

Statement of ACCESS Group of LGPS Officers.

The Undersigned Funds:

1. *reaffirm our commitment to working together to explore the opportunities and challenges of the Government's pooling agenda, to seek the best outcomes for our Funds and the wider LGPS individually and collectively (whether ultimately via this group or others or a combination thereof);*
2. *continue to support the LGPS owned initiative (being facilitated by Hymans Robertson) now known as project POOL, to develop a joined up proposal to Government, that allows the LGPS to speak with a clear, authoritative voice, focussed on a single or small number of options which satisfy the Governments criteria, backed up by well evidenced research data and analysis;*
3. *believe that individual Members on LGPS s101 Committees will:*
 - a. *require appropriate time to consider the findings of the project POOL proposal; and*
 - b. *be better placed to consider the next steps for individual Funds in the light of such a proposal once finalised; and*
4. *consider that the optimum outcomes for all stakeholders will be centred around appropriate timescales which combine momentum with efficiently managed transition.*

The Undersigned Funds are understood to be:

Bedfordshire

Cambridgeshire

Essex

Hertfordshire

Isle of Wight

Leicestershire

Lincolnshire

Norfolk

Northamptonshire

Staffordshire

Suffolk