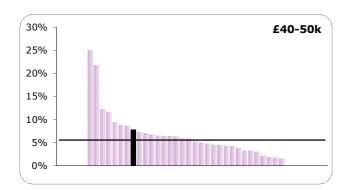
Number of appeals	No.	Per '000	Avg	Club*
		members		total
Ill-Health				
In progress at start of year	0	0.00	0.04	22
In progress at end of year	0	0.00	0.07	30
Non Ill-Health				
In progress at start of year	3	0.08	0.03	29
In progress at end of year	2	0.05	0.06	37
1st Stage				
Appeals in Progress - 03.14	2	0.05	0.04	25
New Appeals in Year	2	0.05	0.12	104
Appeals Withdrawn	0	0.00	0.00	3
Appeals Upheld	0	0.00	0.04	26
Appeals Not Upheld	4	0.11	0.06	68
Appeals in Progress - 03.15	0	0.00	0.05	33
2nd Stage				
Appeals in Progress - 03.14	0	0.00	0.01	14
New Appeals in Year	2	0.05	0.05	30
Appeals Withdrawn	0	0.00	0.00	-
Appeals Upheld	0	0.00	0.01	8
Appeals Not Upheld	2	0.05	0.02	34
Appeals in Progress - 03.15	0	0.00	0.01	(1)
Ombudsman Referrals				
Appeals in Progress - 03.14	1	0.03	0.01	8
New Appeals in Year	2	0.05	0.01	10
Appeals Withdrawn	0	0.00	0.00	-
Appeals Upheld	0	0.00	0.00	1
Appeals Not Upheld	1	0.03	0.01	10
Appeals in Progress - 03.15	2	0.05	0.00	6

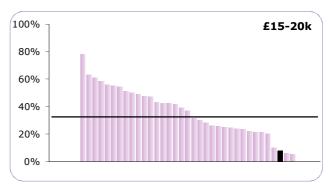
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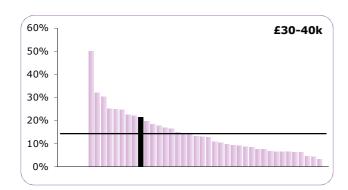
STAFF PAY

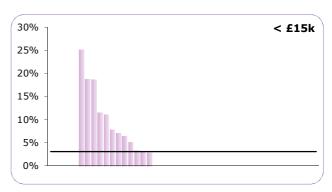


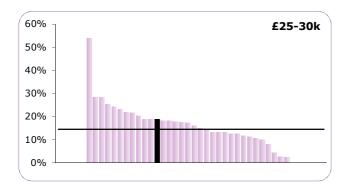






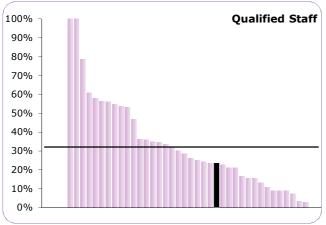


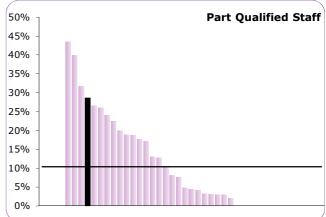




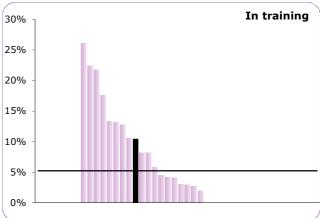
Staff pay			
	FTE	%	Avg
> £50k	1.0	3%	2%
£40-50k	3.0	8%	6%
£30-40k	8.2	21%	14%
£25-30k	7.2	19%	14%
£20-25k	16.0	42%	28%
£15-20k	3.0	8%	33%
< £15k	0.0	0%	3%
Total	38.4		

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS



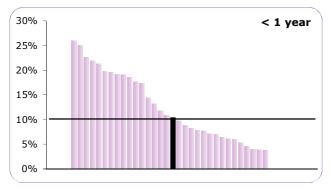


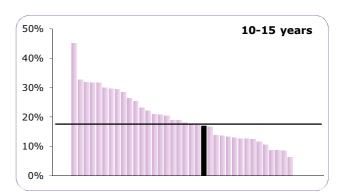


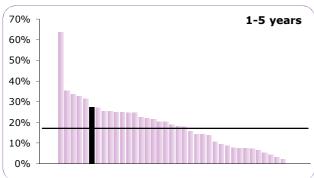


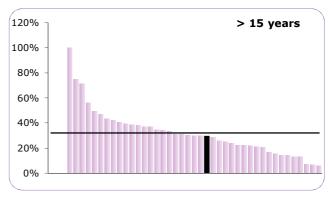
Staff qualifications			
	FTE	%	Avg
Qualified Staff	9.0	23%	32%
Part Qualified Staff	11.0	29%	10%
No Relevant Qualifications	18.4	48%	58%
Total	38.4		
Number in Training	4.0	10%	5%

