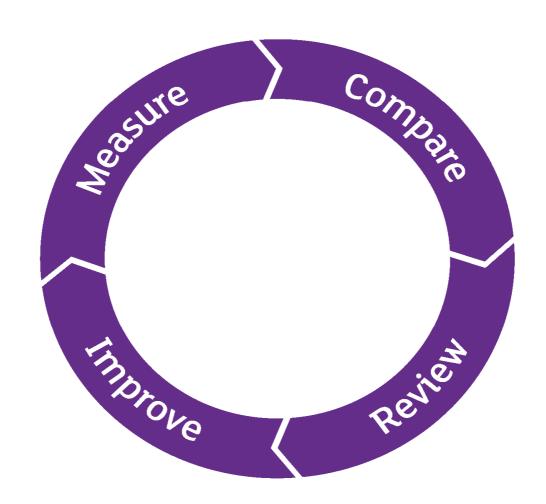


**Information Services** 

# pensions administration benchmarking club

2016 - East Sussex Final Report



## **PREFACE**

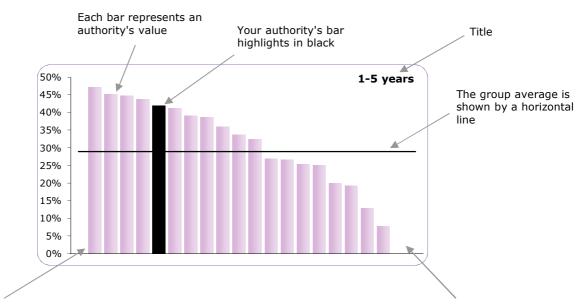
This report compares your data with the group of authorities specified on the title page.

Throughout the report your figures are shown in tables and in graphical form. If you are not familiar with our reports we hope this page will help you to better understand the way we present this data.

**Averages:** Almost all of our tables and charts compare your figure with a group average. The average is the unweighted mean value for the group. This average value ignores missing data, or data that we have excluded and for this reason sets of averages sometimes do not reconcile precisely.

**Charts:** We display a large amount of data on charts as this allows us to show the data for the entire group efficiently and gives far more information than a simple average (i.e. range of data, individual authority values etc.). Below we have annotated an example chart to help explain what they are showing.

#### Bar Charts: These are our standard method of displaying a full set of data



'Missing bars' on the left represent missing data or excluded data and are not included in calculating the average

Staff experience					
	FTE	%	Avg		
< 1 year	1.5	10%	9%		
1-5 years	6.5	42%	29%		
5-10 years	3.5	23%	21%		
> 10 yrs	4.0	26%	41%		
Total	15.5				

'Missing bars' on the right represent zero values and are included in the average

#### INTRODUCTION

This report compares your performance with the group of authorities specified on the title page. It is divided into the following sections.

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#### Section 1 - Summary 2016

This page provides a brief summary of the most salient aspects of the report.

#### **Section 2 - Cost Measures**

This section concentrates on cost/member ratios starting with total cost/member which is then broken down by staff costs, payroll costs, direct costs, overheads and income. Further analysis of direct costs and overheads is also provided in this section.

#### Section 3 - Workload Measures

The first measure of workload is the number of members in the scheme, which is shown along with a breakdown by class of membership. This is followed by an analysis of the number and type of LGPS employers.

Other workload measures include:

- $\cdot$  Joiners and leavers with a full analysis of the various types of retirements
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Number of quotations provided and actual events processed
- $\cdot$  AVCs, ARCs and Added years
- · Appeals

#### **Section 4 - Staff Related Measures**

The measures included here are an analysis of staff numbers by pay band, sickness absence, pensions work experience, staff qualifications and staff turnover.

#### **Section 5 - Industry Standard Performance Indicators**

In this section we show how authorities perform against each of the LGPC performance indicators.

#### Section 6 - Comparison by Method of Service Delivery (final report only)

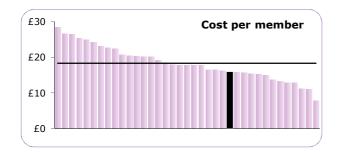
This shows members' costs and averages compared for in-house and externally managed pension schemes.

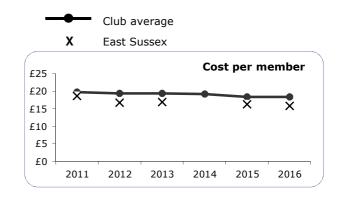
#### Section 7 -Timeseries (final report only)

This shows the individual members' performance over time compared to the club average for cost per member, which is analysed over staff cost and other costs.

