# Chubb Pension Plan

(Plan Registration Number 10119144)

Annual Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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# The Trustees' Report

#### Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present their report on the Chubb Pension Plan ("the Plan") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Plan is an occupational defined benefit pension plan established under English law by a definitive Trust Deed dated 30 September 1960 (as amended) under its then name of the Duport Group Works Pension and Life Assurance Plan. The Plan was amended to include, with effect from 1 January 1988 and 1 March 1988 respectively, the employees and other persons for whom benefits had been provided under the Williams Holdings Staff Pension Plan and the Williams Holdings Executive Pension Plan and the name was changed to Williams Pension Plan. The Plan changed its name from Williams Pension Plan to Chubb Pension Plan in January 2001.

The Plan is registered in the United Kingdom. The office is at Ground Floor, 2 Lotus Park, Staines, Middlesex TW18 3AG.

In accordance with HMRC requirements, the Plan is registered under Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004. As a consequence, if payable, both employee and employer contributions are normally eligible for tax relief and income and capital gains earned by the Plan receive preferential tax treatment.

Following consultation with active members in accordance with legislation and after a period of reflection, the Principal Employer decided to proceed with its proposals to close the Plan to the future accrual of benefits. The closure became effective on 31 March 2020.

# Management of the Plan

The names of the Trustees during the year, are as follows:

Name	Trustee type
B D McGowan (Chairman)	"A" Trustee
T P Allen	"A" Trustee
W Jones	"A" Trustee
K Bettmann	"B" Trustee
W D Hughes	"C" Trustee
M Stratton	"C" Trustee

The Trustees have responsibility for setting the strategy and for managing the Plan and they meet four times a year for this purpose.

All occupational pension schemes must implement arrangements that provide for at least one-third of the total number of Trustees to be member-nominated. The arrangements for the nomination and selection must be proportionate, fair and transparent.

The structure of the Trustees is as follows:

- Three 'A' Trustees who appoint and remove themselves.
- One 'B' Trustee appointed and removed by the Principal Employer.
- Two 'C' Trustees appointed and removed by both the 'A' Trustees and the Principal Employer as Member Nominated Trustees.

Apart from the method of appointment and removal, all Trustees have equal powers and responsibilities, other than the Chairman, who is appointed by the "A" Trustees and who has a casting vote.

The two 'C' Trustees are appointed by the Trustees from applications received from eligible members of the Plan. The two 'C' Trustees are also members of the Plan.

The Trustees have delegated the day-to-day management and operation of the Plan's affairs to professional organisations.

# **Changes to Plan Rules**

There have been no changes to the Plan Rules during the period under review.

# The Principal Employer

The Principal Employer is: Chubb Group Limited, Ground Floor, 2 Lotus Park, Staines, Middlesex TW18 3AG.

# Financial development of the Plan

The financial statements have been prepared and audited in compliance with regulations made under sections 41 (1) and (6) of Pensions Act 1995.

During the year, the net assets of the Plan decreased by £79.7 million to £482.1 million, as follows:

	£millions
Net withdrawals from dealing with members	(32.9)
Net returns on investments	(46.8)
Net decrease in the Plan	(79.7)

# Plan membership

Details of the Plan membership at the end of the Plan year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Deferred members	2,617	2,802
Pensioners	4,817	4,874
Total	7,434	7,676

Pensioners include 1,239 (2024: 1,221) individuals receiving a pension following the death of their spouse. The above membership details include 44 (2024: 44) members for whom the Plan is in receipt of legacy annuity payments. On 20 June 2023, the Trustees entered into a bulk purchase annuity insurance contract with Phoenix Life Limited to secure future pension payments for all deferred and pensioner members of the Plan, except for the members benefits covered by the legacy insured annuity payments.

#### **Defined contribution benefits**

Whilst the Plan is a defined benefit pension arrangement, it does (in addition to standard Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) arrangements) have some defined contribution (DC) benefits.

- (a) DC benefits for some members who had short periods of membership after 5 April 1997 and who received a refund of part of their contributions. The DC benefits represent retained 'Protected Rights', a result of the method used by the Plan from 6 April 1997 to 'contract out' of the State Pension Scheme. These Protected Rights remained invested within the Plan's defined benefit (DB) investment strategy.
- (b) DC 'underpin' accounts apply for some members, under which they will receive the greater of a DB entitlement and the comparable pension that can be secured by the DC underpin account. The Trustees have been advised by the Plan's administrator that, during the Plan year, comparable pensions that could be secured by DC underpin accounts were not expected to be greater. Benefits for these members are, therefore, expected to be DB in nature.

#### Plan advisers

The Trustees retain a number of professional advisers in connection with the operation of the Plan. In line with UK pension scheme best practice, the Trustees have a policy of periodically reviewing all of their external advisers and service providers.

The advisers currently appointed are as follows:

Plan Actuary	P Houghton, Barnett Waddingham LLP
Advising Actuaries	Barnett Waddingham LLP
Administrator of the Plan benefits	Gallagher Benefit Services
Legal Advisers	CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP
Independent Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Investment Managers	Insight Investment Management Limited
AVC providers	Aegon Aviva Life & Pensions UK Limited Phoenix Life Limited Standard Life Assurance Society
Bulk Purchase Annuity Provider	Phoenix Life Limited
Investment Advisers	Barnett Waddingham LLP
Custodian of the Plan assets	Bank of New York Mellon (until 22 July 2024)
Covenant Adviser	Cardano
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc
Secretary to the Trustees	H Willcox – Barnett Waddingham LLP (until 31 March 2025) H Gill – Barnett Waddingham LLP (from 1 April 2025)

# **Bulk Annuity Purchase**

On 20 June 2023, the Trustees entered into a bulk purchase annuity insurance contract with Phoenix Life Limited to secure future pension payments for all deferred and pensioner members of the Plan at that date. Under this insurance policy, Phoenix Life began to make monthly payments to the Plan from December 2023 to cover the pensions in payment for pensioners in the Plan. The initial premium and true up payments totalling £494.5m were transferred from Insight by the Plan to Phoenix Life in June and July 2023 via payments of cash and transfers of stocks.

