

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustee and Members of The Pensions Trust

We have audited the financial statements of The Pensions Trust (the 'Fund') for the year ended 30 September 2009 which comprise the Fund account, the net assets statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This Report is made solely to the Trustee of The Pensions Trust, in accordance with the Pensions Act 1995 and Regulations made thereunder and the Trust Deed, and to the members, as a body, in accordance with the Trust Deed. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustee and members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustee and members, as a body, for our audit work, for this Report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Auditors

As described in the Statement of Trustee Responsibilities on page 33 the Trustee is responsible for obtaining an annual report, including audited financial statements prepared in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and contain the information specified in the Schedule to the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain

Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 made under the Pensions Act 1995. We also report to you if, in our opinion, we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Trustee's report and other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

## Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by or on behalf of the Trustee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- show a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the financial transactions of the Fund during the Fund year ended 30 September 2009 and of the amount and disposition at that date of the assets and liabilities (other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the Fund year); and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 made under the Pensions Act 1995.



**Johnathan Pass**

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

19 January 2010