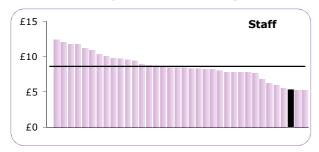
# SECTION 1 - SUMMARY 2015/16

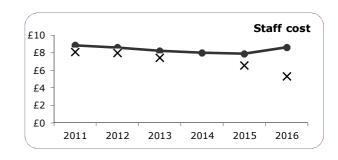
#### NET COST / MEMBER 2015/16



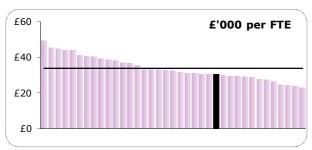


## STAFF COST / MEMBER 2015/16

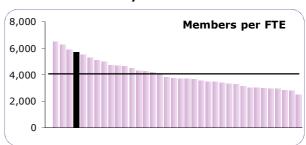




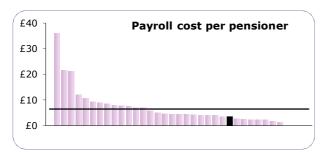
# COST £'000 / FTE



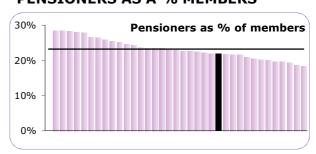
#### **MEMBERS LGPS / ADMIN FTE**



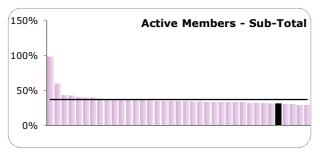
#### **PAYROLL COST / PENSIONER**



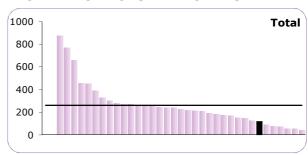
# **PENSIONERS AS A % MEMBERS**



#### **ACTIVES AS A % MEMBERS**



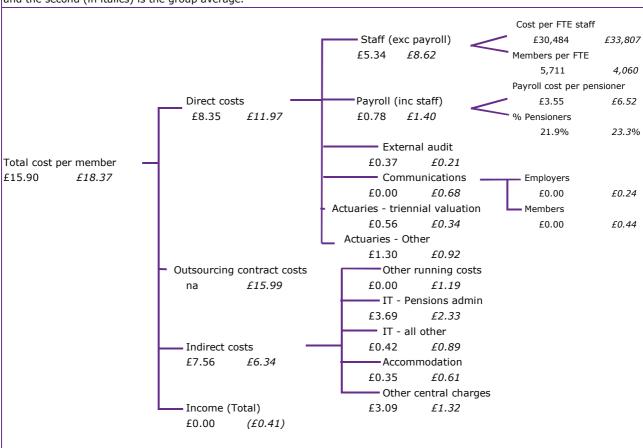
#### **NUMBER OF LGPS EMPLOYERS**



## **SECTION 2 - COST MEASURES**

## COST/MEMBER TREE 2015/16

This tree diagram analyses the cost per member. For each benchmark two figures are given the first being the authority's cost and the second (in italics) is the group average.



FTE staff	
Pension Section total	15.4
less	
IT staff	-
Payroll staff	1.0
Communications staff	-
Employing authority work	1.0
Work for other schemes	1.0
Other work	-
Admin of LGPS	12.4

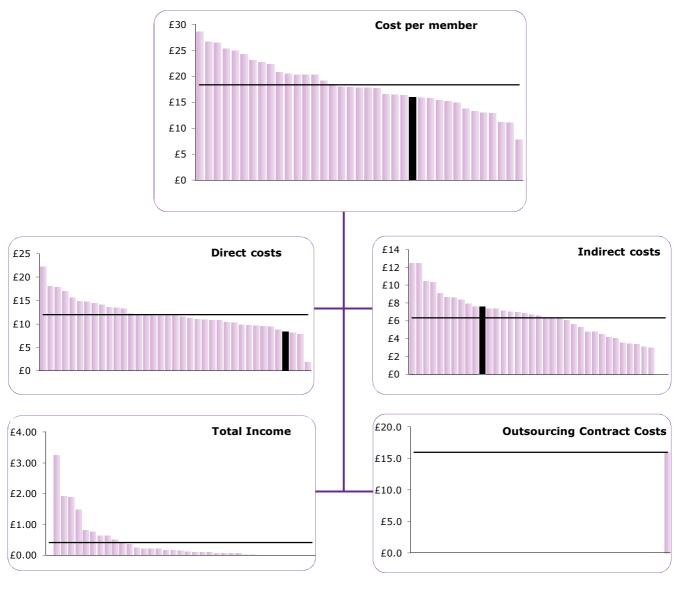
Net Costs £'000	
	£'000
Pension Section total	1,185
less	
Work for other schemes	34
Employing authority work	25
Other work	-
Admin of LGPS	1,126

Admin of LGPS costs	£'000	£ per	A
or to the state of		member	Avg
Staff - administration	378	5.34	8.62
Staff - payroll	26	0.37	0.34
Payroll	29	0.41	1.06
Communications (Total)	-	-	0.68
Actuaries - triennial valuation	40	0.56	0.34
Actuaries - other	92	1.30	0.92
External audit	26	0.37	0.21
Total Direct Costs	591	8.35	11.97
Outsourcing costs	-	na	15.99
Other running costs	-	-	1.19
IT - Pensions admin	261	3.69	2.33
IT - All other	30	0.42	0.89
Accommodation	25	0.35	0.61
Other central charges	219	3.09	1.32
Total Indirect Costs	535	7.56	6.34
Gross Cost	1,126	15.90	18.74
Income - Members	-	-	(0.04)
Income - Employers	-	-	(0.14)
Income - Other	-	-	(0.23)
Total Income	-	-	(0.41)
Net Cost	1,126	15.90	18.37

Total Scheme Membership	70,820
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 $<sup>{}^*</sup>$ Outsourcing Contract Costs average only includes those members who have outsourcing costs.