At the time of purchasing the buy-in policy there were a number of known data and benefit issues that needed further investigation. As a result, there is a slight mismatch between the benefits payable under the policy and those due from the Plan. In due course, the Plan will undertake a "true up" of the policy and agree a balancing premium with Phoenix Life to ensure that the policy covers the actual benefits due from the Plan.

#### Tax status of the Plan

The Plan is a registered pension scheme under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 and, to the Trustees' knowledge, there is no reason why the Plan's registered status should be prejudiced or withdrawn.

#### **Transfer values**

All cash equivalents (transfer values) paid during the year were calculated and verified in the manner required by the Pension Schemes Act 1993 and subsequent amendments. No discretionary benefits are included in the calculation of transfer values. A cash equivalent is the amount which a Plan member is entitled under social security legislation to have applied as a transfer payment to another permitted pension arrangement or a buy-out policy.

#### **Pension Increases**

The Trustees applied inflationary increases to pensions in payment on 1 January 2025. The rate of inflation is measured by the annual change in the Retail Price Index (RPI) each preceding August (subject to maximum increases as detailed below), which in 2024 was 3.5% (2023: 9.1%).

The average increase in total pensions in payment in the year to 31 March 2025 was 3.0%. No discretionary increases were awarded. Normally all increases apply to the Plan pension in excess of the Guaranteed Minimum Pension, if any.

Deferred pensions were increased in accordance with statutory requirements.

Under the rules of the Plan inflationary increases to pension in payment are subject to certain limits as follows:

- benefits earned in respect of service before 6 April 1997 are increased by the increase in the RPI up to a maximum of 3%;
- benefits earned in respect of service after 5 April 1997 but before 6 April 2005 are increased by the increase in the RPI up to a maximum of 5%;
- benefits earned in respect of service after 5 April 2005 are increased by the increase in the RPI up to a maximum of 3%.

Given below are increases applied for the last three years:

Date of Increase	In respect of Pensionable Service				
	Before 06.04.97	After 05.04.97	After 05.04.05		
1 January 2023	3.0%	5.0%	3.0%		
1 January 2024	3.0%	5.0%	3.0%		
1 January 2025	3.0%	3.5%	3.0%		

#### **Codes of Practice**

The Trustees are aware of and adhere to the Codes of Practice issued by The Pensions Regulator ("TPR"). The objectives of these codes are to protect members' benefits, reduce the risk of calls on the Pension Protection Fund ("PPF") and to promote good administration.

# The Pensions Regulator: Record Keeping

TPR issues guidance on all aspects of pension scheme data record keeping to all those responsible for the data (the trustees) and those who administer pension schemes. The guidance covers both common data and scheme-specific data (conditional). The guidance sets out good practice in helping trustees to assess risks associated with record keeping. Improved data means that trustees and employers will be able to make a more precise assessment of their financial liabilities. Schemes are expected to keep their data under regular review and set targets for the improvement in the standard of data recorded.

More information can be found at:

https://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/en/trustees/contributions-data-and-transfers/record-keeping

# **GMP** equalisation

In October 2018, the High Court determined that benefits provided to members who had contracted out of the state second pension must be recalculated to reflect the equalisation of state pension ages from May 1990 to April 1997 between men and women. In November 2020, a further ruling by the High Court determined that transfers out of a scheme in respect of members who had contracted out of the state second pension must also be recalculated to reflect the equalisation of state pension ages from May 1990 to April 1997 between men and women.

As a result, the Plan is required to equalise Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) liabilities which will result in an increase in liabilities to provide benefits.

Under the ruling, pension schemes are required to backdate benefit adjustments in relation to GMP equalisation and provide interest on the backdated amounts.

The Trustees of the Plan have made an approximate financial allowance for this when calculating the liabilities as part of the actuarial valuation. However, the Trustees, with the help of their advisers, are still working through the detailed calculations required to work out any required adjustments to member benefits. As a result, a detailed estimate of the past service element, which would be applicable for the Plan financial statements, has yet to be estimated, but the Trustees consider that it is likely to be immaterial to the financial statements.

# Virgin Media case

In June 2023, the High Court handed down a decision in the Virgin Media Ltd versus NTL Pension Trustees II Ltd, which considered the implications of section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993, which required that the rules of a salary-related contracted-out pension scheme cannot be altered, in relation to post April 1997 service, unless the actuary confirmed that the scheme would continue to satisfy the statutory standards. The High Court found that, where the required actuarial confirmation was not supplied, the effect of section 37 was to render the relevant amendment to any contracted-out right automatically void. It also held that references in the legislation included both past and future service rights and that the requirement for actuarial confirmation applied to all amendments to the rules of a contracted-out scheme. This decision was appealed to the Court of Appeal and, in July 2024, the Court of Appeal upheld the decision of the High Court.

In June 2025, the Government announced that they will introduce legislation to give affected pension schemes the ability to retrospectively obtain written actuarial confirmation that historic benefit changes met the necessary standards. On 1 September 2025, the Government published a series of draft amendments to the Pension Schemes Bill 2025. These amendments include new clauses implementing the Government's promised remedy following the Court of Appeal decision. The relevant amendments are due to come into force two months after the Pension Schemes Bill receives Royal Assent.

The Trustees are monitoring the position and will consider the possible implications, if any, for the Plan of the above with their advisers and what steps, if any, they wish to take. Therefore, it is not possible, at present, to estimate the potential impact, if any, on the Plan.

#### Contact for further information

If, as a Plan member, you wish to obtain further information about the Plan, including copies of the Plan documentation, your own pension position, or who to contact in the event of a problem or complaint, please write to or telephone: Gallagher, the Plan administrators:

Gallagher Benefit Services (Edinburgh) PO Box 321 Mitcheldean GL14 9BG

Tel: 0330 123 9563 or email: chubbpensions@ajq.com mailto:chubbpensions@buck.com

# Statement of trustees' responsibilities

### The trustees' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), are the responsibility of the trustees. Pension scheme regulations require, and the trustees are responsible for ensuring, that those financial statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the plan during the plan year and of
  the amount and disposition at the end of the plan year of its assets and liabilities, other than
  liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the plan year; and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, including making a statement whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework applicable to occupational pension schemes.

