Universities and Colleges Retirement Savings Scheme

Investment guide
In this guide we set out the options you have under your Universities and Colleges Retirement Savings Scheme for investing your pension savings. We explain briefly what the main types of investments are. We also help you find out what type of investor you are and what sort of investment funds you should consider.

The Trustees, on the advice of Mercer Limited, have chosen:

- the funds in which contributions will be invested;
- the investment funds available to you.

Your retirement savings scheme is a long-term investment and enables you to save money for your retirement, but you need to remember that the value of your Account is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up. Your Account value could be less than the amount paid in. You can’t normally access your money until you are 55.

We strongly recommend you speak to a financial adviser. If you don’t have an adviser, visit www.unbiased.co.uk. You may have to pay for this advice.

This document was produced in June 2019 and is accurate as at that date.

When reviewing your fund choices you should refer to up-to-date information available online at www.avivamymoney.co.uk or by calling Aviva on 0345 600 6303.
The Mercer SmartPath

The investment solution for your scheme has been designed by Mercer to provide you with a default investment solution that has been deemed appropriate, as well as a selection of investment options to help you manage investment risks.

For some, choosing how to invest their pension savings can be daunting, whilst for others it is a familiar decision. Whatever your knowledge, expertise or desire to learn, there is an approach for you. Mercer has designed three approaches so you can choose what’s right for you based on your personal circumstances, your long-term objectives and your attitude to risk.

If you have many years to go before you retire, you may be willing to take a higher level of risk, in pursuit of investment gains, than someone who is closer to retirement. You can change the way your contributions are invested, giving you the flexibility to make changes when you feel the time is right for you.

Neither Mercer, the Mercer Master Trust Trustees or Aviva can give individual financial advice on which funds are appropriate for you, as it will depend on your personal circumstances, your long-term objectives and your attitude to risk.

If you are unsure as to which type of investment is the most suitable for you, we recommend that you seek financial advice before making a decision.

When you are considering investment options you may find it helpful to think about how you like to make investment decisions. Mercer believes that you are likely to fall into one of three main categories:

1  Do it for me

This approach is for people who are less confident about making investment decisions and who want to use a strategy which has been designed with the aim of achieving long-term growth during the years of saving and a range of options ahead of retirement.

Please note that there are no guarantees that this arrangement is the most suitable for your own personal circumstances. Please see pages 4 to 9 for more information.

2  Help me do it

Your scheme offers three SmartPath options which manage your investments through the life of your account. Each one is designed for a way you might want to take your savings at retirement. The three SmartPath options are:

- Target Annuity
- Target Drawdown
- Target Cash

One of them has been chosen as the ‘Do it for me’ approach. In the ‘Help me do it’ approach you can choose one of the other two options.

Please see pages 5, 6, 10 and 11 for more information about these paths.

3  Leave me to it

These self-select funds are designed for members who are confident in making investment choices and wish to tailor their investment choices to suit their individual needs from the range of funds that we offer. They consist of a range of four risk profiled funds which target certain risk and return characteristics as well as a range of single asset class funds for you to choose from. Please see page 12 for more information.
Do it for me – the default investment solution explained

A default investment solution, Mercer SmartPath, has been created for you, into which contributions will be invested. This solution means you don’t have to make your own investment decision, unless you wish to do so.

This solution has been chosen by the Trustees, on the advice of Mercer Limited.

Growth stage

Mercer states the objective of the investment solution is to help your pension investment grow. Up until eight years before your selected year of retirement the solution invests in a fund that seeks to offer a balanced exposure to investment risk. The value of your pension investment will fluctuate (increase or decrease) on a daily basis as a result of the performance of the fund in which your contributions are invested. As the fund provides a diversified approach to investment by using a range of different assets, such as shares (also known as equities), fixed interest and property, it seeks to limit the likelihood of your pension investment experiencing large fluctuations in value.

Contributions will be invested in the Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Growth/Balanced Risk Fund.

Approaching retirement

In the years approaching retirement, the default investment solution moves your pension investments into a Cash Target Retirement Fund. This aims to gradually reduce your exposure to investment risk and moves into investments that are more appropriate for taking it out as cash, in preparation for retirement. This phase may produce lower rates of return.

At the start of the year, eight years before the year you retire, you are able to invest in an alternative Target Retirement Fund. You will be written to around this time to remind you of the Target Retirement Fund that has been chosen for you, by the Trustees, and the other options available to you. These are explained in more detail on pages 5 to 7.