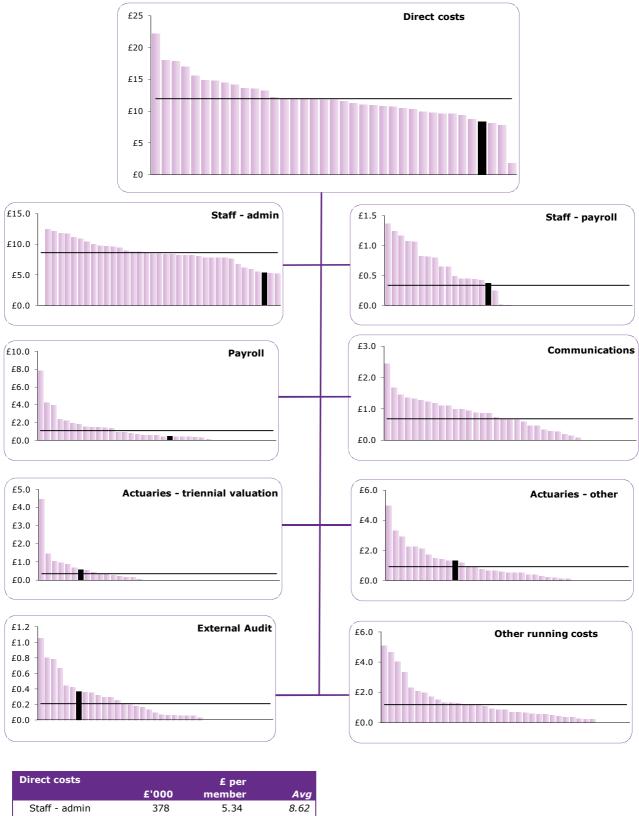
# **COST PER MEMBER 2015-16**



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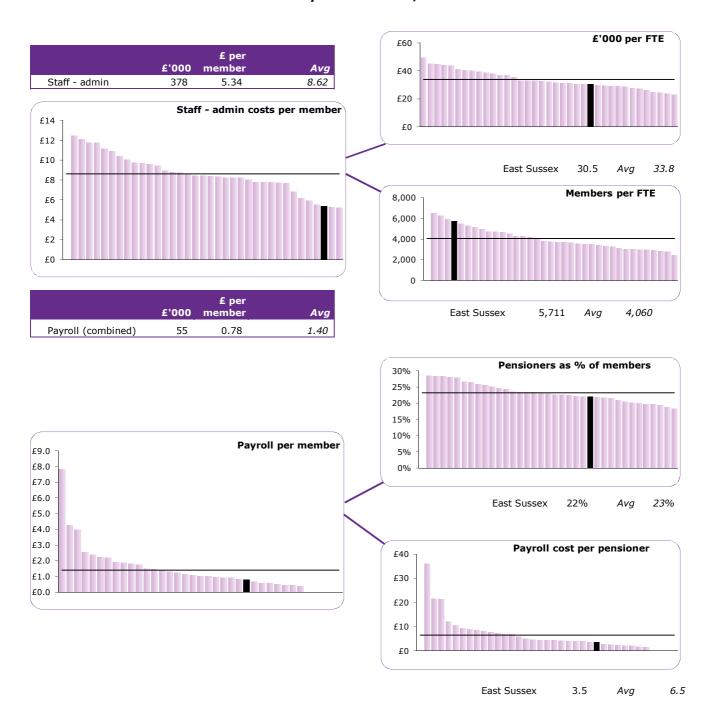
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## **COSTS PER MEMBER - Direct costs 2015/16**

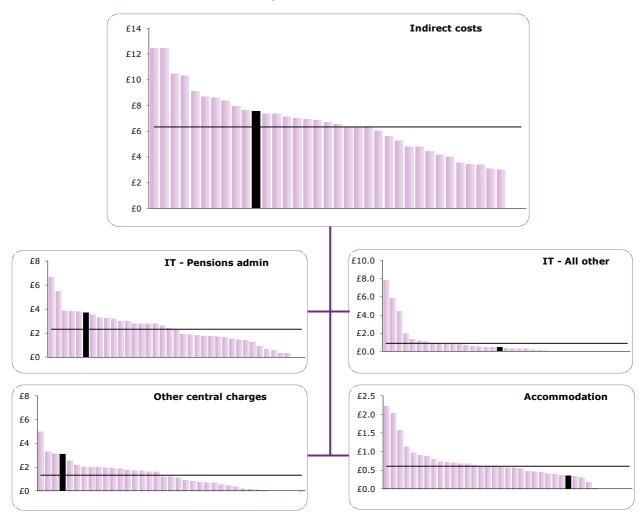


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#### DIRECT COSTS PER MEMBER - Staff and Payroll costs 2015/16

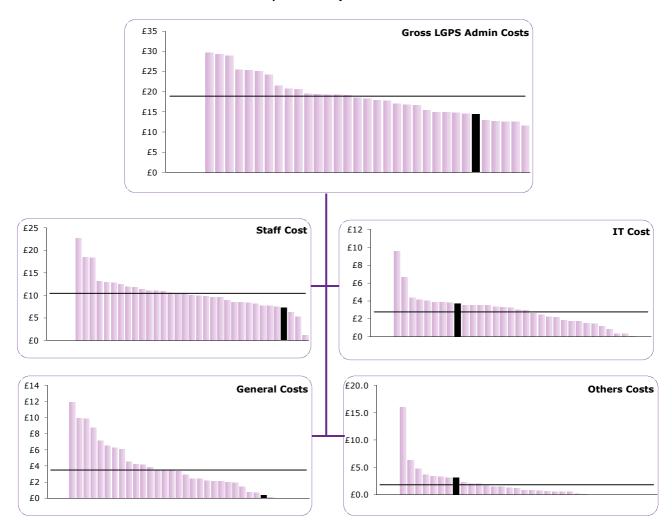


# COSTS PER MEMBER - Indirect costs 2015/16



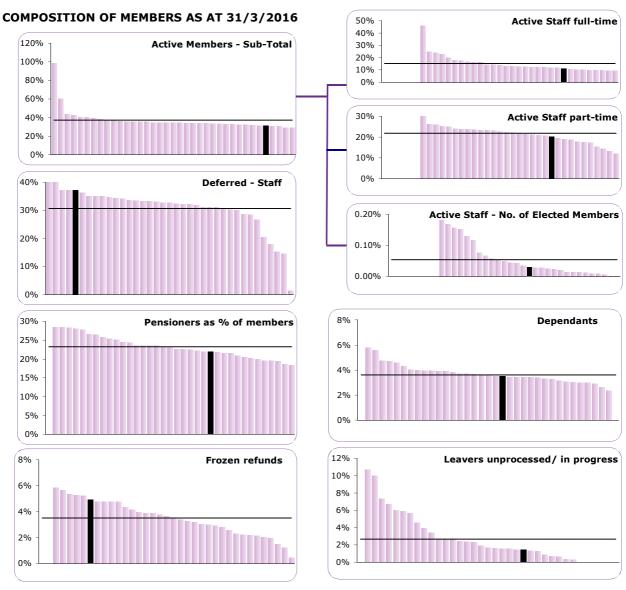
Indirect costs		£ per	
	£'000	member	Avg
Other running costs	-	-	1.19
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## COSTS PER MEMBER - LGPS Administration Expenses Analysis 2015/16



