

By: Corporate Director of Finance
To: Pensions Board – 27 October 2017
Subject: **Fund Employer Matters**
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Summary: To report on information on employers for the period to 30 June 2017.

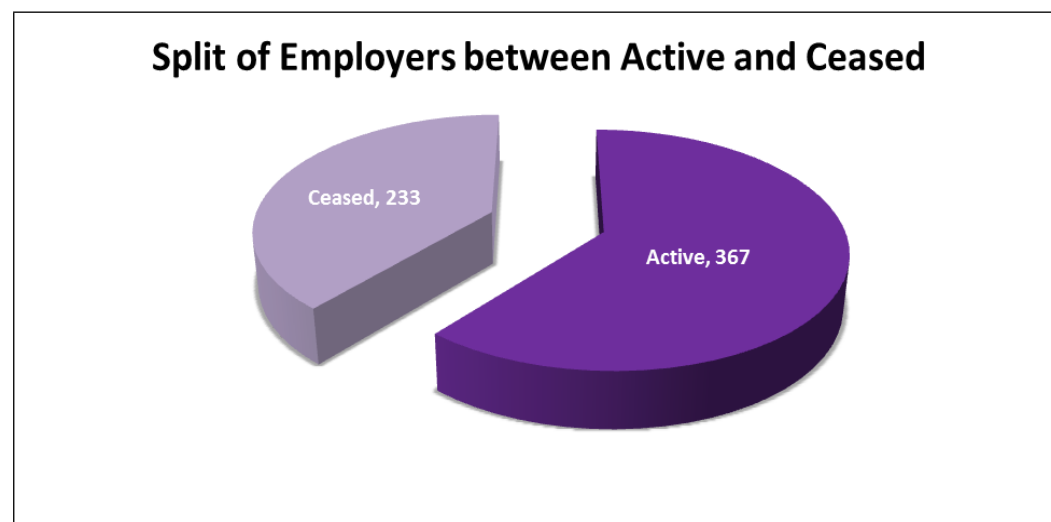
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INTRODUCTION

1. This report sets out information on a number of employer related matters including details of the employers as at 30 June, matters relating to admission bodies since the Board last met in July 2017 and an appeal to the Pensions Ombudsman.