In discharging these responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for selecting suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgements on a prudent and reasonable basis, and for ensuring that the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the plan will continue as a going concern.

The trustees are also responsible for making available certain other information about the plan in the form of an annual report.

The trustees have a general responsibility for ensuring that accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the plan and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, including the maintenance of an appropriate system of internal control.

The trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the <a href="https://chubbfs.com/uk-en/reports/">https://chubbfs.com/uk-en/reports/</a> website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### The trustees' responsibilities in respect of contributions

The trustees are responsible under pensions legislation for preparing, and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising, a schedule of contributions showing the rates of contributions payable to the plan by or on behalf of employers and the active members of the plan and the dates on or before which such contributions are to be paid.

The trustees are also responsible for keeping records in respect of contributions received in respect of any active member of the plan and for adopting risk-based processes to monitor whether contributions that fall due to be paid are paid into the plan in accordance with the schedule of contributions.

Where breaches of the schedule occur, the trustees are required by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 to consider making reports to the Pensions Regulator and to members.

# **Report on Actuarial Liabilities**

Under Section 222 of the Pensions Act 2004, the Plan is subject to the Statutory Funding Objective, which is to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover its Technical Provisions. The Technical Provisions represent the present value of the benefits members are entitled to at the valuation date. This is assessed using the assumptions agreed between the Trustees and the Employer and set out in the Statement of Funding Principles, which is available to Plan members on request.

The most recent full actuarial valuation of the Plan was carried out as at 31 March 2024. This showed that on that date:

The value of the Technical Provisions was: £496,900,000
The value of the assets was: £538,200,000

Therefore, the Plan had a funding surplus of £41,300,000 corresponding to a funding level of 108%.

The next valuation should be carried out with an effective date no later than 31 March 2027.

The method and significant actuarial assumptions used to determine the Technical Provisions are as follows (all assumptions adopted are set out in the Statement of Funding Principles dated 30 June 2025):

#### Method

The actuarial method used in the calculation of the Technical Provisions as at 31 March 2024 is the Projected Unit Method.

#### Actuarial assumptions – The key assumptions used as at 31 March 2024 are:

Pre-retirement discount rate	Rarnett	Waddingham	hulk	annuity	nricina	model
Fie-retirement discount rate	Darriett	vvauuiiigiiaiii	Duik	armunty	pricing	model

discount rate

Post-retirement discount rate Barnett Waddingham bulk annuity pricing model

discount rate

Retail Prices Index (RPI) inflation Merrill Lynch RPI inflation yield curve

Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation Pre 2030: RPI inflation less 0.70% p.a. (revaluation) / RPI

inflation less 0.50% p.a. (pension increases) Post 2030: RPI inflation less 0.10% p.a.

Pension increases in payment A model of each increase, allowing for insurers' relative

pricing of different caps and collars

Mortality table High pensions\*: 85% (M) / 90% (F) of S3PXA\_VL

Other members: 115% (M)/105% (F) of S3PXA

Mortality projections CMI 2022 projections using a long-term improvement

rate of 1.75% p.a. The initial addition is 0.75% p.a. (1% p.a. for members with high pensions). The 2020, 2021 and 2022 weight parameters are 0%, 0% and 10% respectively. Core values are used for other parameters.

Proportion of members with a dependant at retirement

or earlier death

85% of males, 75% of females

Allowance for cash commutation

None

Allowance for data and benefit uncertainty reserve
£3.1M

Allowance for GMP equalisation 1% of liabilities

Allowance for expenses £6.8M

As required by Financial Reporting Standard 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102), the financial statements do not include liabilities in respect of promised retirement benefits.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;High pension" members are as defined by the CMI, i.e. males with pensions over £40,000 p.a. and females with pensions over £16,000 p.a.

# **Investment report**

#### **Investment managers**

The Plan's Trust Deed and Rules permit the Trustees to delegate the task of investment management to outside experts. Insight Investment Management ("Insight") are professional external investment managers and have taken full responsibility for investing the Plan's assets. The Trustees set the investment strategy for the Plan after taking advice from the Plan's investment adviser. The Trustees have put in place a mandate with their investment manager which implements this strategy. The investment managers are remunerated by fees based on a percentage of funds under management, and these fees are met by the Plan.

### **Investment principles**

The Trustees have produced a Statement of Investment Principles as required by section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995 and a copy of the statement is available online at the following address:

https://staging.chubbfs.com/uk-en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/09/2023-September-CPP-Statement-of-Investment-Principles.pdf

During the year to 31 March 2025, there have been no significant departures from the stated principles.

#### **Implementation Statement**

There is a requirement for most trust-based defined benefit pension schemes to produce an annual Implementation Statement which covers the year. The Implementation Statement sets out how, and the extent to which, the Trustees have followed their policies on engagement and voting as set out in the Statement of Investment Principles over the Plan year, as well as a description of voting behaviour over the Plan year. The Plan's Implementation Statement, covering the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, is enclosed within this Annual Report on pages 31 and 32 and forms part of this Trustees' Report.

#### **Investment strategy**

The Trustees' primary investment objectives are to ensure that: sufficient resources are available to meet all liabilities as they fall due over the long term. In 2023, having identified that the Plan had sufficient assets to secure a bulk annuity policy that would cover all of the accrued member benefits, the Trustees proceeded with a purchase of such a policy with Phoenix Life. This effectively transfers the investment risks in respect of these liabilities to Phoenix Life and therefore limits the risk of the Plan. At 31 March 2025, the insurance policies were valued at £423.6m (2024: £504.5m).

#### Voting rights and social, environmental and ethical considerations

The Trustees believe that environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors, including management of climate-related risks, are potentially financially material and therefore have a policy to take these into account, alongside other factors, in the selection, retention and realisation of investments. However, these factors do not take precedence over other financial and non-financial factors, including but not limited to historical performance or fees. The Trustees may consider both financial and non-financial factors when selecting or reviewing the Plan's investments.

