



Employee Life Cover from B&CE

Annual Report and Non-Statutory Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustee Board

The following served as Trustee Directors of Building and Civil Engineering Benefits Scheme Trustee Limited (“the Trustee”) during the year, and up to the date of signing:



Alan Pickering, CBE
(appointed 1 April 2022)

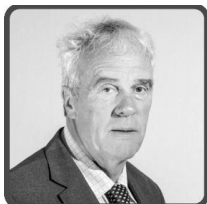
Independent Chair



Brian Phoenix

Employer representative

Nominated by National Federation of Builders



Bob Blackman MBE

Industry employee representative

Nominated by Unite the Union



Christopher Fagan

(appointed 20 May 2022)

Employer representative

Nominated by National Federation of Builders



Graham Dow

Industry employee representative

Nominated by GMB



Vaughan Hart

Employer representative

Nominated by Scottish Building Federation

Scheme information

Secretary

Lauren Ireland (appointed 16 June 2023)

Scheme administrator

People's Administration Services Limited (formerly B&CE Financial Services Limited)

Actuary

David Gardiner FIA, Aon Hewitt Limited

Independent auditor

KPMG LLP

Legal adviser

CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP

Investment adviser

Barnett Waddingham LLP

Investment manager

Legal & General Investment Management Limited

Banker

HSBC Bank plc

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There are written agreements in place between the Trustee and third parties listed above. There is no sponsoring employer for the Employee Life Cover from B&CE Scheme as it is a multi-employer scheme.

Trustee’s report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustee of Employee Life Cover from B&CE (“the Scheme”) presents its Annual Report and Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Scheme constitution and management

The Scheme provides death benefits for employees of employers in the construction industry and allied trades contributing to the Scheme. The Scheme is administered by People’s Administration Services Limited (“Scheme Administrator”), who charges the Scheme for its services.

The Scheme was established by a Trust Deed on 24 September 2010. The rules are set out in a schedule to the Trust Deed. Under the Trust Deed, the Trustee was appointed as the corporate trustee.

During the year B&CE Holdings Limited changed its name to People’s Partnership Holdings Limited (“PPHL”) and PPHL and its subsidiaries together are referred to as “the Group”.

Responsibility for setting the strategy and for managing the Scheme rests with the Trustee. The persons who acted as Trustee Directors of the Trustee during the year and up to the date of signing of the Annual Report and Non-Statutory Financial Statements are listed on page 1. The Trustee held four meetings during the year and the decisions were passed by a majority of the Trustee Directors who attended.

The Investment Committee of the Group was disbanded on 31 March 2022 and the responsibilities previously delegated to that Committee now belong to the Board from 1 April 2022 assisted by the Board of People’s Investments Limited, who have oversight of the People’s Partnership Investment Business Unit.

The Trustee Directors’ attendance at meetings of the Trustee Board is summarised below.

Trustee Director	Trustee Board 4 meetings (4 in total)
R Blackman	4
G Dow	4
C Fagan	4
V Hart	4
B Pheonix	4
A Pickering	4

The Trustee Directors are paid a fee and reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties as Directors of the Trustee. This cost is borne by PPHL.

Scheme constitution and management

The Trustee regularly reviews risks and conflicts to ensure that appropriate internal controls are in place and remain effective to support its governance arrangements.

The Trustee has appointed professional advisers and other organisations to support it in delivering the Scheme’s objectives. These advisers and organisations are listed on page 2. The Trustee has written agreements in place with each of them.

Financial developments and Non-Statutory Financial Statements

The Trustee has chosen to prepare the non-statutory financial statements included in this Annual Report in accordance with the principles of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and the guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice “Financial Reports of Pension Schemes (Revised 2018)” (SORP) (see note 2 to the non-statutory financial statements) and in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 3 to the non-statutory financial statements.

Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Membership and benefits

On 31 March 2023 there were 114,975 members (2022:114,135 restated) covered by the Scheme.

The Scheme only pays a discretionary lump sum payment if a member dies while covered by the Scheme. The Scheme can make a death benefit payment if an employee dies while actively working or following a period of unemployment or incapacity. The payment is doubled if the death is a result of an accident at or travelling to or from work.

The standard level of death benefit has been £40,000 since 1 January 2019. Some employers have double or triple levels of cover which multiplies the death benefit available.

