

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

## The 2019/20 Pension Protection Levy Consultation IFoA response to the PPF

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Dear Chris,

## RE: IFoA response to the 2019/20 Pension Protection Levy Consultation Document

The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) consultation on the 2019/20 levy.

Our assessment of the consultation document found that there are no changes to the levy calculation for the vast majority of schemes. Given this was expected, we are supportive of the proposed approach and therefore do not intend to respond in full to the consultation. We expect individual schemes and/or advisors may wish to comment on the practicalities of elements of the levy process and any other resulting impacts.

We are also supportive of the PPF's aim to ensure that other levy payers should not subsidise commercial consolidators. In the context of the current uncertainty about the regulatory regime in which consolidators will operate and the speed at which the market will develop, the current proposals, including the proposal for an end-year reconciliation, seem sensible.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss our response further.

Yours sincerely,

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