The Trustees do not apply any specific ethical criteria to their investments.

As the Plan's investments are typically held in pooled funds, ESG considerations are set by each of the investment managers. The Plan's investment managers will ultimately act in the best interests of the Plan's assets to maximise returns for a given level of risk. The Trustees do not currently impose any specific ESG-related restrictions or requirements on the segregated mandate with Insight, so ESG considerations are determined at their discretion. The Trustees are aware of the approach that each of their investment managers take in relation to ESG considerations.

The Trustees believe that good stewardship and positive engagement can lead to improved governance and better risk-adjusted investor returns. The Trustees delegate the exercise of rights (including voting rights) attached to the Plan's investments to the investment managers. All of the Plan's managers are signatories to the UN Principles of Responsible Investment and the UK Stewardship Code.

In selecting, monitoring and reviewing their investment managers, where appropriate, the Trustees will consider the managers' policies on engagement and how these policies have been implemented. The Trustees have not considered it appropriate to take into account individual members' views when establishing the policy on environmental, social and governance factors, engagement and voting rights.

#### Investment assets at 31 March 2025

Fund	31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
	Valuation £000	Allocation	Valuation £000	Allocation
Insight Bond & Liquidity Funds	54,543	100.0%	51,045	94.3%
Bank of New York Mellon Cash and Liquidity	-	-	3,066	5.7%
Total	54,543	100.0%	54,111	100%

Assets above exclude AVC investments and insurance policies.

#### Performance to 31 March 2025

	12 months	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.
Chubb Pension Plan	1.3%	-9.2%	-1.7%

#### **Employer related investments**

At 31 March 2025, the Plan had no employer related investments (2024: nil).

#### Nature, disposition, marketability, security and valuation

The Trustees have considered the nature, disposition, marketability, security and valuation of the Plan's investments and consider them to be appropriate relative to the reasons for holding each class of investment. More details about investments are given in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Custodial arrangements**

Bank of New York Mellon acted as custodian for the Insight Investment Management portfolios until July 2024. These investments were held in a designated nominee account at Bank of New York Mellon, in the name of the Trustees of the Plan.

# **Approval of Trustees' Report**

The Trustees' Report on pages 1 to 10 was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

	B D McGowan	
Date:		

# Summary of contributions payable in the year

During the year, no contributions were payable to the Plan by the Employer under the Schedule of Contributions certified on 20 January 2022.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:			
B D McGowan	-		
Date:			

# Independent auditors' statement about contributions to the trustees of Chubb Pension Plan

#### Statement about contributions

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the contributions payable under the schedule of contributions for the plan year ended 31 March 2025 as reported in Chubb Pension Plan's summary of contributions have, in all material respects, been paid in accordance with the schedule of contributions certified by the plan actuary on 20 January 2022.

We have examined Chubb Pension Plan's summary of contributions for the plan year ended 31 March 2025 which is set out on the previous page.

#### Basis for opinion

Our examination involves obtaining evidence sufficient to give reasonable assurance that contributions reported in the summary of contributions have, in all material respects, been paid in accordance with the relevant requirements. This includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts of contributions payable to the plan under the schedule of contributions, and the timing of those payments.

Responsibilities for the statement about contributions

#### Responsibilities of the trustees in respect of contributions

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the plan's trustees are responsible for preparing, and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising, a schedule of contributions and for monitoring whether contributions are made to the plan by employers in accordance with relevant requirements.

#### Auditors' responsibilities in respect of the statement about contributions

It is our responsibility to provide a statement about contributions and to report our opinion to you.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the trustees as a body in accordance with section 41 of the Pensions Act 1995 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors London

Date:

# Independent auditors' report to the trustees of Chubb Pension Plan

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion

In our opinion, Chubb Pension Plan's financial statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the plan during the year ended 31 March 2025, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the year;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report, which comprise: the Statement of Net Assets available for benefits as at 31 March 2025; the Fund Account for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Independence**

We remained independent of the plan in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the plan's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# Independent auditors' report to the trustees of Chubb Pension Plan (Cont)

#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements, our auditors' report thereon and our auditors' statement about contributions. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they show a true and fair view. The trustees are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In the preparation of the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the plan's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to wind up the plan, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the plan and its environment, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the administration of the plan in accordance with the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 and regulations made under them, and codes of practice issued by the Pensions Regulator; and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered the direct impact of these laws and regulations on the financial statements. We evaluated incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of override of controls, by the trustees and those responsible for, or involved in, the preparation of the underlying accounting records and financial statements, and

# Independent auditors' report to the trustees of Chubb Pension Plan (Cont)

determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journals to conceal misappropriation of assets. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Testing journal entries where we identified particular fraud risk criteria.
- Obtaining independent confirmations of material investment valuations and cash balances at the year end.
- Reviewing meeting minutes, any correspondence with the Pensions Regulator, and significant contracts and agreements.
- Holding discussions with the trustees to identify significant or unusual transactions and known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Assessing financial statement disclosures, and agreeing these to supporting evidence, for compliance with the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 and regulations made under them.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the trustees as a body in accordance with section 41 of the Pensions Act 1995 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors London

Date:

# **The Financial Statements**

# **Fund Account**

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
		£000	£000
Benefits paid or payable	5	(31,102)	(30,473)
Transfers to other schemes	6	(32)	(69)
Administrative expenses	7	(1,745)	(2,431)
		(32,879)	(32,973)
Net withdrawals from dealings with members		(32,879)	(32,973)
Returns on investments			
Investment income	8	34,469	17,393
Change in market value of investments	9	(81,270)	(25,711)
Investment management expenses	10	(16)	(290)
Net returns on investments		(46,817)	(8,608)
Net decrease in the fund during the year		(79,696)	(41,581)
Net assets of the Plan			
Opening net assets		561,752	603,333
Closing net assets		482,056	561,752

The notes on pages 18 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

# The Financial Statements (Cont)

## Statement of Net Assets

available for benefits as at 31 March 2025

	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
		£000	£000
Investment assets:			
Pooled investment vehicles	12	54,543	50,780
Insurance policies	15	423,555	504,473
AVC investments	14	299	297
Cash deposits	9	-	3,101
Other investment balances	13	-	230
		478,397	558,881
Current assets	19	6,994	5,893
Current liabilities	20	(3,335)	(3,022)
Total net assets available for benefits	<u> </u>	482,056	561,752

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Plan and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustees. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Plan year. The actuarial position of the Plan, which takes into account such obligations, is dealt with in the Report on Actuarial Liabilities on page 7 of the Annual Report, and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with this report.