Auditor

The incumbent auditor is deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

Actuarial review

The Actuary carries out regular reviews of the Scheme for the Trustee. Since the inception of the Scheme, contributions and investment income have generally exceeded claims however the value of claims paid has increased materially following the increase in the headline rate in January 2019 from £32,500 to £40,000. This increase in the claims value has been funded by surplus assets within the Scheme. During the financial year 2023/24 the Trustee Board will consider whether any changes need to be made to either the claims rate or contribution rate to manage the erosion of surplus assets going forward.

Employers' contributions

The employer contribution rate paid to the Scheme has been £1.38 per employee per week since 1 January 2019; £1.26 is allocated to securing death benefits and £0.12 covers administration costs.

Investments

Contributions to the Scheme are currently invested in a mixed investment fund and a Sterling liquidity fund managed by Legal & General Investment Management Limited ("LGIM"). The investment manager and their nominees have ownership and custody of the underlying investments.

The L&G Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares Trust produced a negative return (4.42%) versus a 2.29% benchmark over the year and 3.62% (benchmark 0.85%) annualised over the last 3 years. The returns have been impacted by the poor returns in both equity and credit markets over the period. The increase in inflation over the period has seen interest rates rising which has been particularly detrimental to the fixed interest holding of the fund which makes up two-thirds of the fund's assets.

The L&G Sterling Liquidity Fund returned 1.80% (2.25% benchmark) over the year and 0.64% (benchmark 0.81%) annualised over the last 3 years.

Employer-related investments

There were no employer-related investments (2022: nil) during the year or at the year-end.

Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Further information

Enquiries about the Scheme generally or about an individual's entitlement to a benefit should be made to the Trustee at the address shown on page 2.

Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities for the Non-Statutory Financial Statements

The non-statutory financial statements, which are to be prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*, are the responsibility of the Trustee. The Trustee has accepted responsibility to prepare and have an audit of the non-statutory financial statements for each Scheme year as stated in the Trust Deed and Rules dated 24 September 2010. In preparing those non-statutory financial statements, the Trustee intends that the non-statutory financial statements should:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Scheme during the scheme year and of the amount and disposition at the end of the Scheme year of the assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay benefits after the end of the Scheme year; and
- contain the information specified in the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Financial Reports of Pension Schemes'.

The Trustee has supervised the preparation of the non-statutory financial statements and has agreed suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making estimates and judgements on a reasonable and prudent basis. It has also accepted responsibility for:

- assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless it either intends to wind up the Scheme, or has no realistic alternative but to do so; and
- making available each year, commonly in the form of a Trustee's annual report, information about the Scheme, which it should ensure is fair and impartial.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping records of contributions received in respect of any active member of the Scheme and for monitoring that contributions are made to the Scheme in accordance with the trust deed and rules.

The Trustee is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of non-statutory financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and has a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to it to safeguard the assets of the Scheme and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Trustee on 3 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee Director

3 August 2023

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of Employee Life Cover from B&CE

Opinion

We have audited the non-statutory financial statements of the Employee Life Cover from B&CE ("the Scheme") Pension Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Fund Account and the Statement of Net Assets (Available for benefits) and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 3. These non-statutory financial statements have been prepared for the reasons set out in note 2 to the non-statutory financial statements.

In our opinion the non-statutory financial statements:

- show a true and fair view, of the financial transactions of the Scheme during the Scheme year ended 31 March 2023 and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the Scheme year; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and the terms of our engagement letter dated 14 October 2022. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Scheme in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The Trustee has prepared the non-statutory financial statements on the going concern basis as it does not intend to wind up the Scheme, and as it has concluded that the Scheme's financial position means that this is realistic. It has also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the non-statutory financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Trustee's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Scheme and analysed how those risks might affect the Scheme's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the non-statutory financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified and concur with the Trustee's assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Scheme will continue in operation.

