Insurance De-Risking Solutions Key Legal Issues

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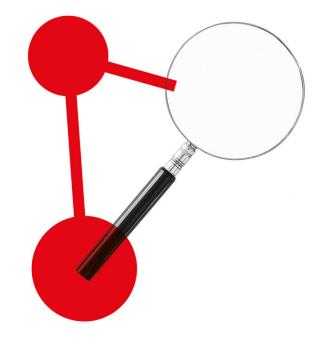


De-Risking Options

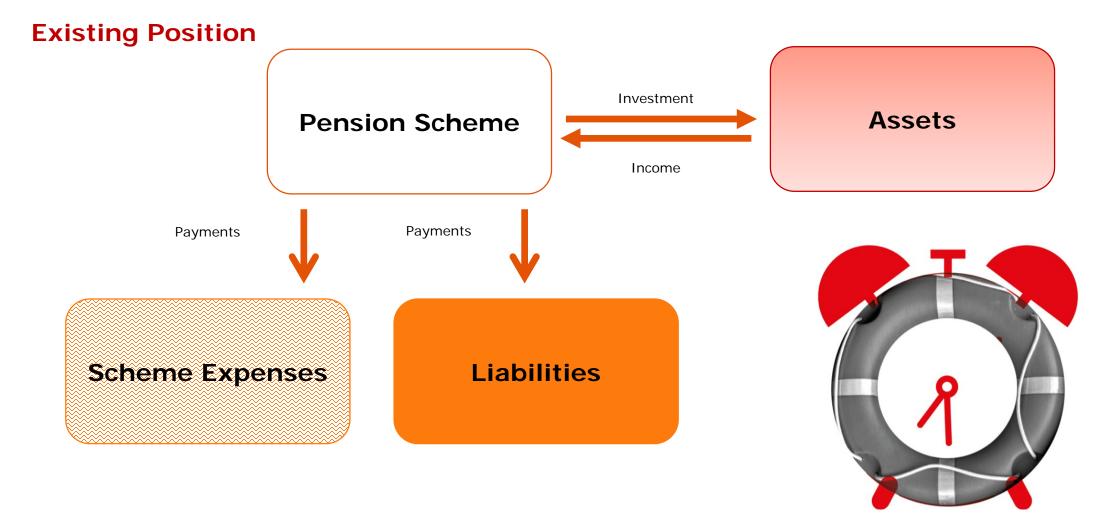


Why consider insurance de-risking options?

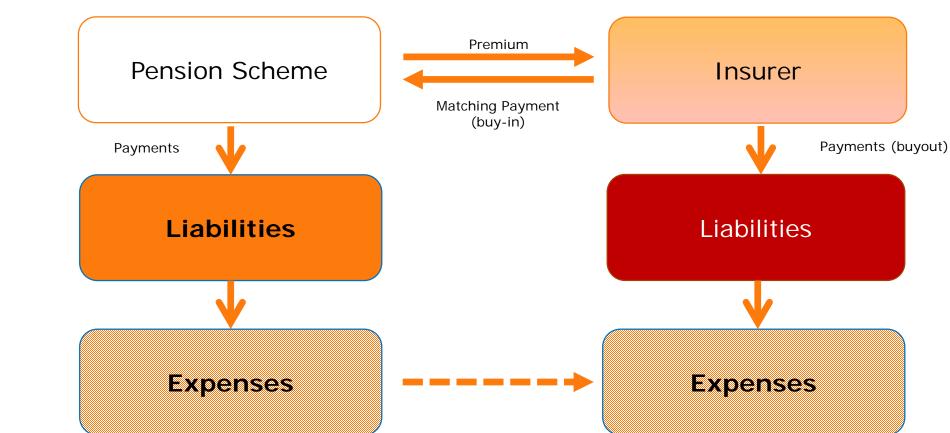
- Eliminate asset management and investment risk
- Reduced reliance on sponsor covenant
- Reduces liabilities => scheme more sustainable?
- Enhances security of benefits
- Positive impact on funding standard liabilities



What Are You Trying To Achieve?



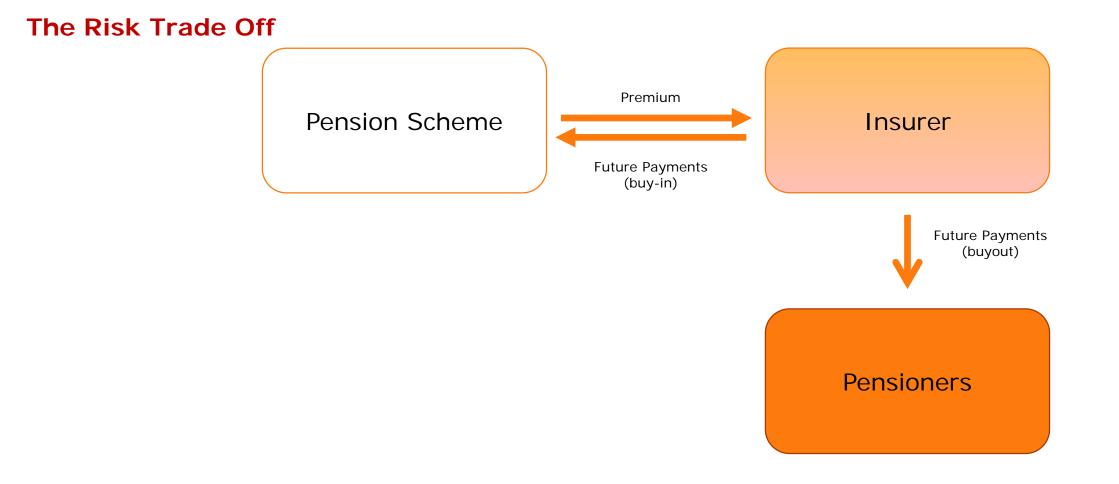
Risk Transfer – Lowering of Investment or Matching Risk



Desired Position

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Risk Transfer – Increase in Counterparty Risk



Insurance De-Risking Options

An annuity buyout

Complete transfer of pensioner obligations to insurer

Master or "bulk" agreement between insurer and trustees, individual policies issued to pensioners

Residual risks may be retained

Usually one off payment in cash or in specie

Key Legal Issues – buyout

- Status under Pensions Act
 - Pre Wind Up
 - Post Wind Up
- Ability to buyout benefits pre-wind up
- Impact on each category of member
- Ability to replicate benefits
- Impact on discretions
- Insurer covenant and track record
- Regulatory status of insurer



Insurance De-Risking Options

An annuity buy-in



Bulk agreement with insurer

Deferreds may be included

Key Legal Issues – buy-in

Status under Pensions Act

I Investment Regulations Apply

But Annuity has exemption from

- Diversification requirement
- Regulated markets requirement

II Funding Regulations Apply

But if full buyout right on wind up is a match for MFS purposes

III Risk Reserve

Annuities zero rated



Key Legal Issues – buy-in

- Ability to invest in annuity contract (deferred annuities?)
- Update SIPP
- Retention of discretions
- Covenant of insurer



Insurance De-Risking Through captives

Captive Annuity



Additional Legal Issues – Captives

Avoidance of selfinvestment

Status of captive

Security?

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