If you are due to retire between 2020 and 2027, you will not be invested in the Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Growth/ Balanced Risk Fund. You will be invested in the relevant Target Retirement Fund, as shown on page 8.

As your investments are moved within the path, your annual management charge (AMC) will change as well.

More information about the fund(s) can be found on page 8. More information on risk warnings and ratings can be found on pages 13 to 16.
The Mercer SmartPath

Under the Mercer SmartPath, Mercer has designed a range of Target Retirement Funds for you to choose from. Within each type of Target Retirement Fund, your investments will gradually change to prepare you for the benefits you intend to take as well as gradually reduce the risk as you approach retirement.

You can invest in more than one Target Retirement Fund and move between them if your own individual plans for retirement change.

There are three paths available for you to choose:
- Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Annuity
- Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Drawdown
- Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Cash

Your pension account has the chance to build up over a number of years, depending on your circumstances. But as you approach retirement it’s important to consider if where your pension account is invested will give you the income you want.

The diagram below shows how SmartPath works. For example Member A chooses to retire in 2025 and take an annuity income at retirement.

If you are uncertain which funds are right for you, we strongly recommend you speak to a financial adviser. If you don’t have an adviser, visit www.unbiased.co.uk. You may have to pay for this advice.
How Target Retirement Funds actually work

If you are in the ‘Do it for me’ strategy, at the start of the year eight years before the year you retire, your investments will be moved into your chosen Target Retirement Fund. For example, Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Cash 2025 Fund. Remember, if you do not make a choice you will automatically be moved into Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Cash, but we will contact you at this time with all the options available.

The types of investments which make up Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Cash are shown in the chart below. A diversified fund invests in different securities in order to reduce the amount of risk that investors might be exposed to. Investing in different assets, including company shares and bonds, means that events in the markets which might negatively affect the performance of one sector, do not necessarily affect the entire portfolio. In other words, diversification helps to reduce the likelihood of fluctuations, and so ups and downs, in the value of your pension savings. All other types of investments are explained in more detail on page 17.

Your chosen Target Retirement Fund will gradually move your investments in preparation for the type of benefit you wish to take at retirement (cash, drawdown income or annuity income) and gradually reduce the investment risk up to the year you retire.

At the start of your retirement year, your investments then move to the Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Cash Retirement Fund. If you are not in the default fund, you will not be contacted about using Target Retirement Funds. If you wish to use these, you will need to switch your investments using My Money.

This path is intended for those scheme members who believe they will take their entire pension savings as a cash lump sum (of which 25% will normally be free of income tax) at retirement.

If you decide to take this option it is important to ensure you have appropriately planned your future retirement income. It is also important that you understand how the tax will be deducted as this will vary depending on your individual circumstance. Once you have taken a cash lump sum, it will limit how much you can pay into any money purchase pension arrangement (including this arrangement) in the future.

Members who believe they are not likely to take all of their benefits as a cash lump sum at retirement may wish to consider one of the other investment paths, as explained on page 5 of this guide, or fund choices available. For more information we suggest you speak to a financial adviser.
There are potential advantages and disadvantages to investing in Target Retirement Funds.

### Potential benefits
- Target Retirement Funds offer an automated method of changing your investment funds to prepare them for the type of benefit you wish to take.
- During the period leading up to your retirement, your pension fund is moved from investments with a greater exposure to the stock market into generally more cautious investments. This aims to reduce some of your exposure to risk from stock market fluctuations.
- Your Target Retirement Fund can be amended if you choose to take your benefits earlier or later than you have currently selected. If you wish to do so you can do this through My Money or by contacting us.

### Things to consider
- There is no guarantee that the investment programme you choose will prove beneficial to your pension fund.
- If you have chosen an Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Annuity Retirement Fund please be aware that it cannot completely mirror the changing annuity prices because the investment strategy does not exactly match all annuity types.
- As movements between investments happen automatically on set dates, they may not occur at times that would give you the best returns.
- The value of your investments, even in lower risk funds, can fall as well as rise and the value of your pension fund is not guaranteed.
- Taking your retirement benefits earlier or later than planned may have an impact on your investment option, and may mean that it is no longer suitable for your individual circumstances.

### What you need to do
We will write to you around eight years from the start of the year of your retirement date, asking you to select the Target Retirement Fund you would like.

