

Supplementary Auditor Information

The pension scheme's assets held with us are solely in the form of an insurance policy issued by The Equitable Life Assurance Society.

The grantee of the policy is the scheme trustees and the trustees hold the policy document. The Society is not a custodian of the assets or the scheme's investment manager and therefore AAF/01 (formerly FRAG 21/94) is not applicable.

According to the Society's records, we are not aware of any charge or lien on the policy. However, confirmation of this should be obtained from the trustees of the scheme in their capacity as grantee of the policy.

The Society is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and regulated by the PRA and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). As part of the annual returns made to our regulators, the directors of the Society certify that there are appropriate systems of control over the Society's transactions and records.

The Society's auditors also review the procedures undertaken by the directors to make this statement and certify that it was not unreasonable for them to make such a statement.

Statements in respect of the Society's internal controls procedures are included within the Corporate Governance section of the Society's published Annual Report and Accounts. The Society has no plans to make specific changes to its current procedures as a result of the Pension Regulator's Code of Practice number 9.

The Society's auditors are PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP.

A copy of the most recent Report and Accounts can be found on www.equitable.co.uk

Please direct any further questions, not covered by the above, in writing to the usual contact at:

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