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of the Employee Life Cover from B&CE (continued)

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud (“fraud risks”) we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of the Trustee as to the Scheme's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as enquiring whether it has knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud.
- Reading Trustee Board minutes.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that the Trustee (or its delegates including the Scheme administrator) may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because revenue in a pension scheme relates to contributions receivable as paid under an agreed schedule or pre-determined by the Trustee; there are no subjective issues or judgements required.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted after the first draft of the non-statutory financial statements have been prepared and unusual journals to cash.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement related to compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the non-statutory financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the Trustee (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Scheme's regulatory and legal correspondence and discussed with the Trustee the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

As the Scheme is regulated by The Pensions Regulator, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the Scheme's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements and reading the minutes of Trustee meetings.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the non-statutory financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Scheme is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the non-statutory financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related pensions legislation) and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Scheme is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the non-statutory financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation, or the loss of the Scheme's registration. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: pensions legislation and data protection legislation, recognising the financial and regulated nature of the Scheme's activities and its legal form. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustee and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of the Employee Life Cover from B&CE (continued)

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the non-statutory financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the non-statutory financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information

The Trustee is responsible for the other information, which comprises the Trustee's Report. Our opinion on the non-statutory financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our non-statutory financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the non-statutory financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on this work we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

Trustee's responsibilities

As explained more fully in its statement set out on page 5, the Scheme Trustee is responsible for: supervising the preparation of non-statutory financial statements which show a true and fair view; such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of non-statutory financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it either intends to wind up the Scheme, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the non-statutory financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the non-statutory financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of the Employee Life Cover from B&CE (continued)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made to the Scheme's Trustee in accordance with the agreed terms of our engagement and solely in connection with the requirements of the trust deed. It has been released to the Trustee, on the basis that this report shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for the Trustee's own internal purposes) or in part, without our prior written consent.

This report was designed to meet the agreed requirements of the Scheme's Trustee determined by its needs at the time. This report should not therefore be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than the Scheme's Trustee for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than the Scheme's Trustee who obtains access to this report or a copy and chooses to rely on this report (or any part of it) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, KPMG LLP will accept no responsibility or liability in respect of our audit work, this report, or for any opinions we have formed, to any other party.

Gemma Broom
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
London
E14 5GL

7 August 2023

Fund account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £000	2022 £000
Contributions and benefits			
Employer contributions	4	8,731	8,721
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		8,731	8,721
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Benefits	5	(10,852)	(10,662)
Other payments	6	(54)	(48)
Administrative expenses	7	(716)	(725)
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		(11,622)	(11,435)
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Net withdrawals from dealings with members		(2,891)	(2,714)
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Net returns on investment			
Investment income	8	384	358
Decrease in market value of investments	9	(1,140)	(162)
Investment management rebate	10	17	23
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		(739)	219
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net decrease in the fund		(3,630)	(2,495)
Opening net assets		16,276	18,771
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Closing net assets		12,646	16,276
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The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these non-statutory financial statements.

Statement of net assets (available for benefits) as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £000	2022 £000
Investment assets			
Pooled investment vehicles	9	10,160	14,283
Cash	9	2,610	2,020
Total net investments		12,770	16,303
Current assets	15	1,500	1,741
Current liabilities	16	(1,624)	(1,768)
Net assets available for benefits		12,646	16,276

The non-statutory financial statements summarise the transactions of the Scheme and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustee. They do not take account of obligations to pay benefits which fall due after the end of the Scheme year.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these non-statutory financial statements.

These non-statutory financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 3 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee Director

03 August 2023

Notes to the Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

Employee Life Cover from B&CE (Scheme) is a death benefit only pension scheme established under English Law.

The Scheme provides death benefits for operatives employed under the Building and Civil Engineering National Working Rule Agreement. The address of the Scheme's registered office is Manor Royal, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 9QP.

The Scheme is a registered death benefit only pension scheme under Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004. This means that contributions by employers are normally eligible for tax relief, and income and capital gains earned by the Scheme receive preferential tax treatment.

2. Basis of preparation

These non-statutory financial statements have been prepared at the request of the Trustee in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRS 102), the guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Reports of Pension Schemes" (Revised 2018) (SORP) and the accounting policies set out in note 3. This is chosen as the most suitable accounting framework because the Scheme is a registered pension scheme as set out in note 1 above.

The Scheme is exempt from the requirement to prepare statutory accounts, but the Trustee has chosen to do so as stated in the Trust Deed and Rules dated 24 September 2010.

The non-statutory financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which the Trustee believe to be appropriate as it believes the Scheme has adequate resources to meet its obligations as they fall due for at least the next 12 months from the date of approval of these non-statutory financial statements.

In reaching this conclusion, the Trustee considered the funding position of the Scheme. It also considered the fact the Scheme has regular contributions and adequate liquidity to cover benefits as they arise without forced sale of assets that might be subject to adverse valuations.