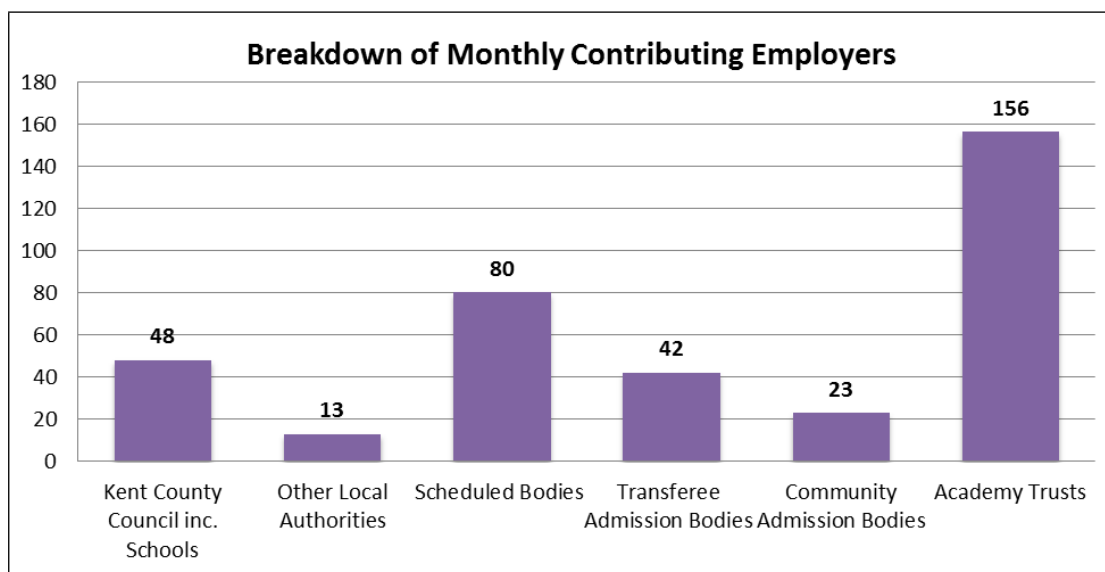
EMPLOYERS IN THE FUND AT 30 JUNE 2017

2. There are currently a total of 600 employers in the Kent Pension Fund.



3. During the 3 months to the end of June 2017 the number of Active employers who are regularly paying contributions has increased from 359 to 367 as the result of 11 new employers joining the Fund, being 2 parish councils, 1 resolution body, 3 Kent schools changing payroll providers and 5 new academy trusts. The number of Ceased employers has increased from 230 to 233. These no longer have active contributing members in the LGPS and the Fund has an existing or future liability to pay pensions.

4. The following chart shows the Employers from whom the Fund receives monthly contributions, by Employer Group.



5. The following is a list of new Active / Ceased employers in the Kent Pension Fund

Active Employers	Effective date
<i>Scheduled Bodies</i>	
Walmer Parish Council	1 April
Barham Parish Council	1 April
Invicta Law Ltd	1 June
<i>Kent County Council Incl Schools (Change of Payroll Provider)</i>	
Dover Grammar School	1 April
Holmesdale School	1 April
The Malling School	1 April
<i>Academy Trusts</i>	
The Areté Trust	1 June
Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust	1 April
Barnsole Primary Trust	1 May
The Inspiring Change Multi Academy Trust	1 June
Endeavour Academy Trust	1 April

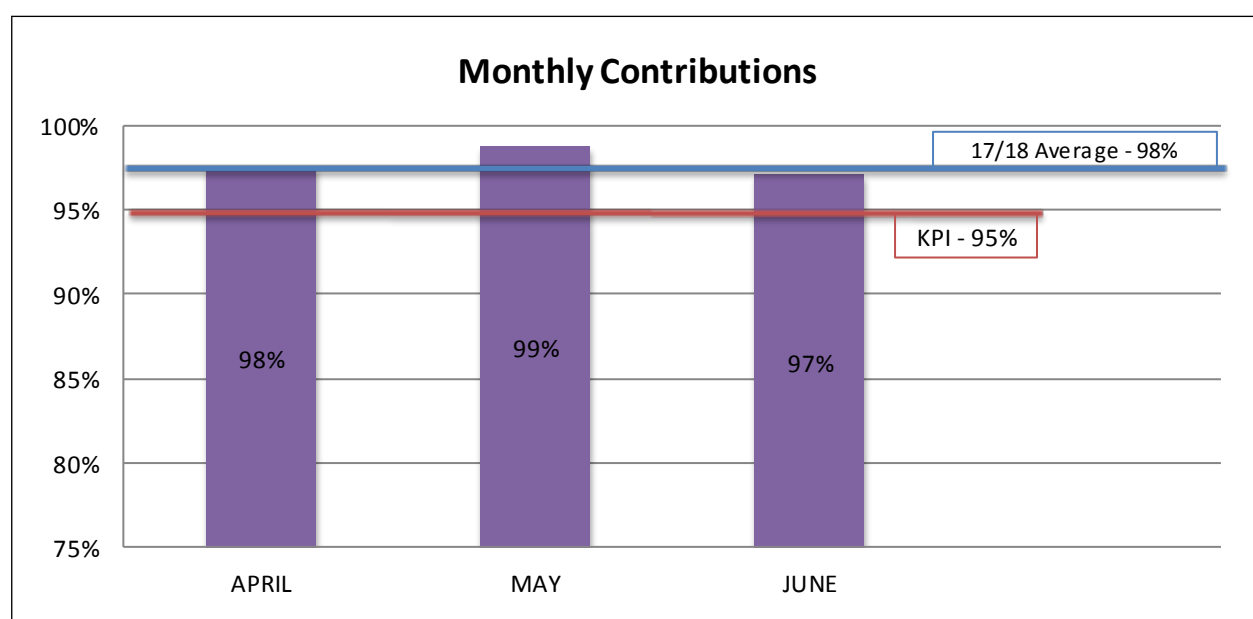
Ceased Employers	Effective date
<i>Community Admission Body</i>	
Kent College Pembury	1 April
<i>Academy joined a Multi-Academy Trust</i>	
Wilmington Boys School Academy	1 April
Wilmington Girls School Academy	1 April