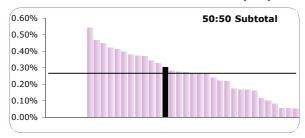
LGPS Administration Expenses		£ per	
	£'000	member	Avg
Staff Costs	512	7.23	10.47
IT Costs	261	3.69	2.78
General Costs	25	0.35	3.50
Other Costs	219	3.09	1.85
Gross LGPS Admin Exp.	1,017	14.36	18.85
Gross LGPS Income	-	-	0.67
Net LGPS Admin Exp.	1,017	14.36	248.03

# **SECTION 3 - WORKLOAD MEASURES**



	No.	%	Avg	Avg %
Active:	1101	70	Arg	Ary A
- full-time	7,859	11.1%	17,825	15.1%
- part-time	14,158	20.0%	18,476	21.9%
- no. of elected Members	21	0.0%	38	0.05%
- sub-total	22,038	31.1%	35,339	37.2%
Deferred:				
- Staff	26,288	37.1%	30,930	30.7%
- Elected Members	48	0.1%	32	0.0%
Pensioners	15,496	21.9%	23,651	23.3%
Dependants	2,463	3.5%	3,946	3.6%
Frozen refunds	3,474	4.9%	3,250	3.5%
Leavers unprocessed/				
in progress	1,013	1.4%	2,500	2.7%

## **COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS AS AT 31/03/2016**



•	Composition of active members			
		No.	%	Avg
Г	50:50	67	0.3%	0.3%

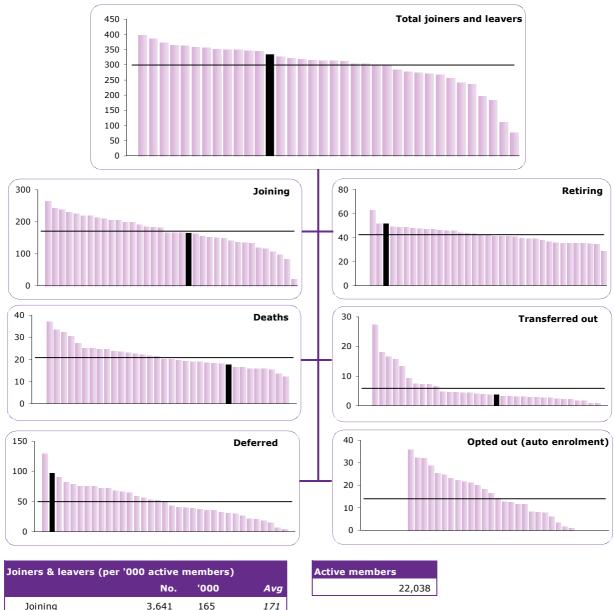
#### NUMBER OF LGPS EMPLOYERS AS AT 31/03/2016



LGPS employers (31/3/16)						
	No.	Avg	of which:	No.	%	Avg
Scheduled	82	162	Local Authorities	8	10%	10%
Admitted	39	97	Transferee	29	74%	43%
Total	121	259				

Employer changes 2015/16							
	+/- Cha	nges	Admitted	d	Leaving		
	No.	Avg	No.	Avg	No.	Avg	
Scheduled	-	2	8	12	-	1	
Admitted	-	1	4	8	-	29	

#### JOINERS & LEAVERS (per '000 active members)



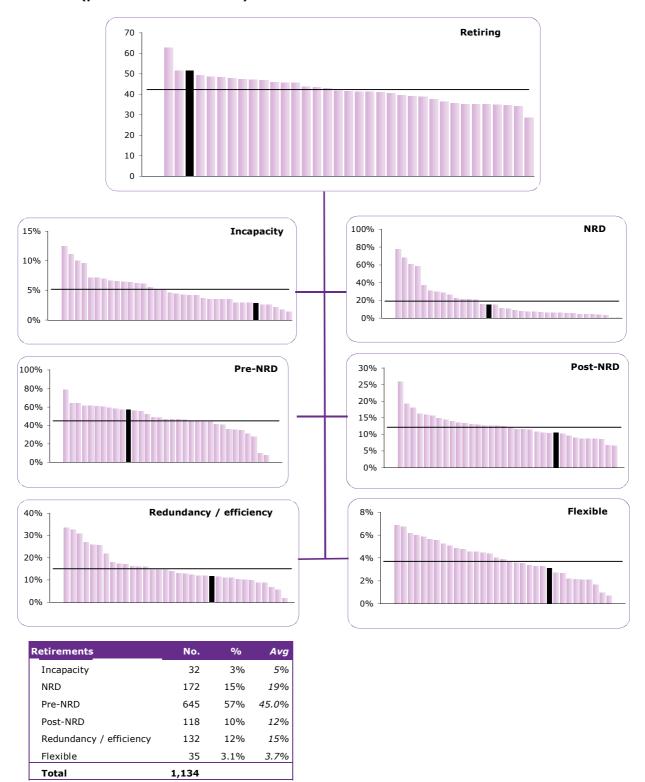
Joiners & leavers (per '000 active members)						
	No.	'000	Avg			
Joining	3,641	165	171			
Retiring	1,134	51	42			
Deaths	389	18	21			
Transferred out	82	4	6			
Deferred	2,122	96	50			
Opted out	-	-	14			
Total	7,368	334	299			

