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# Actuarial Statement

As required by Regulation 77 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of Kent County Council Pension Fund ("the Fund") was carried out as at 31 March 2007.

**Security of Prospective Rights**

In my opinion, the resources of the Fund are likely in the normal course of events to meet the liabilities of the Fund as required by the Regulations. In giving this opinion, I have assumed that the following amounts will be paid to the Fund:

- Contributions by the members in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, then in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007; and
- Contributions by employers in accordance with the Rates and Adjustments Certificate dated 31 March 2005 for the year ending 31 March 2008. Thereafter, for the three years commencing 1 April 2008, as specified in our Rates and Adjustments certificate dated 27 March 2008.

**Summary of Methods and Assumptions Used**

Full details of the method and assumptions are described in our valuation report dated 27 March 2008 and the assumptions contained therein.

Copies of these documents are available on request from Kent County Council, administering authority to the Fund.

My opinion on the security of the prospective rights is based on:

- the projected unit valuation method where there is an expectation that new employees will be allowed to join an employer; or
- the attained age valuation method for employers who were closed to new entrants.

These methods assess the cost of benefits accruing to existing members during:

- the year following the valuation; or
- the remaining working lifetime, respectively

allowing for future salary increases. The resulting contribution rate is adjusted to allow for any difference in the value of accrued liabilities and the market value of assets.

Since I have taken assets into account at their market value, it is appropriate for me to take my lead from the market when setting the financial assumptions used to value the ongoing liabilities. This ensures the compatibility of the asset and liability valuation bases.

The key financial assumptions adopted for this valuation are as follows:

| Financial Assumptions | March 2007 | |
|---|---|---|
| | % p.a. Nominal | % p.a. Real |
| Discount Rate | 6.1% | 2.8% |
| Pay Increases | 4.7% | 1.5% |
| Price Inflation / Pension Increases | 3.2% | - |

The 2007 valuation revealed that the Fund's assets, which at 31 March 2007 were valued at £2,573 million, were sufficient to meet approximately 73% of the liabilities accrued up to that date.

Individual employers' contributions have been set in accordance with the Fund's Funding Strategy Statement. The deficits for each individual employer are being spread over a period up to a maximum of 20 years. Any rise in contribution rates from 31 March 2008 are being phased in over a period up to 6 years.

The next valuation of the Fund will be carried out as at 31 March 2010.

My opinion on the security of prospective rights is dependent upon any increased contribution requirements being met by the employers. This statement should be read in the context of the statutory nature of the scheme.

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For and on behalf of Hymans Robertson LLP