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYERS QUARTER 1 2017-18

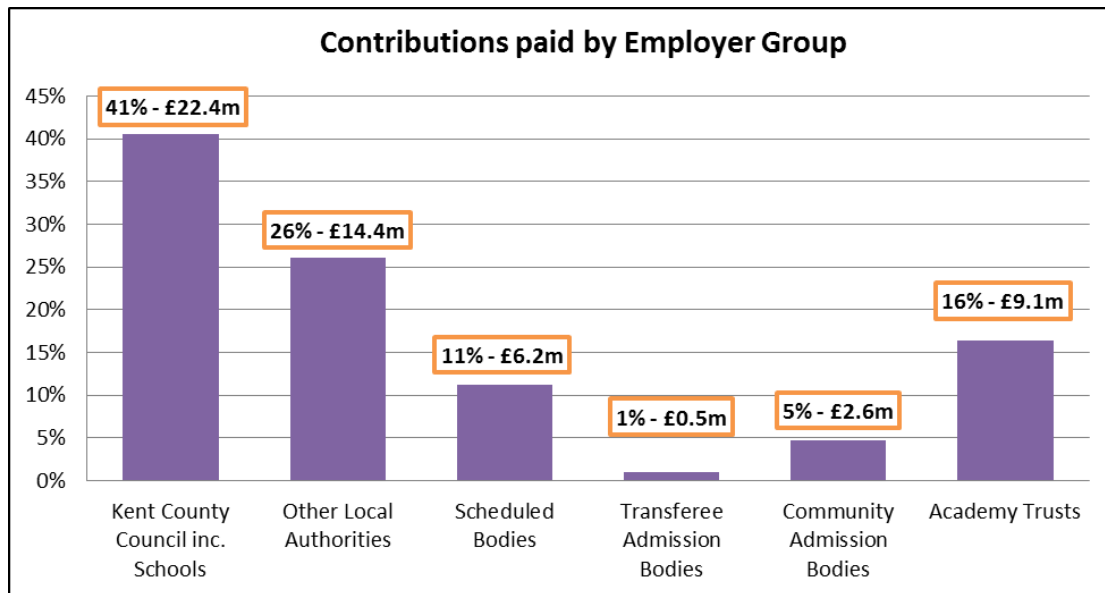
6. In quarter 1 2017-18 the Fund received £55.3m from Employers in respect of their monthly contributions (employer and employee) as follows:

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	£	£	£
Received Early	9,229,792	9,567,508	9,329,874
Cash on 19th	8,995,087	8,485,886	8,456,378
Received Late	451,570	217,665	533,514
Total	18,676,449	18,271,059	18,319,766

7. KCC monitors the timing of receipt of these contributions compared to a KPI of 95%. During quarter 1 2017-18 the KPI has been exceeded each month with an average 98% of all contributions being received on or before the due date.



8. The following table shows that KCC and other local authorities have paid £36.8m, 67% of all contributions received from employers.



EMPLOYER RELATED MATTERS

9. The following admissions were agreed by the Superannuation Fund Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2017.
- i) Solo Services Group Limited
 - ii) Pabulum Limited

PENSION OMBUDSMAN APPEAL

10. At their meet on 4 July the Board was advised that an LGPS member had submitted a complaint to the Pensions Ombudsman in relation to the transfer of staff from Fort Pitt Robert Napier Academy to Compass Contract Services (UK) Limited. KCC officers have had some dialogue with the academy and the Ombudsman but the final decision on this complaint is still outstanding.
11. Another LGPS member who was transferred from the academy has made an appeal via the internal dispute resolution procedure (IDRP).

RECOMMENDATION

12. The Board is asked to note this employer report

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