If you are fully invested in the Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Growth/Balanced Risk Fund and don’t reply within one month, we will automatically move your investments into the appropriate Retirement Fund. Alternatively, you can instruct us to leave your investments where they are or choose another fund(s). Please see page 12 for more information.

If you are not fully invested in the Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Growth/Balanced Risk Fund, we will only move your investment into a Target Retirement Fund if you instruct us to. Your investments will not move automatically.

If you are invested in a Target Retirement Fund and change your retirement date, either by bringing it forward or moving it back, we will move your investments to the position appropriate to the time left until you retire. It will also be a good idea for you to review your investments and make sure they are right for your changed circumstances.

If you plan to take your retirement benefits either before or after your original selected retirement date, please contact us so we can make the appropriate changes to your account. For contact details please see page 30 of this brochure.

### Important
The value of Target Retirement Funds is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up; you could get back less than the amount paid in.

There is no guarantee that investing in Target Retirement Funds will give you an improved income when you retire in comparison with other funds. Underlying investments may also change during the lifetime of a Target Retirement Fund.

You can choose to invest in Target Retirement Funds at any time. However, they are designed for members retiring in specific years and may be an unwise choice in other circumstances.

If you are already invested in lower risk investments (or due to certain market conditions e.g. interest rates, currency, inflation), it may be possible that Target Retirement Funds mean a move to higher risk investments.
### Default investment solution funds

Below we show the funds that are used in the default investment solution. For full details of these funds please see the Fund Details section starting on page 20.

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Charges and expenses

To cover the costs of running your Account and managing your investments, the following charges apply:

**Scheme annual management charge (AMC)**

The scheme AMC covers the cost of running your Account. It is a percentage of your Account value that is calculated and applied daily, but deducted monthly from your Account by selling fund units. You will have received details of your scheme’s AMC in the Scheme announcement included with this guide. It includes a charge of 0.06% which covers Trustee charges and scheme running costs.

**Fund annual management charge**

The fund AMC is charged by fund managers for managing a fund. It is normally calculated as a percentage of the fund’s value and deducted from the daily fund unit price.

**Additional expenses**

There are additional expenses associated with some funds, and these are reflected in the fund unit price. The additional expenses reflect the cost of managing the assets and include fees to auditors, trustees and valuers. They are reviewed regularly and can change. The additional expenses may change as the expenses incurred by the fund change and the size of the fund changes. Aviva regularly reviews the expenses and updates our literature and annual statements accordingly.

**Investment governance charge**

A charge paid to Mercer Limited for providing investment governance over the Mercer labelled range of funds and the asset allocation advice for the various Mercer blended funds and Target Retirement Funds. It is included in the fund AMC (see above).

**Total annual management charge (Total AMC)**

The total AMC will depend on which fund or funds you invest in. It is taken from each fund, over the lifetime of your account. It is made up of the scheme AMC, and the fund AMC (which includes the investment governance charge.)

**Total expense ratio (TER)**

A combined amount of the scheme AMC, the fund AMC and additional expenses, known as the total expense ratio (TER), is shown starting on page 20.

**Changes to funds**

Please note there may be circumstances when the fund managers decide to increase the fund AMC. If this happens, you can switch to other fund(s), Aviva does not currently charge for switching funds; this could change in the future. In some circumstances we may delay the ‘cashing in’ or ‘switching’ of units for up to one month, or for funds invested in property, for up to six months while the property is sold.

We may extend these periods:

- to match any period of delay, postponement, closure or suspension imposed by the fund managers
- if, due to exceptional circumstances, we believe it is in the best interests of all investors in the fund. We won’t do this on the member’s selected retirement date or on death.

If a fund is deemed no longer appropriate it may be closed and an alternative fund added. If this happens we will write to you and advise you of your options.

Because you are able to switch your funds or redirect future contributions, you can ensure that your fund choices match your personal circumstances as they change through life.
Help me do it 
investment options

Whilst your Account offers one of the SmartPaths as the default path selected by the Trustees, there are two other paths available to you. They are designed for members who have an idea how they want to access their pension savings at retirement, and who want to choose a path that’s been designed for that purpose.

The two alternative paths are:
Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Annuity
Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Drawdown

For additional details of the funds these paths invest in, please see the Fund Details section starting on page 20.

Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Target Annuity

This path is intended for those scheme members who believe they will wish to buy an annuity at retirement.

You can take up to 25% of your pension benefit as a tax-free lump sum although this will reduce the amount available to purchase the annuity.

An annuity is a retirement income product that provides a guaranteed income for life. It is important to know that if you choose this product when you come to retirement, you will not be able to change your mind after the cancellation period has passed. A minimum fund value may be required to take an annuity and charges will be taken. When considering this option it is important to shop around and obtain quotes from different providers, in order to compare the different levels of incomes and options available. For example depending on your lifestyle and/or health you may be able to benefit from an enhanced annuity which would pay an increased level of income.

The Trustees can support you with this through an open market annuity service. The Trustees will provide you with details of the support available closer to your retirement.

Members who believe they are not likely to take all of their benefits as an annuity at retirement may wish to consider one of the other investment paths or fund choices available. For more information we suggest you speak to a financial adviser.
This path is intended for those members who intend to make use of drawdown in retirement.

Income Drawdown is a feature that allows you to take an income in the form of withdrawals from your pension whilst the remaining fund value stays invested. The remaining fund value can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. Your future pension income is not guaranteed for life as it depends on the level of withdrawals, investment performance and how long you live. The withdrawn income will be taxed at your highest income tax rate as pension income. Charges will continue to be applied to your remaining fund value and there may also be drawdown charges. Once you have taken a withdrawal from your pension, it will limit how much you can pay into any money purchase pension arrangement (including this arrangement) in the future.

Members who believe they are not likely to take all of their benefits as Income Drawdown at retirement may wish to consider one of the other investment paths or fund choices available. For more information we suggest you speak to a financial adviser.

For additional details on each of the individual Target Retirement Funds, please refer to the information available online at [www.avivamymoney.co.uk](http://www.avivamymoney.co.uk).
Leave me to it investment options

We understand that some people may find the default investment solution provided does not match their attitude to investment risk or it invests in areas that they wouldn’t choose for themselves.

If you would like to choose your own investments, you can do so once we have invested the first contribution.

‘Leave me to it’ fund range

Our ‘Leave me to it’ fund range provides you with a choice of investment options. It includes funds selected by the Trustees, having taken professional advice from Mercer.

The fund range may change from time to time, and funds that are available now may not be available in the future. If you are invested in a fund that is withdrawn from the range or is changing significantly, we will write to you and inform you and let you know what options you have.

There are risks associated with investing in funds. The values of funds are not guaranteed and can go down as well as up. You may get back less than you paid in.

This range of funds has been designed to contain a mix of investments that offer members certain risk and return characteristics.

For full details of the funds below please see the Fund Details section starting on page 20.

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<td><strong>3</strong> Low to medium volatility</td>
<td>Aviva Pension MyM Mercer Defensive/Lower Risk</td>
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Risk and reward

What is your attitude to risk?
It’s important to establish your attitude to risk before you start investing, to ensure that the default investment solution or any investments you choose are right for you. As far as investing is concerned, risk tends to be associated with potentially higher volatility; meaning the higher the risk levels, the more likely it is that the value of a fund will go up and down from day to day. Information on the risk ratings can be found on the next page. You should also consider the different asset classes that funds invest in. For more information on asset classes please see page 17.

Deciding your own approach
How much risk you are prepared to take will depend on your own personal circumstances and your opinions on money.
For instance, if you only have a short period of time until you retire (for example, less than five years), it may not be appropriate to invest in funds that are classed as high risk as these are more volatile. This is because the value of your investments may fall and you may not have time to make up any losses.
You should regularly review your investments to ensure they still meet your needs.
Please remember that there are no guarantees with investing in any investment fund. Some funds may have particular risks associated with investing in them. These are explained on the following pages.

You can use a link from My Money to our Risk Profiler tool to help understand your attitude to investment risk.
Although My Money can help you with your decisions, neither Mercer, the Mercer Master Trust Trustees or Aviva can provide you with any financial advice. If you are unsure what investment options are right for you, you should speak to a financial adviser. If you don’t have a financial adviser you can find one at www.unbiased.co.uk.
Helping you to understand risk

Please see page 12 for more information on the Leave me to it fund range. Please note that not all of the risk warnings listed on pages 15 and 16 apply to each fund and there is no direct relationship between the number of risk warnings and the risk ratings shown below.