This assessment gives the Trustee confidence to prepare the non-statutory financial statements on a going concern basis.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these non-statutory financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Currency

The Scheme's functional currency and presentational currency is pounds sterling (GBP).

Contributions

Employers' contributions to fund death benefits are collected by PPHL who then pay them over to the Scheme. The contributions are recognised on an accruals basis in accordance with schedules received from employers, based on the period to which the contributions relate.

Benefits

Lump sum death benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the date of notification to the Scheme.

Notes to the Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Administrative expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Investment income and expenditure

Interest on investments and deposit interest is accounted for on an accruals basis. Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sale proceeds. Transaction costs include costs charged directly to the Scheme such as fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees. Other investment management expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and shown separately within investment returns.

Valuation and classification of investments

Investment assets and liabilities are included in the non-statutory financial statements at fair value. Where separate bid and offer prices are available, the bid price is used for investment assets and the offer price for investment liabilities. Otherwise, the closing single price, single dealing price or most recent transaction price is used.

The method of determining fair value for the principal classes of investments is:

- Unitised pooled investment vehicles which are not traded on an active market but where the manager is able to demonstrate that they are priced daily, weekly or at each month end, and are actually traded on substantially all pricing days, are included at the last price provided by the manager at or before the year end.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the non-statutory financial statements requires the Trustee to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The Trustee confirms that no judgements have had a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4. Employer contributions	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Employer contributions		
Normal	8,731	8,721
5. Benefits	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Lump sum death benefits	10,852	10,662
6. Other payments	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Premiums on term insurance policies	54	48
7. Administrative expenses	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Scheme administrator fees	705	710
Audit fees	11	9
Legal and professional fees	-	6
	716	725

The Scheme Administrator charges for the costs of administration based on £0.12 per employee per week. The Scheme pays directly for other legal and professional fees.

Notes to the Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

8. Investment income					2023	2022
					£000	£000
Income from pooled investment vehicle					<u>384</u>	<u>358</u>
9. Reconciliation of net investments						
	Opening	Purchases	Sales	Change in		Closing
	Value at	at cost	proceeds	market value		Value at
	1 Apr 2022					31 Mar 2023
	£000	£000	£000	£000		£000
Pooled investment vehicle	14,283	17	(3,000)	(1,140)		10,160
	<u>14,283</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(1,140)</u>		<u>10,160</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	2,020					2,610
	<u>16,303</u>					<u>12,770</u>
10. Investment management expense rebates					2023	2022
					£000	£000
Fees rebated by investment managers					<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>

Notes to the Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

11. Fair value of investments

The fair value of investments has been determined using the following hierarchy:

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs (other than quoted prices) that are observable for the instrument, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Inputs are unobservable, i.e. for which market data is unavailable.

The Scheme's investment assets and liabilities have been included at fair value within these categories as follows:

Category	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	2023 Total £000
Investment assets			
Pooled investment vehicle	-	10,160	10,160
Cash and cash equivalents	2,610	-	2,610
Total investments	2,610	10,160	12,770

Analysis for the prior period end is as follows:

Category	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	2022 Total £000
Investment assets			
Pooled investment vehicle	-	14,283	14,283
Cash and cash equivalents	2,020	-	2,020
Total investments	2,020	14,283	16,303

12. Pooled investment vehicle

The company managing the pooled investment vehicle is registered in the United Kingdom. At the year-end the principle economic exposures of the Scheme's investments in pooled investment vehicles comprised:

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Bonds	6,685	8,213
Equities	2,753	4,399
Cash	722	1,671
	10,160	14,283

Notes to the Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

13. Investment risks

Types of risk relating to investments

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information for certain investment risks.

Credit risk: this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

- **Currency risk:** this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.
- **Interest rate risk:** this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.
- **Other price risk:** this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

Investment strategy

The investment objective of the Scheme is to maintain a portfolio of suitable assets of appropriate liquidity which will generate investment returns to meet, together with future contributions, the benefits of the Scheme payable under the Trust Deed and Rules as they fall due. The Trustee determines the investment strategy after taking advice from a professional investment adviser.

The Scheme has exposure to investment risk because of the investments it makes in following the investment strategy. The Trustee manages investment risks, including credit risk and market risk, within agreed risk limits which are set taking into account the Scheme's strategic investment objectives. These investment objectives and risk limits are implemented through the investment management agreements in place with the Scheme's investment manager and monitored by the Investment Committee and Trustee by regular reviews of the investment portfolio.