## LGPS members as % eligible employees





#### **RETIRING (per '000 active members)**



Retiring (per '000 a	ctive members	)	
	No.	'000	Avg
Retiring	1,134	51	42

Active members 22,038

#### NUMBER OF QUOTATIONS PROVIDED (per '000 active members) 40 80 Transfers in **Transfers out** 60 30 20 40 10 20 0 0 80 6 Transfers intra **Retirements-Normal** 60 4 40 2 20 0 0 6 100 Retirements-Incapacity / Ill Health Retirements-Redundancy/efficiency 80 4 60 40 2 20 0 0 200 60 Retirements-Flexible Retirements-All Other 150 40 100 20 50 0 0 25.0 80 Link ups **Concurrent employments** 20.0 60 15.0 40 10.0 20 5.0 0 0.0 150.0 20 **Divorce cases** Refunds 15 100.0 10 50.0 5 0.0 0 4.0 40.0 Deaths in service Deaths of pensioners

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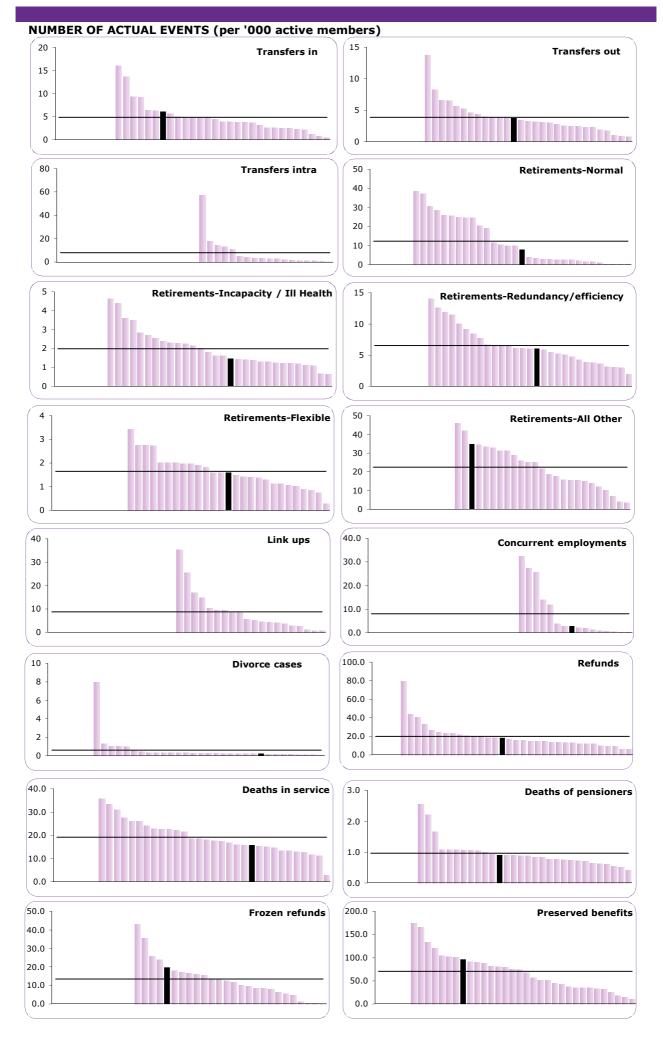
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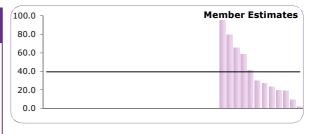
Pensions Administration

No of bulk transfers	No.	'000	Avg	
TUPE -in		3	0	0
TUPE -out		1	0	0
Academies		4	0	0

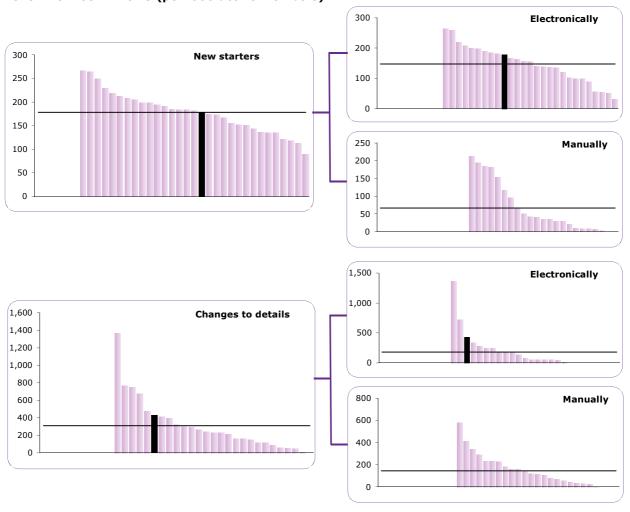
Active members: 22,038			
Quotations provided	No.	'000	Avg
TUPE -in	3	0	0.0
TUPE -out	1	0	0.0
Academies	4	0	0.0
Retirements:			
- Normal	-	-	15.0
- Incapacity/ill-health	-	-	1.7
- Redundancy/efficiency	-	-	21.6
- Flexible	-	-	4.5
- All other	-	-	31.3
Transfers in	373	17	8.8
Transfers out	269	12	12.8
Transfers intra	-	-	1.3
Link ups	-	-	7.5
Concurrent employments	-	-	1.6
Refunds	401	18	23.3
Divorce cases	102	5	5.9
Deaths in service	-	-	0.4
Deaths of pensioners	-	-	4.5



Active members: 22,038			
Actual events	No.	'000	Avg
TUPE -in	3	0	0
TUPE -out	1	0	0
Academies	4	0	10
Retirements:			
- Normal	172	8	12
- Incapacity/ill-health	32	1	2
- Redundancy/efficiency	132	6	7
- Flexible	35	1.6	2
- All other	763	35	23
Transfers in	133	6	5
Transfers out	82	4	4
Transfers intra	-	na	8
Link ups	-	na	9
Concurrent employments	59	3	8
Refunds	401	18	20
Frozen refunds	435	19.7	13
Preserved benefits	2,122	96	71
Divorce cases	5	0	1
Deaths in service	344	15.6	19
Death of pensioners	20	1	1
Single Status / Job Evaluation	-	na	na
Members Estimates	-	na	39

