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Answer from Councillor Vicky McGurk to question from Councillor John Slater:

Hi John,

As requested the pension liability is £253m.

However the pension liability represents an estimate of the future cost of pensions to be paid to current and former employees – it is based on various assumptions made by the scheme actuary at a single point in time such as how long people will live, the values of pensions, future inflation, future investment returns on pension assets including equities and government bonds etc.

The cost of the pension liability is matched in the Council's accounts by a Pensions Reserve, so that there is no impact of these accounting arrangements for the council tax payer.