The notes on pages 18 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements on pages 16 to 28 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

	E	B D McGov	wan		
Date:					

#### 1. General information

The Chubb Pension Plan (the 'Plan') was established under English law by a definitive Trust Deed dated 30 September 1960 (as subsequently amended) under its then name of the Duport Group Works Pension and Life Assurance Plan. The Plan was amended to include, with effect from 1 January 1988 and 1 March 1988 respectively, the employees and other persons for whom benefits had been provided under the Williams Holdings Staff Pension Plan and the Williams Holdings Executive Pension Plan and the name was changed to Williams Pension Plan. The Plan changed its name from Williams Pension Plan to Chubb Pension Plan in January 2001.

The Plan is an occupational defined benefit pension plan registered in the United Kingdom. The office is at Ground Floor, 2 Lotus Park, Staines, Middlesex TW18 3AG. The Plan was closed to future accrual with effect from 31 March 2020.

#### 2. Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The individual financial statements of Chubb Pension Plan have been prepared in accordance with the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("FRS 102") and the guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Reports of Pension Schemes" (revised June 2018) ("the SORP").

#### 3. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies of the Plan which are applied consistently are as follows:

#### Currency

• The Plan's functional and presentational currency is pounds sterling. Monetary items denominated in foreign currency are translated into sterling using the closing exchange rates at the Plan year-end. Foreign currency transactions are recorded in sterling at the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Gains and losses arising on conversion or translation are dealt with as part of the change in market value of investments.

#### Payments to members

- Pensions in payment are accounted for in the period to which they relate.
- Benefits are accounted for in the period in which the member notifies the Trustees of their decision on the type or amount of benefit to be taken, or if there is no member choice, on the date of retiring or leaving.
- Where members have a choice regarding the form and timing of their benefit, benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the later of the date of retiring or leaving and the date the option is exercised. Other benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis on the date of retiring or leaving.
- Individual transfers out of the Plan are accounted for when member liability is discharged which is normally when the transfer amount is paid.
- Where the Trustees agrees or are required to settle tax liabilities on behalf of a member (such as where lifetime or annual allowances are exceeded) with a consequent reduction in that member's benefits receivable from the Plan, any taxation due is accounted for on the same basis as the event giving rise to the tax liability and shown separately within "Benefits paid or payable".

#### Expenses and other payments

- Administrative expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.
- Investment management expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and shown net within "Returns on investments". Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sale proceeds.

#### Investment income

- Income from bonds is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes interest bought and sold on investment purchases and sales.
- Income from pooled investment vehicles is accounted for when declared by the fund manager.
- Income from cash and short-term deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis.
- Receipts from annuity insurance policies are accounted for as investment income on an accruals basis.

#### 3. Accounting policies (Cont)

- Receipts or payments under swap contracts, representing the difference between the swapped cash flows, are included in investment income.
- Interest payable on repurchase agreements and receivable on reverse repurchase agreements is accounted for in the period it falls due.

#### Investments

- The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments during the year. In the case of pooled investment vehicles which are accumulation funds, change in market value also includes income, net of withholding tax, which is reinvested in the fund.
- Unitised pooled investment vehicles have been valued at the latest available bid price or single price
  provided by the pooled investment manager. Shares in other pooled arrangements have been valued at the
  latest available net asset value (NAV) determined in accordance with fair value principles, provided by the
  pooled investment manager.
- Annuities and the bulk purchase annuity contract have been valued by the Plan Actuary at the amount of the related obligation, determined using the most recent Plan Funding valuation assumptions updated for market conditions at the reporting date.
- AVC investments securing additional benefits for those members electing to pay additional voluntary
  contributions ("AVCs") are included in the statement of net assets available for benefits. The market value of
  these investments is the fair value advised by the investment managers at the year end date.

#### Critical accounting judgments and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Trustees make estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. For the Plan, the Trustees believe the only estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are related to the valuation of the Plan investments and, in particular, those classified in Level 3 of the fair-value hierarchy. Explanation of the key assumptions underpinning the valuation of investments are included above and within notes 15 to 17.

#### 4. Employer contributions

Following the completion of the 31 March 2021 actuarial valuation, an updated Schedule of Contributions certified 20 January 2022, was agreed. Under the Schedule, all fees and expenses are to be paid by the Plan and no deficit contributions are due to be paid.

Following the completion of the 31 March 2024 actuarial valuation, an updated Schedule of Contributions certified 30 June 2025, was agreed. Under the Schedule, all fees and expenses are to be paid by the Plan and no deficit contributions are due to be paid.

#### 5. Benefits paid or payable

	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Pensions	28,297	28,036
Commutation of pensions and lump sum retirement benefits	2,676	2,286
Lump sum death benefits	129	151
	31,102	30,473
6. Transfers to other schemes		
	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Individual transfers to other schemes	32	69

#### 7. Administrative expenses

•	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Administration and processing	540	965
Actuarial fees	723	713
Pensions Regulator and Pension Protection Fund levies	40	43
Audit fees	52	62
Trustees' fees	130	125
Legal and other professional fees	260	523
	1,745	2,431
8. Investment income		
	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Income from bonds	-	3,104
Bulk purchase annuity income	33,530	11,664
Income from pooled investment vehicles	804	2,780
Net interest on repurchase agreements / reverse repurchase agreements	-	(405)
Annuity income	69	68
Interest on cash deposits	66	314
Net payments from swaps	-	(132)
	34,469	17,393

Income from bonds, interest on repurchase agreements / reverse repurchase agreements and payments/receipts from swaps have decreased significantly in the year as the Plan divested the majority of its non-pooled investment holdings in June/July 2023 when entering into the bulk purchase annuity contract with Phoenix Life.