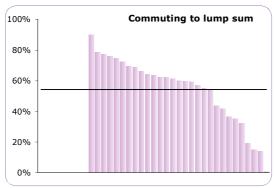


## **ACTUAL CALCULATIONS (per '000 active members)**



# **RETIREMENTS**

#### Retirements commuting to lump sum



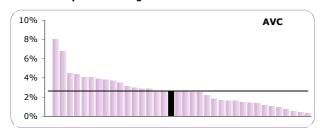
Retirements commuting lur	np sun	n
Number %	total	Avg
	na	54%

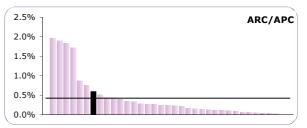
Active members 22,038

Actual calculations			
	No.	'000	Avg
New starters	3,929	178	178
- electronically	3,929	178	148
- manually	-	na	67
Changes to details	9,482	430	309
- electronically	9,482	430	180
- manually	-	0	146

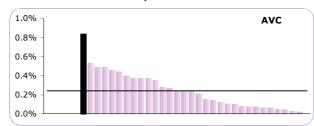
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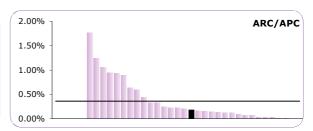
#### % Currently contributing

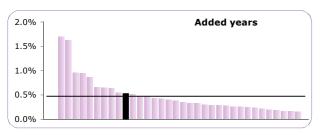




#### % New contributors this year



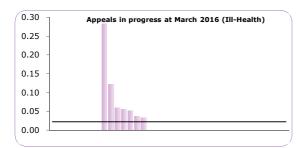


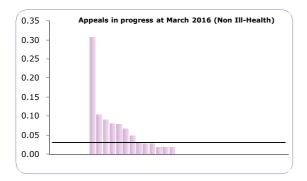


Contributors to AVCs and ARCS			
	No.	%	Avg
Currently contributing			
- AVC	564	2.56%	2.64%
- ARC/APC	132	0.60%	0.42%
- Added years	118	0.54%	0.47%
Total	814	3.69%	3.43%
New contributors this year			
- AVC	185	0.84%	0.24%
- ARC/APC	40	0.18%	0.36%
Total	225	1.02%	0.52%

Active memb	ers
	22,038

#### **APPEALS**



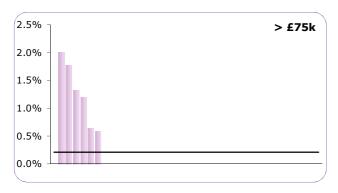


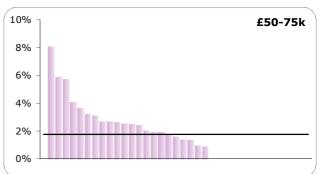
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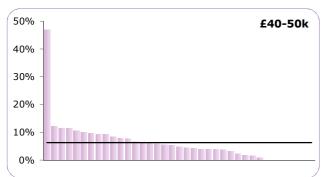
			_	
Number of appeals	No.	Per '000	Avg	Club*
		members		total
Ill-Health				
In progress at start of year	1	0.05	0.03	25
In progress at end of year	0	0.00	0.02	29
Non Ill-Health				
In progress at start of year	1	0.05	0.04	31
In progress at end of year	0	0.00	0.03	27
1st Stage				
Appeals in Progress - 03.15	1	0.05	0.03	27
New Appeals in Year	1	0.05	0.14	194
Appeals Withdrawn	0	0.00	0.01	7
Appeals Upheld	0	0.00	0.03	36
Appeals Not Upheld	2	0.09	0.11	156
Appeals in Progress - 03.16	0	0.00	0.03	22
2nd Stage				
Appeals in Progress - 03.15	1	0.05	0.02	14
New Appeals in Year	0	0.00	0.00	59
Appeals Withdrawn	0	0.00	0.00	-
Appeals Upheld	0	0.00	0.02	17
Appeals Not Upheld	1	0.05	0.05	53
Appeals in Progress - 03.16	0	0.00	0.01	(2)
Ombudsman Referrals				
Appeals in Progress - 03.15	0	0.00	0.01	8
New Appeals in Year	0	0.00	0.01	13
Appeals Withdrawn	0	0.00	0.00	1
Appeals Upheld	0	0.00	0.00	1
Appeals Not Upheld	0	0.00	0.01	10
Appeals in Progress - 03.16	0	0.00	0.01	4

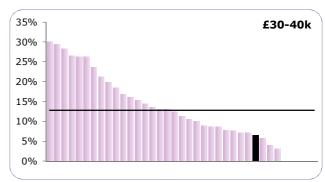
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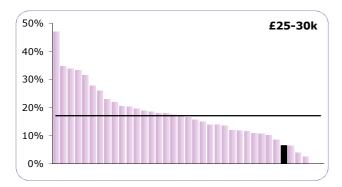
#### **STAFF PAY**

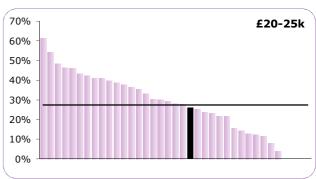


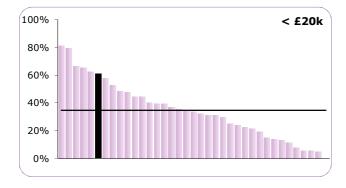






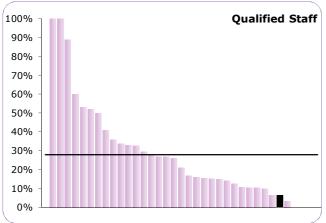


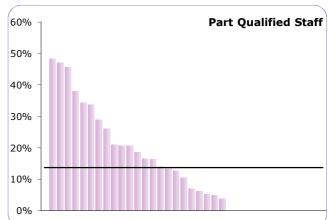




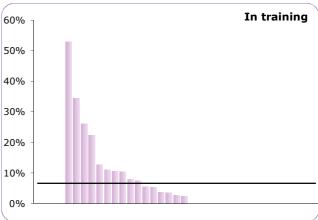
Staff pay			
	FTE	%	Avg
> £75k	0.0	0%	0.2%
£50-75k	0.0	0%	1.7%
£40-50k	0.0	0%	6.2%
£30-40k	1.0	6%	12.8%
£25-30k	1.0	6%	17.0%
£20-25k	4.0	26%	27.4%
< £20k	9.4	61%	34.7%
Total	15.4		

