

Georgina Martin Retirement Capital Office 12 Venture Wales Building Pentrebach Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4DR

6th July 2021

Dear Georgina

### **RE: B & CE Pensions**

Please find enclosed the following for immediate processing:

Transfer out documents

I trust that this is satisfactory and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Myatt

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## **Transfer out & Confirmation of Discharge**

Member Details

Title Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms Mr

1) The People's Pension

Surname Smith

Forename(s) Anthony Arthur

Manor Barn, Manor Lane Whilton, DAVENTRY, Address

Northamptonshire

Postcode NN11 2UH

Date of Birth 20/10/1961

CALCULATION DATE 27/04/2021

Fund values are not guaranteed and can bo down as well as up.

Signature of member

Date

£10,357.26

I authorise The People's Pension Trustee Limited to transfer all my fund accrued in The People's Pension.

2) B&CE EasyBuild Stakeholder Pension

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EasyBuild

Fund Value

Not Applicable

EasyBuild S2P

Not Applicable

I authorise B&CE Insurance Limited to transfer all my accrued B&CE EasyBuild Stakeholder Pension fund.

3) TUTMAN B&CE Contracted-out Pension Scheme Fund values are not guaranteed and can go down as well as up.

Fund Value

Not Applicable

I authorise B&CE Financial Services Limited to transfer all my accrued Contracted-out Pension fund.

4) B&CE Benefits Scheme (Lump Sum Retirement Benefit (LSRB), Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC), Employers Additional Contributions (EAC). Refer to attached notes for further details).

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		(AVC's must be transferred at same time as EAC's)	
EAC's	Not Applicable	This value must be transferred at same time as AVC's	Signature of member Date



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Any payment will be paid directly to the receiving scheme. To enable us to do this, the receiving scheme must complete the section below.

Please note: Incorrect bank details may delay the payment being made.

Name of receiving scheme/provider:  Bank Name:  Account Payee Name:  Bank Account Number:  Sort Code:  Roll No:  Payment Reference:  We declare that we are a registered pension scheme and that the transfer value will be applied to provide relevant pension benefits that are consistent with HM Revenue & Customs conditions of approval.
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**Member Details** 

Title Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms Mr

Surname Smith

Forename(s) Harry Francis

Address Manor Barn, Manor Lane Whilton, DAVENTRY,

Northamptonshire

Postcode NN11 2UH

Date of Birth 04/02/1999

CALCULATION DATE 23/04/2021

1) The People's Pension

Fund values are not guaranteed and can go down as well as up.

Fund Value

£6,943.93

Signature of member HungSmith

Date 28/04/2021

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If anyone approaches you directly to offer transfer advice, be on your guard. The government has banned cold calling for pensions, so if anyone calls you out of the blue about yours, just hang up — it could be a scam. You can also visit the ScamSmart website at <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart">www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart</a> to check the firm you are dealing with is regulated and to see whether what you're being offered is a known scam or has the signs of a scam.

There are two types of pension – defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC). If you have a DB pension, the benefits you'll get in retirement (including how much you get paid each month) are specified – whereas with a DC pension, your benefits will depend on the performance of investments and the level of contributions made by you and your employer before your retirement.

Legislation gives you the right to 'transfer' your pension. However, whilst you have this right, in most cases, transferring out of a DB pension scheme into a different type of pension arrangement is unlikely to be in your best long-term interests as you'll be giving up a valuable level of predictability in your retirement income. You will also give up the protection that is offered by the Pension Protection Fund (PPF), in case your employer becomes insolvent.

The PPF has a duty to protect people with an eligible defined benefit pension when an employer becomes insolvent. So, if you are a member of an eligible DB scheme and your employer goes out of business and cannot afford to pay you the benefits due then the PPF will pay you compensation. This provides an important safety net if your scheme can't pay what was promised. More information on the PPF and the level of protection it gives to eligible DB schemes can be found at: <a href="https://www.ppf.co.uk/who-we-are">https://www.ppf.co.uk/who-we-are</a>

Please remember that you can't change your mind once you've transferred out of a DB pension.

