

USS valuation

The current situation and discussions





Current benefit USS

£59,883.65

Contributions

9.8% members

Retirement Income Builder (Defined Benefit)



75ths

Investment Builder (Defined Contribution)



20%

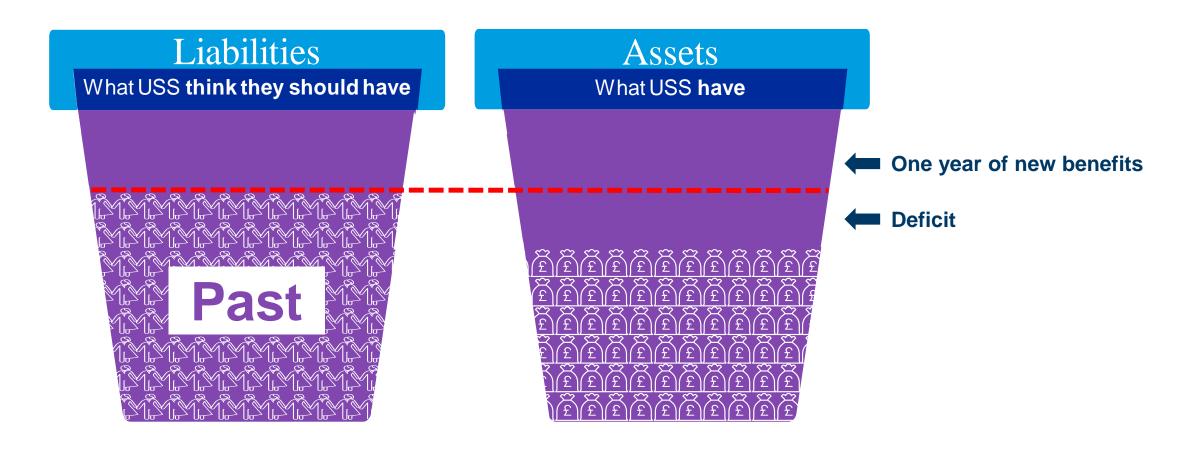
Salary £000s

Annual increases

Plus tax free cash (3 times pension)

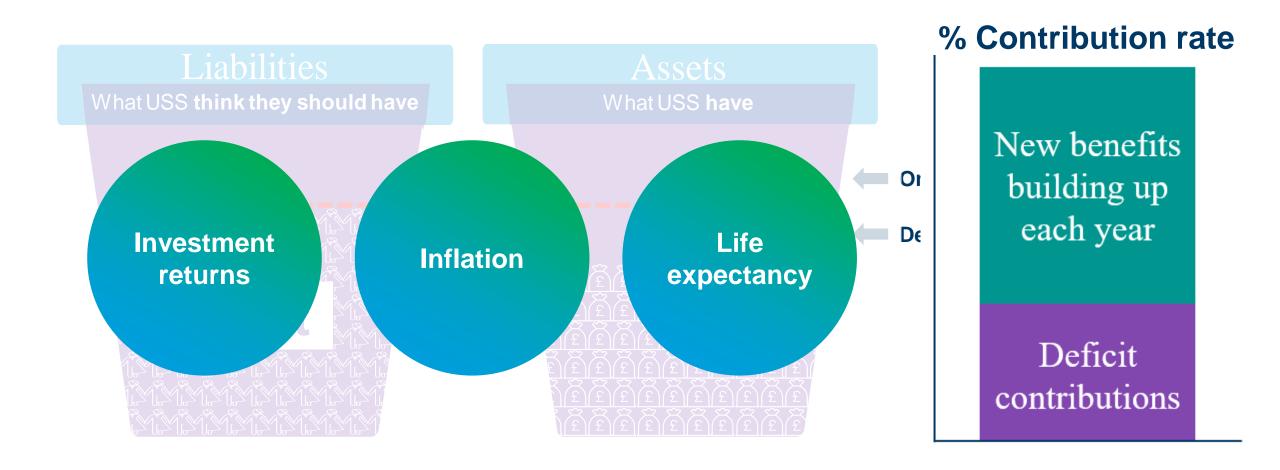
ČPI up to certain limits

Valuation





Valuation



Different parties involved







The Pensions Regulator ※ Joint
Negotiating
Committee
(JNC)