# **STAFF QUALIFICATIONS**



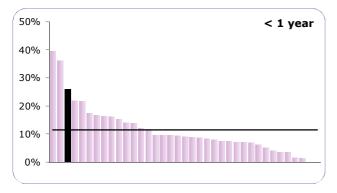


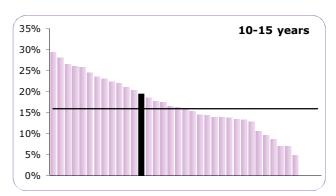


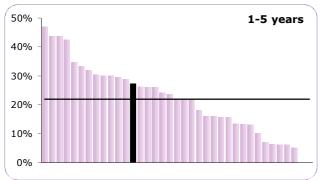


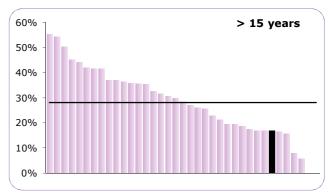
Staff qualifications							
	FTE	%	Avg				
Qualified Staff	1.0	6%	28%				
Part Qualified Staff	0.0	0%	14%				
No Relevant Qualifications	14.4	94%	58%				
Total	15.4						
Number in Training	0.0	0%	7%				

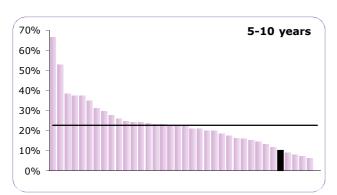
#### STAFF PENSIONS EXPERIENCE





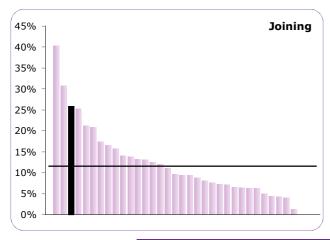


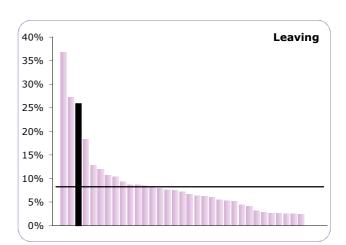




Staff experience			
	FTE	%	Avg
< 1 year	4.0	26%	11%
1-5 years	4.2	27%	22%
5-10 years	1.6	10%	23%
10-15 years	3.0	19%	16%
> 15 years	2.6	17%	28%
Total	15.4		

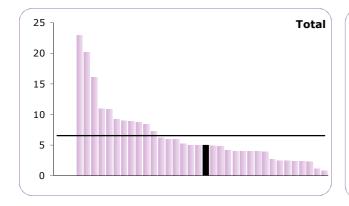
## **STAFF TURNOVER**

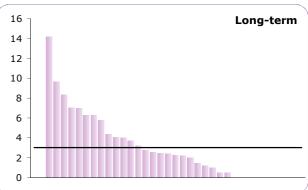




Staff Turnover	FTE	% change	Avg
Staff at 1/4/2015	15.4		
+ Staff joining Pension section	4.0	26.0%	11.6%
- Staff leaving Pension section	4.0	26.0%	8.3%
Staff at 31/3/2016	15.4	0.0%	4.6%

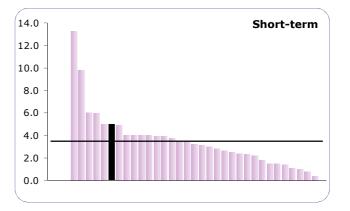
#### **SICKNESS ABSENCE**



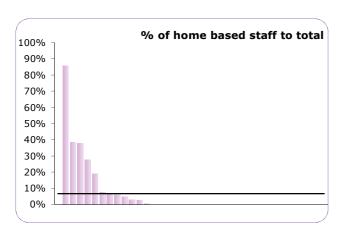


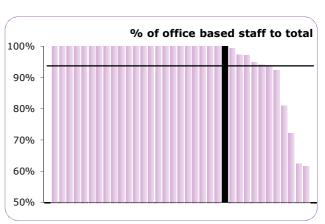
Sickness absence	Days/FTE	Avg
Long-term sickness	0.0	3.0
Short-term sickness	5.0	3.5
Total	5.0	6.5

Long-term sick (periods of sickness over 20 working days) Short-term sick (periods of sickness of 20 days or less)



#### **STAFF LOCATION**



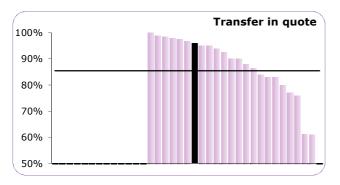


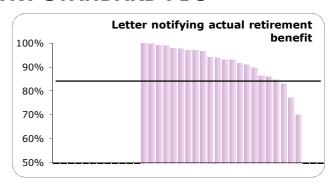
Staff location	FTE	Avg	% to total FTE	Avg
Home based	0.0	2.1	0%	7%
Office based	15.4	33.2	100%	94%
Total	15.4			

Office Based: Staff members who spend >50% of their contracted time working in the office

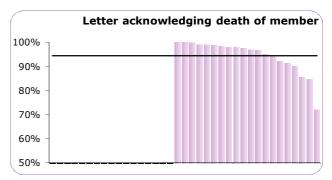
Home Based: Staff members who spend 50% of their contracted time working from home.

