

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

The annual report and accounts for the Scheme for the period ended 31 March 2016, have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Pension Schemes Disclosure Regulations, and a summary of the contents is given below. If required, copies of the full report and accounts can be obtained on request to the Scheme Secretary.

Membership as at 31 March 2016 was as follows:-

Members on pension comprising:		<u>301</u>
Group A - Benevolent Allowances	214	
Retiring Allowances	12	
Group B - (Ex-Revenue) Metropolitan Terminals Ltd Retirement & Widows' Pension Scheme	10	
Group C - (Ex-Revenue) PLA Pension Fund Members in receipt of Special Increases	8	
Group D - Widows Pensions payable in respect of persons who were members of the PLA Pension Fund and who left between 6 April 1980 and 30 September 1980	<u>57</u>	
	301	
Members with deferred pensions at 31 March 2016	0	
	<u>301</u>	
	Total	<u>301</u>

At that date, pensions from the Scheme totalled £409,859 per annum. At 31 March 2016 net assets of the Scheme amounted to £2,537,000.

A triennial actuarial valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2013. Under section 222 of the Pensions Act 2004, every scheme is subject to the Statutory Funding Objective, which is to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover its technical provisions.

In accordance with the Statutory Funding Objective, as at 31 March 2013, the assets covered 58% of the Scheme's liabilities and the deficit was £2,154,000 (assets of £2,923,000 being less than liabilities of £5,077,000).

Following the valuation, the Trustees and the Authority put in place a Contribution Schedule with the aim of removing the deficit over the period to 31 January 2024. The Authority will contribute £215,000 per annum towards the deficit until 31 January 2024 in level monthly instalments of £17,917.

The next actuarial valuation of the Scheme is currently being undertaken as at 31 March 2016.

Pensions Increase

In accordance with the Rules of the Scheme, an increase of 3.00% in the allowances of members in Group A above was made with effect from 1 December 2015. The increase was also applied to deferred pensions.

Members in Group B received an increase of 3.00% with effect from 1 December 2015, whilst members in Group C received an increase of 1.2% with effect from 6 April 2015 and an increase of 3.00% payable from the Port of London Authority Pension Fund, with effect from 1 December 2015. This latter increase for members in Group C was offset against the payments being made, from the Scheme, to these persons. These increase percentages were applied to the total pensions received by the members from all of the Authority's pension schemes.

With effect from 1 December 2015 Members in Group D received an increase of 3.00% in accordance with the increase granted to the Port of London Authority Pension Fund members.

Data Protection Act 1998

The Trustees and the Employer both have a legal obligation and a legitimate interest to process data relating to members for the purpose of administering and operating the Scheme and paying benefits under it. This may include passing on data about members to the Scheme's actuary, auditor, administrator and such other third parties as may be necessary for the administration and operation of the Scheme.

The Trustees and the Employer are both regarded as 'Data Controllers' (for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998) in relation to data processing referred to above and can be contacted at the address shown below:

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