Aviva calculates its risk ratings using historical performance data, based upon the methods set by European Union rules. We also carry out further research using information from the fund’s investment manager(s). We review each fund’s risk rating annually and these may change over time. The timing of your investment decisions is very important and you should consult a financial adviser. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance.

Our risk ratings go from 1 to 7, with 1 being the lowest and 7 the highest. As a point of reference, a fund with a risk rating of 4 (medium volatility) would typically experience the volatility you would expect from a fund invested in a range of different investments (for example shares, property and bonds) without any bias to a particular investment type. Remember that all investment funds carry some element of risk but this varies from fund to fund.

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Please note:

These investment risk ratings are based on Aviva’s interpretation of investment risk and are only meant as a guide. These levels of investment risk are not guaranteed and may change in the future. The colours in this table may be different to those used online, however, the ratings and approach to investment risk remain the same.
Fund risk warnings

There are risks associated with investing in funds, or types of funds. In this document we show which risk warning or warnings apply to each fund. These are all explained below. Please note that not all of these warnings apply to each fund and there is no direct relationship between the number of fund risk warnings and the investment risk rating for each fund shown on the previous page.

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<td>Specialist funds: Some funds invest only in a specific or limited range of sectors and this will be set out in the fund’s aim. These funds may carry more risk than funds that can invest across a broader range or a variety of sectors.</td>
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<td>Suspend trading: Fund managers often have the ability, in certain circumstances, to suspend trading in their funds for as long as necessary. When this occurs, we will need to delay the ‘cashing in’ or switching of units in the relevant fund. You may not be able to access your money during this period.</td>
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<td>Derivatives: Derivatives are financial contracts whose value is based on the prices of other assets. Most funds can invest in derivatives for the purpose of managing the fund more efficiently or reducing risk. Some funds also use derivatives to increase potential returns, known as ‘speculation’. For those funds we apply an additional risk warning (see Risk F).</td>
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<td>Emerging Markets: Where a fund invests in emerging markets, its value is likely to move up and down by large amounts and more frequently than one that invests in developed markets. These markets may not be as strictly regulated and securities may be harder to buy and sell than those in more developed markets. These markets may also be politically unstable which can result in the fund carrying more risk.</td>
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<td>Smaller Companies: Where a fund invests in the shares of smaller companies, its value is likely to move up and down by large amounts and more frequently than one that invests in larger company shares. The shares can also be more difficult to buy and sell, so smaller companies funds can carry more risk.</td>
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<td>Cash/Money Market Funds: These are different to cash deposit accounts and their value can fall. Also, in a low interest rate environment the product or fund charges may be greater than the return, so you could get back less than you have paid in.</td>
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H | **Property funds:** The fund invests substantially in property funds, property shares or direct property. You should bear in mind that

- Properties are not always readily saleable and this can lead to times in which clients are unable to ‘cash in’ or switch part or all of their holding and you may not be able to access your money during this time
- Property valuations are made by independent valuers, but are ultimately subjective and a matter of judgement
- Property transaction costs are high due to legal costs, valuations and stamp duty, which will affect the fund’s returns.

I | **High Yield Bonds:** The fund invests in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds. Non-investment grade bonds carry a higher risk that the issuer may not be able to pay interest or return capital. In addition, economic conditions and interest rate movements will have a greater effect on their price. There may be times when these bonds are not easy to buy and sell. In exceptional circumstances, we may need to delay the ‘cashing in’ or switching of units in the fund and you may not be able to access your money during this period.

J | **Reinsured Funds:** Where a fund invests in an underlying fund operated by another insurance company through a reinsurance agreement, if the other insurance company were to become insolvent, you could lose some or all of the value of your investment in this fund.
Explaining Investments

You choose which funds you invest your money in. The fund manager uses this money to buy the assets that make up the fund’s investments. Generally, each fund offered by Aviva invests in one of four main asset classes which are described below.

Money market

The ‘money market’ is a mechanism for short-term borrowing and lending between organisations. Money market investments typically include what are described as ‘near-cash instruments’, such as certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and treasury bills. They are not to be confused with deposit accounts with banks or building societies. Although less risky than other asset classes, there could be circumstances where these investments fall in value, for example, if an organisation defaults. Their value could also be eroded over time due to the effects of fund charges, product charges and inflation.