# **SECTION 5 - INDUSTRY STANDARD PI's**

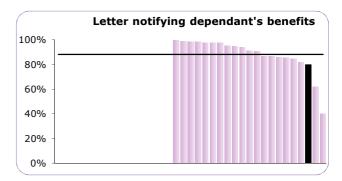


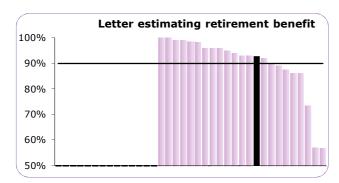


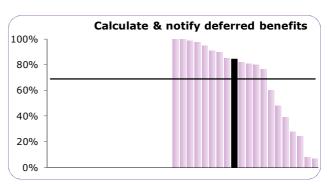












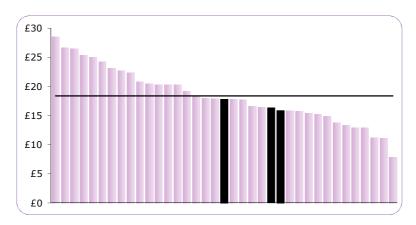
Industry Standard PI's	Target	Achieved	Avg
Letter detailing transfer in quote	10 days	96.0%	85.4%
Letter detailing transfer out quote	10 days	52.2%	80.3%
Process and pay refund	5 days	70.0%	89.6%
Letter notifying <b>estimate</b> of retirement benefit	10 days	92.7%	89.9%
Letter notifying <b>actual</b> retirement benefit	5 days	40.0%	84.1%
Process and pay lump sum retirement grant	5 days	40.0%	84.3%
Letter acknowledging death of member	5 days	n/a	94.3%
Letter notifying amount of dependant's benefits	5 days	80.0%	88.1%
Calculate and notify deferred benefits	10 days	84.5%	68.8%

# **SECTION 6 - COMPARISON BY METHOD OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

## COMPARISON OF OUTSOURCED/IN-HOUSE MEMBERS

Total members with data:	38
Outsourced members:	3

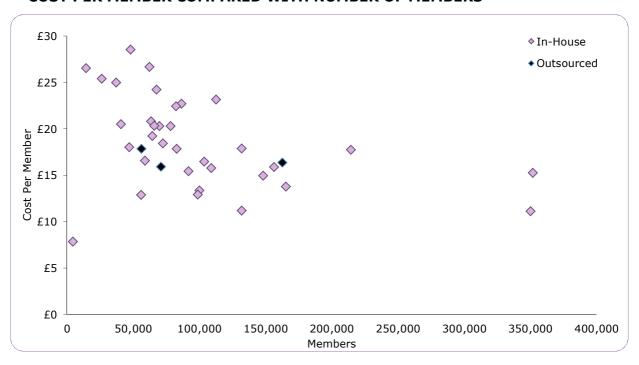
# LGPS ADMIN COST PER MEMBER (INCLUDING PAYROLL)



Black bars show outsourced members

			Cost per
	Cost	Members	Member
East Sussex	£1,126	70,820	£15.90
Club average	£1,683	99,473	£18.37
Outsourced average	£1,595	96,455	£16.71
In-house average	£1,690	99,740	£18.52

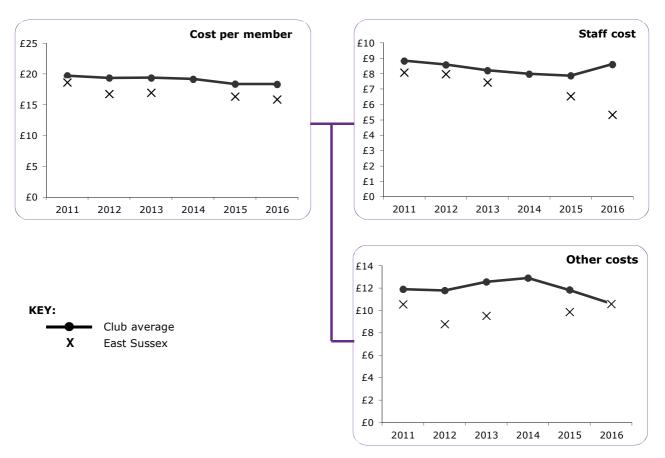
#### **COST PER MEMBER COMPARED WITH NUMBER OF MEMBERS**



# **SECTION 7 - TIMESERIES**

The 2016 averages are the actual club averages.

For previous years, the averages shown here are scaled up or down from the 2015 figure based on the average rate of change in each year. This is calculated using data from members who supplied figures in consecutive years, otherwise the simple average in each year would be distorted by changes in the composition of the club from year to year.



Time series analysi	S					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Members	57,166	59,199	61,577		69,098	70,820
Net cost (£'000)	1,066k	993k	1,046k		1,131k	1,126k
Cost per member	£18.65	£16.77	£16.99		£16.36	£15.90
Average	£19.75	£19.39	£19.40	£19.19	£18.41	£18.37
Staff cost	£8.10	£7.99	£7.45		£6.55	£5.34
Average	£8.85	£8.60	£8.22	£7.99	£7.88	£8.62
Other costs	£10.55	£8.78	£9.53		£9.85	£10.57
Average	£11.90	£11.79	£12.55	£12.90	£11.84	£10.61

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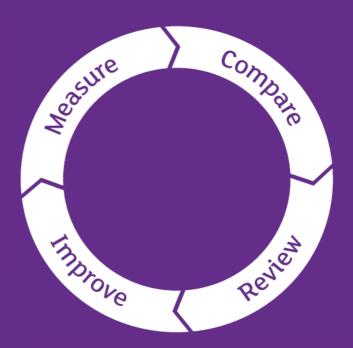
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