Included in annuity income in the current year are repayments to the annuity providers totalling £1,802 (2024: £3,623).

#### 9. Reconciliation of investments

	Value at 1 April 2024 £000	Purchases at cost £000	Sales proceeds £000	Change in market value £000	Value at 31 March 2025 £000
Pooled investment vehicles: Insurance policies AVC investments	50,780 504,473 297	55,815 - -	(51,695) - (3)	(357) (80,918) 5	54,543 423,555 299
	555,550	55,815	(51,698)	(81,270)	478,397
Cash deposits Other investment balances	3,101 230				- 
Net investment assets	558,881			_	478,397

The high level of pooled investment purchases and sales in the year was as a result of the transfer to a new pooled investment portfolio with Insight.

Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and deducted from sale proceeds. Direct transaction costs include costs charged to the Plan such as fees, commissions and stamp duty. The Plan incurred £nil in direct transaction costs in the year (2024: £1k).

Indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments within pooled investment vehicles and charges made within those vehicles. The amount of indirect costs is not separately provided to the Plan.

#### **Employer related investments**

At 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024, there were no direct or indirect employer related investments.

#### 10. Investment management expenses

	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Administration, management and custody	16	290

Investment expenses have decreased significantly during the year due to the investment changes that took place in Jule/July 2023 when entering into the bulk purchase annuity contract with Phoenix Life.

#### 11. Taxation

The Plan is a registered pension scheme under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 and is therefore exempt from income tax and capital gains tax.

#### **Pooled investment vehicles**

The Plan's investments in pooled investment vehicles at the year-end comprised:

	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Bond funds	22,567	-
Cash funds	31,976	50,780
	54,543	50,780

#### Other investment balances 13.

The other investment balances held by the Plan at the year-end are as follows:		
	2025	2024
	£′000	£'000
Investment assets		
Investment income receivable		230

#### 14. AVC investments

The Trustees hold assets invested separately from the main fund in the form of insurance policies securing additional benefits on a money purchase basis for those members that have elected to pay additional voluntary contributions. Members participating in this arrangement each receive annual statements confirming the amounts held to their account and the movements in the year. The aggregate amounts of AVC investments at the year end are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Aegon (unit-linked)	251	249
Aviva Life & Pensions UK Limited (with-profits)*	32	32
Phoenix Life (with-profits)	12	12
Standard Life Assurance Society (with-profits)	4	4
	299	297

<sup>\*</sup> Confirmation of valuation not received at year end, include at carried forward value in prior years.

#### 15. Insurance policies

	2025	2024
	£000	£000
Bulk purchase annuity insurance contract	423,337	504,222
Legacy annuities	218	251
	423,555	504,473

Legacy annuity policies provide an income to the Plan as disclosed in note 8. The value of these policies is estimated annually by the Plan Actuary.

On 20 June 2023, the Trustees entered into a bulk purchase annuity insurance contract with Phoenix Life Limited to secure future pension payments for all deferred and pensioner members of the Plan at that date. Under this insurance policy, Phoenix Life began to make monthly payments to the Plan from December 2023 to cover the pensions in payment for pensioners in the Plan. The initial premiums totalling £494.5m were paid by the Plan to Phoenix Life in July 2023 via payments of cash and transfers of stocks.

At the time of purchasing the buy-in policy there were a number of known data and benefit issues that needed further investigation. As a result, there is a slight mismatch between the benefits payable under the policy and those due from the Plan. In due course, the Plan will undertake a "true up" of the policy and agree a balancing premium with Phoenix Life to ensure the policy covers the actual benefits due from the Plan.

Income received from the bulk purchase annuity insurance contract is disclosed in note 8.

The value of the bulk purchase annuity insurance contract has been provided at the year-end by the Plan Actuary. A summary of the assumptions adopted for the valuation of the policy are as follows:

Financial assumptions	31 March 2024	31 March 2025
Pre-retirement discount rate		bulk annuity pricing mode
Equivalent to single rate of	3.70% p.a.	4.80% p.a.
Post-retirement discount rate		bulk annuity pricing mode
Equivalent to single rate of	4.75% p.a.	5.6% p.a.
Inflation (RPI)	Merrill Lynch Ri	I inflation yield curve
Inflation (CPI)	RPI less 0.5% p.	0.7% p.a. (revaluation) / a. (pension increases) RPI less 0.1% p.a.
Mortality table High pensions* Other members		% (F) of S3PXA_VL 105% (F) of S3PXA
Allowance for improvements in life expectancy: Projection tables Long-term improvement rate Initial addition parameter Smoothing parameter 2020 and 2021 weight parameters 2022 weight parameter	1.	MI 2022 75% p.a. o.a. for High pensions) 7.0 0% 10%
Allowance for cash commutation		None
Allowance for known data and benefit uncertainty	£3.	1 million
GMP equalisation reserve	1% 0	of liabilities
Allowance for expenses	£6.8 million	£5.0 million

#### 16. Fair value hierarchy

The fair value of financial instruments has been disclosed using the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity

can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using

market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

A fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety on the basis of the lowest level input which is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The Plan's investment assets and liabilities fall within the above hierarchy levels as follows:

		As at 31	March 2025	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Pooled investment vehicles	-	54,543	-	54,543
Insurance policies	-	-	423,555	423,555
AVC investments	-	251	48	299
Cash deposits	-	-	-	-
Other investment balances	-	-	-	-
	-	54,794	423,603	478,397
		As at 31	March 2024	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Pooled investment vehicles	-	50,780	-	50,780
Insurance policies	-	-	504,473	504,473
AVC investments	-	249	48	297
Cash deposits	3,101	-	-	3,101
Other investment balances	230	-	-	230
	3.331	51.029	504.521	558.881

#### 17. Investment risk disclosures

#### **Investment risks**

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. These risks are set out by FRS 102 as follows:

Credit risk: this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

- Currency risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cashflows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates
- Interest rate risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cashflows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates
- Other price risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cashflows of a financial asset will fluctuate because
  of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those
  changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all
  similar financial instruments traded in the market.