Fixed interest

Fixed interest assets include government and corporate bonds. These are loans issued by the government or a company in the financial markets in order to boost their finances. Government and corporate bonds pay the holder of the bond a regular fixed interest and the full value of the bond upon maturity. Government bonds issued by the UK government are referred to as gilts.

If a government or a company defaults on the loan then the interest will not be paid. Gilts are regarded as less risky than corporate bonds as the UK government has a good credit rating. For this reason, it is believed to be in a sound enough financial position to be able to repay the money it has borrowed and honour its debt repayments.

Property

Property investment usually means commercial property, such as offices and retail, leisure and industrial developments. It can also include residential property. As well as the potential increase in their value, property investments can also produce rental income. Property can be subject to heavy falls and sharp increases in value. It can also take more time to buy and sell property than investments in other asset classes.

Shares

Shares are also known as equities. Shareholders have a ‘share’ in a company’s assets. Shares are bought and sold on stock markets and their value can go up and down depending on the fortunes of the company and stock markets in general.

Companies may also pay a share of profits to shareholders, known as dividends. While there is more opportunity for potential gains with shares than some asset classes, there is also greater risk that they will fall in value.

Please note that although your money is invested in a fund, you do not own any of that fund’s underlying assets. For example, you won’t receive a dividend from shares in an equity fund or rental income from a property held by a property fund. These are reflected in the value of the fund itself.
Finding the right balance
Some investors like to spread their investments across funds that invest in shares, fixed interest, commercial property and money markets, as well as across different parts of the world. This helps to reduce the overall risk of their total investments and is known as diversification. It’s all about maintaining the right balance and similar to the expression ‘not putting all your eggs in one basket’. If you need help doing this you should contact a financial adviser.

Please remember that there are no guarantees with a balanced approach or any particular asset class.

How are funds managed?
Not only do funds invest in different asset classes, they are also managed in different ways. There are 2 main types of funds available on My Money – these are actively managed funds and blended funds. Blended funds are designed by your employer’s adviser, Mercer.

Actively managed funds
The fund manager actively buys and sells investments with the aim of achieving higher returns than the fund’s benchmark. This is a standard against which the performance of a fund can be measured and could be based on, for example, average annual return on investment performance over a set amount of time.

Blended funds
Blended funds are specifically created by Mercer, who provide advice on the asset allocation of the fund. Funds invest passively in one or more funds according to its investment strategy, rather than directly in shares, bonds or other securities. Blended funds offer flexibility to change the underlying funds to achieve its objective. Full details can be found on the fund fact sheets.

Security of assets
Where funds are operated through a reinsurance agreement with another insurance company, this may enable lower charges and marginally better tax treatments.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), as approved by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), provides protection for the customers of an authorised firm, such as Aviva. This means the FSCS can pay compensation to customers if a financial firm, such as Aviva, becomes unable, or becomes likely to be unable, to pay claims against it. Please refer to the FSCS website for more information about FSCS protection with regard to pension schemes at – https://www.fscs.org.uk/what-we-cover/.

There is also a risk that a fund manager or company responsible for the funds your payments are invested in become unable to meet their financial obligations. In the unlikely situation this occurs you would not be covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). In this event, Aviva would make a claim against the fund manager or company in an attempt to recover the money. However, they could still lose all or some of your retirement fund.

There is a different legal arrangement in place if Aviva, which is categorised as a life company, invests in the funds of another life company, including funds managed by BlackRock or Legal & General. In this case, Aviva is required to enter into a reinsurance agreement with the other life company to invest in that company’s funds.

The reinsurance agreement enables Aviva to put in place a ‘floating charge’ in order to help protect its pension plan holders in the event where a life company, whose funds Aviva’s customers are invested in, runs into financial problems. Under the floating charge, and in the event of the insolvency of the other life company (or reinsurer), Aviva can recover up to the amount it would have done if the sums owed to Aviva by the life company were characterised as ‘insurance debts’.
However, it is worth bearing in mind that the fund could be wound down, or another fund manager could take on the management of the fund. This situation could affect the performance of the fund and ultimately impact the value of the policy holder’s assets.

The potential protection by the FSCS for other types of investments in your account will vary according to the nature of the investments you choose. If you wish to know more about the possible extent of protection available, please go to www.fscs.org.uk.

If you wish to know which funds are invested through a reinsurance agreement, please see the fund factsheets which are available online at My Money. You can identify these funds by the risk warning J.
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Further information and help

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