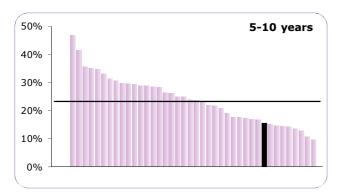
STAFF PENSIONS EXPERIENCE







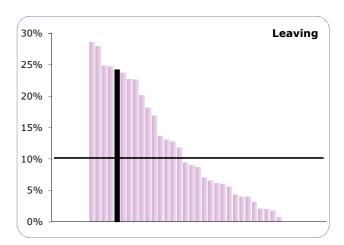




Staff experience	•		
	FTE	%	Avg
< 1 year	4.0	10%	10%
1-5 years	10.5	27%	17%
5-10 years	6.0	16%	23%
10-15 years	6.5	17%	18%
> 15 years	11.4	30%	32%
Total	38.4		

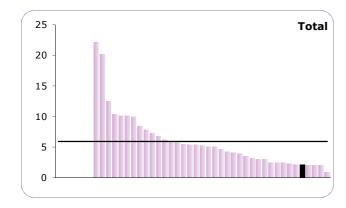
STAFF TURNOVER

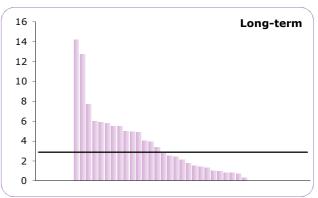




Staff Turnover	FTE	% change	Avg
Staff at 1/4/2013	43.7		
+ Staff joining Pension section	4.0	10.4%	10.8%
- Staff leaving Pension section	9.3	24.2%	10.2%
Staff at 31/3/2014	38.4	-12.1%	0.9%

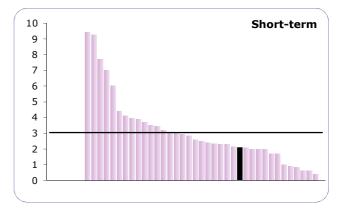
SICKNESS ABSENCE



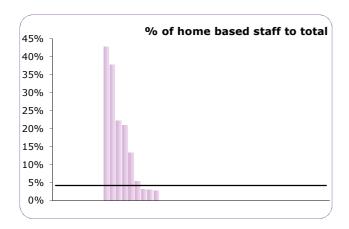


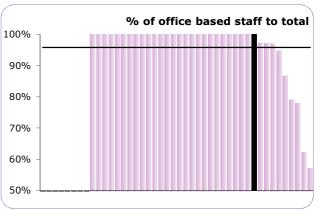
Sickness absence	Days/FTE	Avg
Long-term sickness	0.0	2.9
Short-term sickness	2.1	3.1
Total	2.1	5.9

Long-term sick (periods of sickness over 20 working days) Short-term sick (periods of sickness of 20 days or less)



STAFF LOCATION



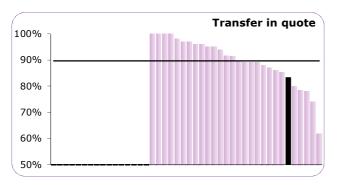


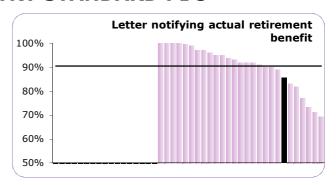
		% to total		
Staff location	FTE	Avg	FTE	Avg
Home based	0.0	0.9	0%	4%
Office based	38.4	32.5	100%	96%
Total	38.4			

Office Based: Staff members who spend >50% of their contracted time working in the office

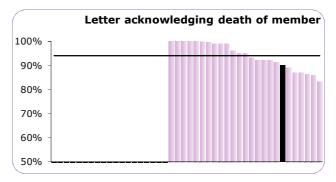
Home Based: Staff members who spend 50% of their contracted time working from home.