#### 17. Investment risk disclosures (Cont)

The Trustees determine their investment strategy after taking advice from a professional investment adviser. The Plan has exposure to these risks because of the investments it makes in following the investment strategy set out below.

Further information on the Trustees' approach to risk management, credit and market risk is set out below. This does not include legacy insurance policies nor AVC investments as these are not considered significant in relation to the overall investments of the Plan.

#### **Investment strategy**

The investment objective of the Plan is to maintain a portfolio of suitable assets of appropriate liquidity which will generate investment returns to meet, together with future contributions, the benefits of the Plan payable under the Trust Deed and Rules as they fall due. Having identified that the Plan had sufficient assets to secure a bulk annuity insurance policy that would cover all of the accrued member benefits, the Trustees proceeded with a purchase of such a policy with Phoenix Life. This effectively transfers the investment risks in respect of these liabilities to Phoenix Life and therefore limits the risk of the plan.

The Trustees set the investment strategy for the Plan taking into account considerations such as the strength of the employer covenant, the long term liabilities of the Plan and the funding agreed with the Employer. The investment strategy of the residual assets after the bulk annuity transaction is set out in the Plan's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP).

As at 31 March 2025, the strategy (excluding the bulk annuity insurance policy) was to hold the following asset allocation for the residual assets.

Asset class	Benchmark Allocation (%)	
Cash	59%	
Bonds	41%	
Total	100%	

#### Credit risk

The Plan is subject to credit risk because it has cash balances. The Plan has indirect exposure to credit risks from the underlying investments held by the pooled investment vehicles.

#### Analysis of direct credit risk as at 31 March 2025:

	2025 £000	2024 £000
Cash	-	3,101
PIVs	54,543	50,780
Total	54,543	53,881

Cash was held within financial institutions which are at least investment grade\* credit rated.

<sup>\*</sup> Investment grade refers to the quality of a company's credit. To be considered an investment grade issue, the company must be rated at 'BBB' or higher by Standard and Poor's or 'Baa" or higher by Moody's.

#### 17. Investment risk disclosures (Cont)

The pooled investment arrangements used by the Plan comprised Irish domiciled open-ended investment companies. Direct credit risk arising from Pooled Investments Vehicles (PIVs) are mitigated by the underlying assets of the pooled arrangements being ring-fenced from the pooled manager, the regulatory environments in which the pooled manager operates and the Trustee's due diligence of the pooled manager. The PIVs themselves are unrated.

A summary of pooled investment vehicles by type of arrangement is as follows:

Total	54.543	50.780
Irish domiciled Undertakings for the Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Open-Ended Investment Company	54,543	50,780
	2025 £000	2024 £000

Indirect credit risk arises in relation to underlying investments held in the pooled investment vehicles. This risk is mitigated by only investing in pooled funds which invest in at least investment grade credit rated securities or use active management.

The Trustees monitored the performance of the investment managers on a regular basis in addition to having meetings with the investment managers from time to time as necessary. The Trustees had a written agreement with the investment managers, which contained a number of restrictions on how the investment managers may operate.

Direct credit risk also arises through the Plan's bulk purchase annuity contract, this direct credit risk is perceived as low due to the contracts being held with an insurance company, which is subject to strict Solvency II regulatory requirements.

#### **Market risk: Interest rates**

The Plan is subject to interest rate risk because some of the Plan's investments are held in bonds through pooled vehicles and cash. Interest rate risk also exists as a result of the approach to valuing liabilities and affects the value of the Plan's bulk purchase annuity insurance contract. The Plan's overall exposure to interest rate risk results from the difference between the exposure to interest rates experienced by the assets and by the liabilities.

#### **Market risk: Currency**

The Plan has minimal exposure to currency risk.

#### **Market risk: Other price**

The Plan has minimal exposure to Other price risk. The Plan holds a bulk purchase annuity insurance contract to manage liability risk (including longevity risk) associated with member liabilities.

#### **Other matters**

During 2024/2025, geopolitical issues and economic issues (such as movements in the rates of inflation and interest rates and foreign currencies) have continued to have a significant effect on domestic and global economies, with disruption and volatility in the financial markets. The Trustees, in conjunction with their advisers, monitor the situation closely and determine any actions that are considered to be necessary. This includes monitoring the Plan's investment portfolio, the operational impact on the Plan and the covenant of the Employer.

The extent of the impact on the Plan's investment portfolio, including financial performance, will depend on future developments in financial markets and the overall economy, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. Since the year end, the value of the Plan's investment assets and investment liabilities have been impacted. Whilst the Trustees monitor the overall position, they have not, at this time, quantified the change (being an increase or decrease) in market value of the investment assets and investment liabilities as markets remain fluid and unpredictable and therefore such an estimate cannot be made.

#### 18. Concentration of investments

The following investments each account for more than 5% of the Plan's net assets at the year-end:

-	2025		20	2024	
	£000	%	£000	%	
Bulk purchase annuity insurance contract	423,337	87.8	504,222	89.8	
Insight Liquidity Holding Fund Insight Liquidity Fund	31,976 -	6.6	- 50,780	- 9.0	
19. Current assets					
	_	2025	20	)24	
		£000	) £0	000	
Cash at bank		5,871	2,6	509	
Prepaid pensions		6		375	
Due from employer (VAT recovery)		154		145	
Accrued bulk annuity contract income	-	963	3 1,2	264	
		6,994	1 5,8	393	
20. Current liabilities	- -				
		2025	20	)24	
		£000	) £0	000	
Unpaid benefits		364	1	157	
Accrued expenses		370	) 2	260	
Prepaid bulk annuity contract income		2,601	1 2,6	505	
		3,335	3,0	022	
	-				

#### 21. Contingent liabilities and contractual commitments

In the opinion of the Trustees, except for the matters detailed below, the Plan had no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2025 (2024: £nil).