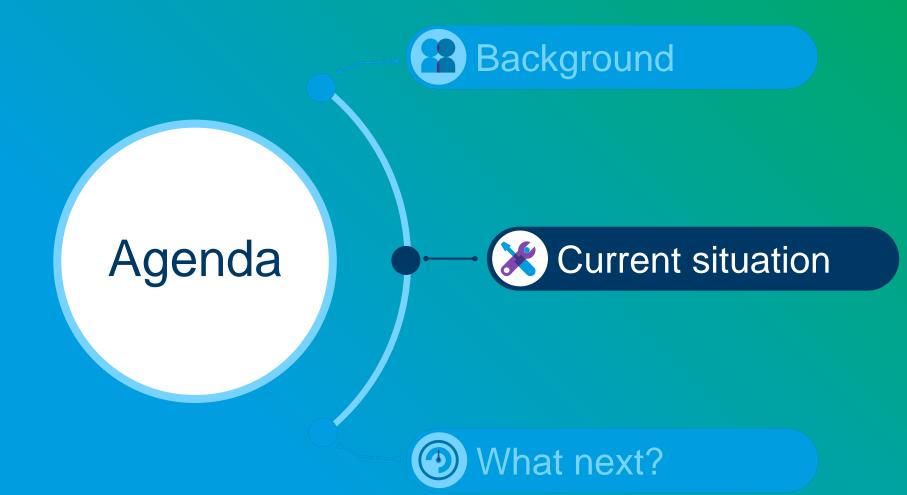
Ensures benefits paid and does calculations

On behalf of employers

On behalf of members

Requires schemes funded properly

Makes decisions



The 31 March 2020 USS valuation

Initial results – 3 scenarios

	Contributions
Member	9.6%
Employer	21.1%
Total	30.7%

"Adequate" covenant measures	Some covenant measures	No extra covenant measures
13.6%	16.3%	18.6%
28.5%	33.3%	37.6%
42.1%	49.6%	56.2%



Covenant enhancing measures

Strength of the employers?

Debt monitoring

Triggers (and pari passu)

Restriction on exiting USS



UUK employer consultation

Benefit changes suggested to keep current contributions

New covenant enhancing measures proposed

Lower cost, flexible benefit options

Governance review of scheme

UUK continued to challenge USS ()



Mercer



UUK proposal

21.1% employers £40,000.00 £59,883.65 **Investment Builder Retirement Income** (defined contribution) **Builder** (defined benefit) 20% 85ths Salary £000s 100 **Annual increases** Limited to 2.5% p.a.



Plus tax free cash

Contributions

9.6% members



Covenant enhancing measures not strong enough (

Can get to **31.2%** with adjusted measures though (i.e. 0.5% more than current contributions of 30.7%)

Yes to looking at low cost / flexible options







Not comfortable with 31.2% but will not take action (

See it is a marginal situation

Expect more "normal" assumptions next time (



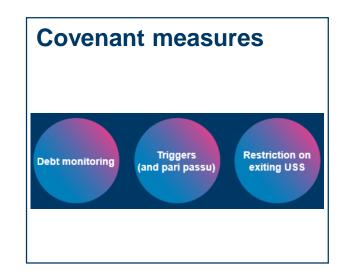


UUK's next consultation – 18 June 2021

A further short consultation with employers



Benefits Retirement Income Builder Annual increases Limited to 2.5% p.a. Plus tax free cash