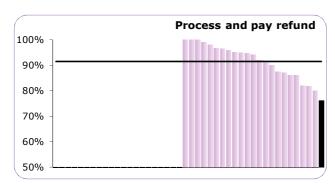
SECTION 5 - INDUSTRY STANDARD PI's

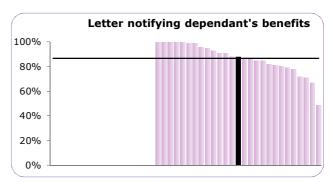


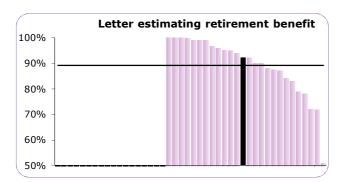


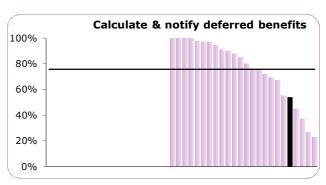












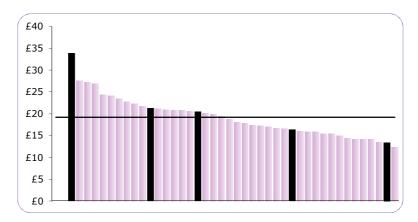
Industry Standard PI's	Target	Achieved	Avg
Letter detailing transfer in quote	10 days	83.3%	89.6%
Letter detailing transfer out quote	10 days	79.2%	88.3%
Process and pay refund	5 days	76.1%	91.5%
Letter notifying estimate of retirement benefit	10 days	92.2%	89.2%
Letter notifying actual retirement benefit	5 days	85.5%	90.5%
Process and pay lump sum retirement grant	5 days	83.0%	92.2%
Letter acknowledging death of member	5 days	90.0%	94.1%
Letter notifying amount of dependant's benefits	5 days	87.9%	86.7%
Calculate and notify deferred benefits	10 days	53.8%	75.8%

SECTION 6 - COMPARISON BY METHOD OF SERVICE DELIVERY

COMPARISON OF OUTSOURCED/IN-HOUSE MEMBERS

Total members with data:	45
Outsourced members:	5

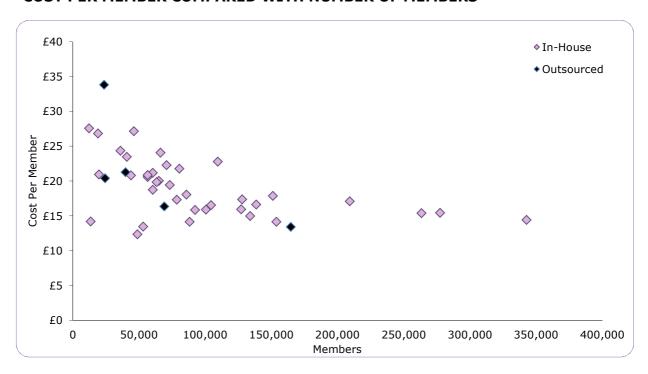
LGPS ADMIN COST PER MEMBER (INCLUDING PAYROLL)



Black bars show outsourced members

			Cost per
	Cost	Members	Member
Bath	£1,730	104,532	£16.55
Club average	£1,592	91,074	£19.17
Outsourced average	£1,098	64,384	£21.06
In-house average	£1,657	94,586	£18.91

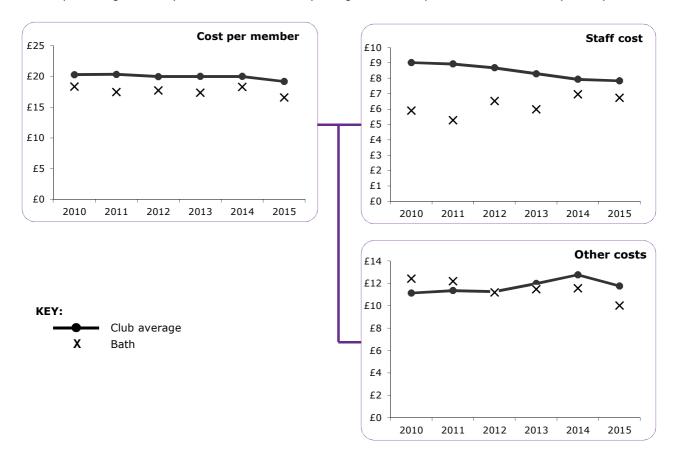
COST PER MEMBER COMPARED WITH NUMBER OF MEMBERS



SECTION 7 - TIMESERIES

The 2014 averages are the actual club averages.

For previous years, the averages shown here are scaled up or down from the 2014 figure based on the average rate of change in each year. This is calculated using data from members who supplied figures in consecutive years, otherwise the simple average in each year would be distorted by changes in the composition of the club from year to year.



Time series analys	is					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Members	82,832	85,417	88,182	91,851	99,209	104,532
Net cost (£'000)	1,518k	1,492k	1,562k	1,593k	1,813k	1,730k
Cost per member	£18.33	£17.47	£17.71	£17.34	£18.27	£16.55
Average	£20.26	£20.33	£19.96	£19.97	£19.98	£19.17
Staff cost	£5.90	£5.28	£6.52	£5.99	£6.97	£6.73
Average	£9.02	£8.94	£8.68	£8.30	£7.93	£7.83
Other costs	£12.42	£12.19	£11.19	£11.48	£11.57	£10.02
Average	£11.14	£11.36	£11.25	£11.98	£12.76	£11.75

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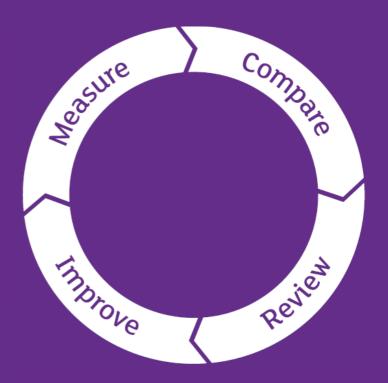
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