#### **Equalisation of Guaranteed Minimum Pensions (GMP)**

In October 2018, the High Court determined that benefits provided to members who had contracted out of the state second pension must be recalculated to reflect the equalisation of state pension ages from May 1990 to April 1997 between men and women. In November 2020, a further ruling by the High Court determined that transfers out of a scheme in respect of members who had contracted out of the state second pension must also be recalculated to reflect the equalisation of state pension ages from May 1990 to April 1997 between men and women

As a result, the Plan is required to equalise Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) liabilities which will result in an increase in liabilities to provide benefits. Under the ruling, pension schemes are required to backdate benefit adjustments in relation to GMP equalisation and provide interest on the backdated amounts.

The Trustees of the Plan have made an approximate financial allowance for this when calculating the liabilities as part of the actuarial valuation. However, the Trustees, with the help of their advisers, are still working through the detailed calculations required to work out any required adjustments to member benefits. As a result, a detailed estimate of the past service element, which would be applicable for the Plan financial statements, has yet to be estimated but the Trustees consider that it is likely to be immaterial to the financial statements.

#### **Virgin Media case**

In June 2023, the High Court handed down a decision in the Virgin Media Ltd versus NTL Pension Trustees II Ltd, which considered the implications of section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993, which required that the rules of a salary-related contracted-out pension scheme cannot be altered, in relation to post April 1997 service, unless the actuary confirmed that the scheme would continue to satisfy the statutory standards. The High Court found that, where the required actuarial confirmation was not supplied, the effect of section 37 was to render the relevant amendment to any contracted-out right automatically void. It also held that references in the legislation included both past and future service rights and that the requirement for actuarial confirmation applied to all amendments to the rules of a contracted-out scheme. This decision was appealed to the Court of Appeal and, in July 2024, the Court of Appeal upheld the decision of the High Court.

In June 2025, the Government announced that they will introduce legislation to give affected pension schemes the ability to retrospectively obtain written actuarial confirmation that historic benefit changes met the necessary standards. On 1 September 2025, the Government published a series of draft amendments to the Pension Schemes Bill 2025. These amendments include new clauses implementing the Government's promised remedy following the Court of Appeal decision. The relevant amendments are due to come into force two months after the Pension Schemes Bill receives Royal Assent.

The Trustees are monitoring the position and will consider the possible implications, if any, for the Plan of the above with their advisers and what steps, if any, they wishes to take. Therefore, it is not possible, at present, to estimate the potential impact, if any, on the Plan.

#### 22. Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties of the Plan comprise:

#### **Key management personnel**

- In the year, Trustees fees were paid to B D McGowan, T P Allen, W D Hughes, W Jones and M Stratton for trustee services to the Plan. The aggregate amount paid was £130,000 including expenses (2024: £125,000). All Trustees' fee payments are accounted for within note 7 of the financial statements. At 31 March 2025 £1k was owed to Trustees (2024: £nil) and is included in accrued expenses within note 20 of the financial statements.
- B D McGowan, T P Allen, W D Hughes, W Jones and M Stratton, all of whom are Trustees of the Plan, are in receipt of pensions from the Plan in accordance with the rules of the Plan.

#### **Employer and other related parties**

- VAT amounting to £273k (2024: £513k) was recovered from Chubb Group Limited in the year. £159k was recoverable at the year-end (2024: £145k).
- The related pension plan, Chubb Security Pension Fund, has a sole corporate trustee Chubb Security (Pensions) Limited (CSPL). B D McGowan, W Jones and K Bettmann (all trustees of the Plan) are also trustee directors of CSPL.

# **Certificate of Adequacy of Contributions**

## Chubb Pension Plan

# Certification of the Schedule of Contributions

# Adequacy of rates of contributions

I certify that, in my opinion, the rates of contributions shown in this Schedule of Contributions are such that the Statutory Funding Objective can be expected to continue to be met for the period for which the Schedule is expected to be in force.

### Adherence to Statement of Funding Principles

I hereby certify that, in my opinion, this Schedule of Contributions is consistent with the Statement of Funding Principles dated June 2025.

The certification of the adequacy of the rates of contributions for the purpose of securing that the Statutory Funding Objective can be expected to be met is not a certification of their adequacy for the purpose of securing the Plan's liabilities by the purchase of annuities, if the Plan were to be wound up.

Signature: Date: 30 June 2025

Name: Paul Houghton Qualification: Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Address: Decimal Place Employer: Barnett Waddingham LLP

Amersham HP6 5FG

# **Schedule of Contributions**

# Chubb Pension Plan Schedule of Contributions

#### Status

This Schedule of Contributions has been prepared by the Trustees of the Chubb Pension Plan (the Plan), after obtaining the advice of the Scheme Actuary appointed by the Trustees. This Schedule has also been agreed by Chubb Group Limited (the "Employer").

# Contributions to be paid by the Employer from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030

There is no requirement for the Employer to pay contributions to the Plan.

All expenses including the Pension Protection levy will be paid by the Plan.

#### Other provisions

The Employer contributions are subject to review at the next actuarial valuation which must be carried out with an effective date no later than 31 March 2027.

The Employer may pay contributions in addition to the amounts shown above at any time. Any contributions paid at a rate higher than that required can be offset against later payments due at the request of the Employer.

### This schedule has been agreed by the Trustees and the Employer

Signed: Brian McGowan (Jun 30, 2025 08:57 GMT+1) On behalf of the Trustees	Brian McGowan Name:	Chairman Position:
Signed: Warwick Jones (Jun 30, 2025 09:38 GMT+1) On behalf of the Trustees	Warwick Jones Name:	Trustee Position:
Signed: Craig Forbes On behalf of the Employer	Name: Craig Forbes	Position: Director
30-Jun-2025 Date:		