9.8% members 21.4% employers

Contributions

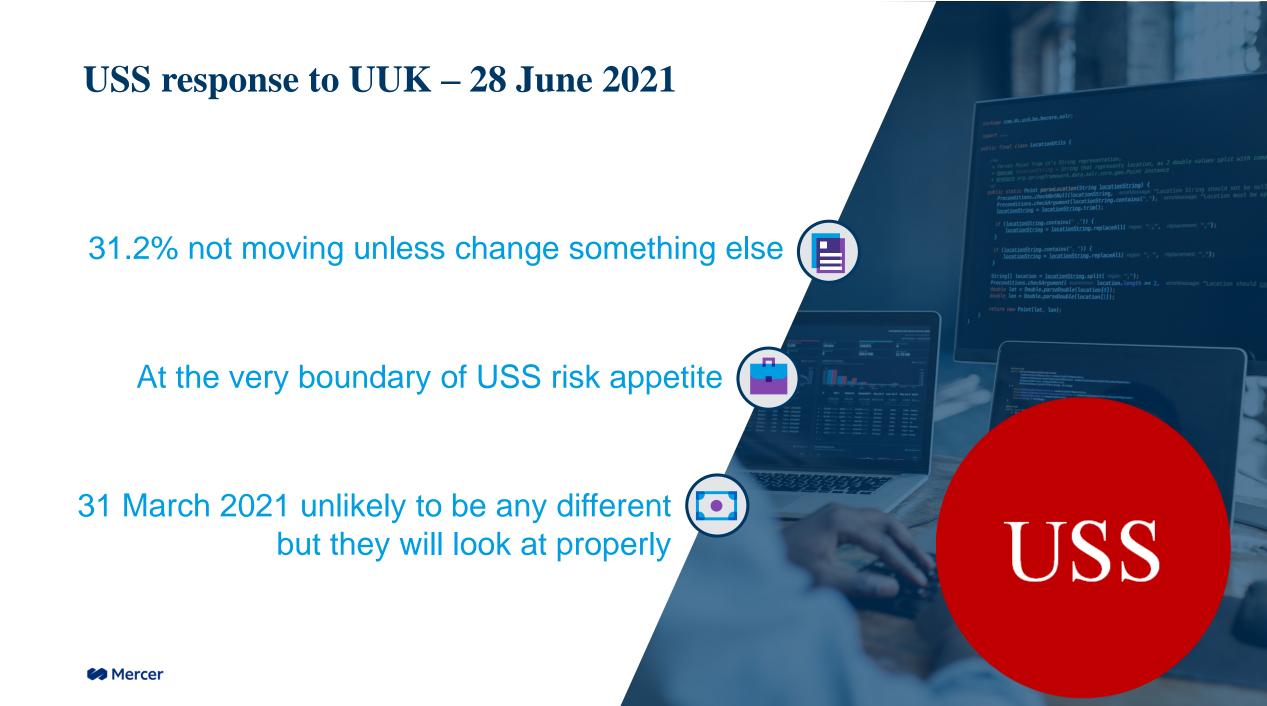
0.5% more

UUK ask if the 0.5% can be removed

UUK asks about a 31 March 2021 valuation (







TPR comment on a 2021 valuation – 14 July 2021

Expect 2020 valuation to be finalised without delay

Would expect more "normal" parameters at 2021





USS briefing on a 2021 valuation – 23 July 2021

CURRENT BENEFITS	31 March 2020	31 March 2021
Future service cost	33.6%	36.7%
Deficit	£15.4bn	£7.1bn
Deficit contributions	8.9%	6%
Total contributions	42.5%	42.7%



JNC decision – 31 August 2021

JNC have voted to progress the UUK proposal for benefits from April 2022

Casting vote of the Chair needed but no UCU counter proposal

Short service and low cost options to be considered

Member consultation in the autumn



Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC)







UCU is discussing action with its members

UCU have suggested an alternative but it wasn't formally proposed to the JNC (£40,000 threshold, 80ths accrual)

Contributions of 8.1% and 24.9%







The 1 October 2021 contributions

New contributions of **9.8% and 21.4%** from October 2021 (so they didn't go to 11% and 23.7% as scheduled)

BUT, USS need "back-stop" position if reforms don't come in

Back-stop	Members	Employers
April 2022	11.0%	23.7%
October 2022	12.9%	27.1%
April 2023	13.9%	29.1%
October 2023	15.0%	31.0%
April 2024	16.0%	33.0%
October 2024	17.1%	34.9%
April 2025	18.1%	36.9%
October 2025	18.8%	38.2%





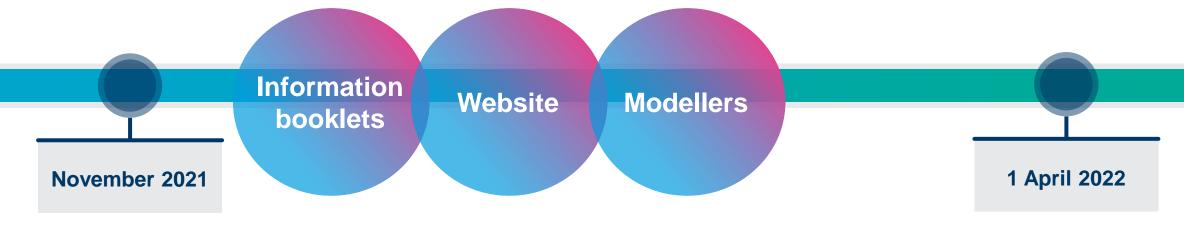
What next?



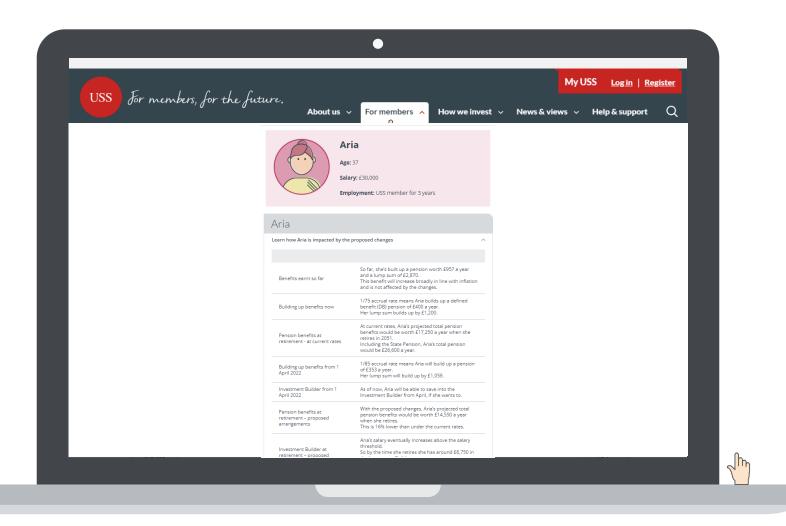
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USS personas





Proposed changes CHANGE Past benefits not **Would only affect benefits** changed going forward

1 April 2022



UUK proposal

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