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APPT comments on Pensions Schemes Bill

5 June 2025: The Association of Professional Pension Trustees (APPT) has commented today on the publication of the Pension Schemes Bill

Rachel Croft, Chair of the Association of Professional Pension Trustees (APPT) commented:

“The Pension Schemes Bill promises to address a number of long-awaited policy initiatives, many of which we have long supported, particularly those focussing on improving scheme governance and offering new flexibilities that should mean better outcomes for many scheme members and those joining schemes in the future.

“We particularly welcome the dialogue we have had with Government as the contents of the Bill have emerged and although we continue to have concerns over measures that, for example, might be taken to restrict trustees in making investment decisions that best suit their schemes, we trust that Government will be open in its ongoing discussions with trustees, administrators and sponsors as the details of the Bill are finalised.

“It is important too that the administrative and regulatory provisions that follow on from the Bill are considered and introduced in a proportionate way and within realistic timescales that reflect the huge additional load being taken on board by trustees and the industry as a whole.”

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Notes to editors:

The **Association for Professional Pension Trustees (APPT)** is the industry body for professional trustees of occupational pension schemes, working to encourage best practice within the sector and promote the interests of its members. Our members work as professional trustees at over 2,000 schemes of all types, including many trustee boards for defined benefit and defined contribution schemes including DC master trusts. Our members each typically work on multiple appointments and in total are responsible for managing schemes with assets of over £1.2 tn.

The APPT is one of the two recognised accreditation bodies for professional trustees, responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards amongst practitioners. Every year, members have to renew their accreditation, confirming they are working to the standards required and evidencing they have pursued their professional development over the preceding 12-months.

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