Public summary of the Valuation Technical Forum meeting on 15 May 2023

Present

Investment inputs into the IRMF
A brief update was given by the Trustee which was noted by the forum.

Self-sufficiency
The Trustee updated the forum on the evolution of the approach to considering investment returns and the optimal self-sufficiency portfolio over time.

It was noted that self-sufficiency would likely not be a constraint on the 2023 valuation given the likely funding position of the scheme.

The forum noted that for the 2023 valuation and the pace at which that process was being taken forward, there could be no change to approach, however it remained its view that self-sufficiency remined a matter to consider going forward.

Transition risk
The Trustee noted the point made by the forum that the work being undertaken by the Trustee on transition risk was complex and it would be helpful for the information included in the technical provisions consultation to keep the points clear and simple and focus on matters which employers would find more intuitive to consider.

The Forum noted that the intention is to develop bookends in relation to the potential length of the transition so that there is a range within which the final position on transition risk could be struck.

It was also noted that the final position on transition risk would likely not have a material impact on the contribution rate for the 2023 valuation.

Any other business
There was no other business.