The following table summarises the extent to which the investments are affected by financial risks:

	Direct credit risk	Indirect credit risk	Indirect market risk			2023	2022
			Currency	Interest rate	Other price	£000	£000
Pooled investment vehicle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10,160	14,283
Cash and cash equivalents	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	2,610	2,020
Total net investment						12,770	16,303

Due to the nature of the pooled investment vehicles, there are no direct market risks. Further information on the Trustee's approach to risk management, credit and market risk is set out below.

Credit risk

The Scheme is subject to direct credit risk because it holds cash balances and invests in pooled investment vehicles. Cash is held within financial institutions which are at least investment grade credit rated.

Direct credit risk arising from pooled investment vehicles is mitigated by the underlying assets of the pooled arrangements being ring-fenced from the pooled manager and by the regulatory environment in which the pooled manager operates. The Trustee carries out due diligence checks on the appointment of new pooled investment managers and on an ongoing basis monitors any changes to the operating environment of the pooled investment manager. The pooled investment vehicles are unrated.

Notes to the Non-Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

13. Investment risks (continued)

The Scheme is also subject to indirect exposure to credit risk arising on the financial instruments held by the pooled investment vehicles.

Market risk: indirect currency risk

The Scheme is subject to indirect currency risk because the pooled investment vehicle invests in overseas markets (indirect exposure). The Scheme's liabilities are denominated in sterling and the majority of the assets in the pooled investment vehicles are denominated in currencies other than sterling. Although over the very long term the impact of this currency exposure on expected asset returns is expected to be neutral, it can lead to volatility in the short term. The Scheme seeks to mitigate this by investing in assets with a diversified portfolio of currencies.

Market risk: indirect interest rate risk

The Scheme is subject to indirect interest rate risk because some of its investments, through the pooled investment vehicles, are held in bonds and cash. Due to the pooled nature of the fixed interest holdings in the pooled investment vehicle there is a wide exposure to bonds with differing durations, credit ratings and yields. The pooled investment vehicle also includes index-linked bonds and globally diversified equity holdings which provide further protection from interest rate changes.

Market risk: other indirect price risk

Other indirect price risk arises in relation to the Scheme's holding in the pooled investment vehicles. The price risk is mitigated by the diversified nature of the pooled investment vehicles. The fund invests in a broad range of UK and overseas company shares, bonds, cash, and other assets including those whose return is linked to commodities and property. In addition, the asset allocation of the fund is dynamically managed with a focus on capital preservation and management of risk.

14. Concentration of investments

Investments accounting for more than 5% of the net assets of the Scheme were:

	2023 Value £000	%	2022 Value £000	%
L&G Mixed Investment 0-35% Fund	10,160	80.3	14,283	87.8
Cash and cash equivalents	2,610	20.6	2,020	12.4
	<u>12,770</u>	<u>100.9</u>	<u>16,303</u>	<u>100.2</u>

	2023 £000	2022 £000
15. Current assets		
Contributions due	1,116	1,049
Prepayments	8	9
Cash balances	376	683
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,741</u>

	2023 £000	2022 £000
16. Current liabilities		
Unpaid benefits	1,554	1,672
Accrued expenses / other creditors	12	39
Amounts owed to Scheme Administrator	58	57
	<u>1,624</u>	<u>1,768</u>

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17. Employer related investments

The Scheme holds no direct or indirect employer-related investments. This position is unchanged from the previous year.

18. Related party transactions

In the normal course of business, the following related party transactions occur:

- The Scheme reimburses the Building & Civil Engineering Benefits Scheme, a related party through a common corporate trustee, for amounts paid by the Building & Civil Engineering Benefits Scheme on its behalf. The amount outstanding at the year-end was £nil (2022: £nil).
- Trustee Directors' fees and expenses are paid by PPHL, a related party of the corporate Trustee of the Scheme by virtue of being part of the same corporate Group and totalled £37k for 2023 (2022: £25k). This cost is not recharged to the Scheme.
- Administration fees paid to the Scheme Administrator, a Group company which is part of the same corporate Group as the corporate Trustee (see note 7). The amounts outstanding at the year-end are disclosed in note 16.

19. Contingencies and commitments

In the opinion of the Trustee, the Scheme had no contingent liabilities (2022: nil) or commitments (2022: nil) at 31 March 2023.

20. Events after the reporting period

There were no events requiring disclosure or adjustment occurring after the end of the reporting period.

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