It is therefore really important that you get guidance or advice before making a decision. The Pensions Advisory Service (TPAS) is part of the Money and Pensions Service and offers free specialist pensions guidance and will help answer any questions you may have. If your transfer value is more than £30,000, you are required by law to take advice from a suitably qualified financial adviser regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), before you can transfer your benefits to a DC pension scheme.

Take your time to make all the checks you need – you can find suggested questions to ask your adviser on the FCA's website: https://fca.org.uk/consumers/what-ask-adviser with further information on pension transfers at https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/pension-transfer

We hope that you are able to stay safe and well in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Parish

The Pensions Regulator

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Financial Conduct Authority

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The Money and Pensions Service

**Customer Number: 3512114**Our Ref: LE\_OTH\_0017/0520
Telephone No: 0300 2000 555

Email: info@bandce.co.uk

23 April 2021

Mr HF Smith Manor Barn Manor Lane Whilton DAVENTRY Northamptonshire NN11 2UH



Dear Mr Smith

## **B&CE Benefit Schemes - Transfer out**

I refer to your enquiry regarding the possible transfer of benefits under the B&CE Benefit Schemes.

There are four different B&CE Benefit Schemes in which you may hold funds. The current value of each applicable one is shown on the enclosed Transfer out & Confirmation of Discharge form. For further details please also read the attached 'Explanatory Notes'.

If you wish to proceed with the transfer, please sign and date the white box for each scheme applicable (1, 2, 3 or 4). Once signed, please send the form to the receiving scheme as they will need to complete the receiving scheme details on the back of the form.

The receiving scheme will need to confirm in their letter to us that they are able to accept transfers in, the approval basis, and the appropriate HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) scheme reference. If you have an account with The People's Pension, you pay an annual management charge made up of 3 elements — an annual charge of £2.50, a management charge of 0.5% of the value of your pension pot each year and a potential rebate on the management charge. To help you save more, typically this rebate is between 0.1% on savings over £3,000 and 0.3% on savings over £50,000. If you take out your money you may not receive this rebate. Find out more at www.thepeoplespension.co.uk/membercharge.

If payments are being made into The People's Pension by you, or by your employer they need to be paid to B&CE by the 22nd of the following month. Therefore, any transfer of funds will be made the month in which we receive those payments from the employer and after we have carried out our next available valuation, usually the next working day.

When I have received the relevant forms, signed by you and the administrator of the receiving scheme, the transfer payment will be made.

If you are unsure what you should do, you may wish to contact an Independent Financial Adviser (IFA). The following website www.unbiased.co.uk helps you locate an IFA in your area. An IFA may charge a fee for their advice.

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If you have any questions, please call 0300 2000 555, quoting the customer number which can be found at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Martin

**Group Director of Customer Services** 

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Customer Number: 3512113 Our Ref: LE\_OTH\_0017/0520 Telephone No: 0300 2000 555 Email: info@bandce.co.uk

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Date of Birth 19/01/1967

CALCULATION DATE 23/04/2021

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Signature of member

Date

26/4/21

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EasyBuild

Fund Value

Not Applicable

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EasyBuild S2P

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCING EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY 1348/1013



## Why do I have to prove my identity and address?

We have a legal responsibility to confirm the true identity of customers by undertaking a number of identity checks.

This may mean that before we can process a claim or transaction you may need to prove to us your identity and address.

## What identification is required?

You must provide photocopies of 1 item of personal identification from list A, plus 1 separate item for address verification from list B.

A. We will accept 1 of the following showing your full name as proof of identity:

- Birth certificate
- Current signed Passport
- Current full UK Driving Licence

# B. We will accept 1 of the following as proof of your current address:

- Utility Bill (please note mobile phone bills will not be accepted)
- Local Authority Council Tax Bill (valid for the current year)
- Bank or Building Society Statement
- Current credit/debit card statements issued by a regulated sector firm
- Mortgage Statement from a recognised lender
- Local council rent card or tenancy agreement
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- Evidence for the current year for entitlement to a state or local authority funded benefit; housing, council benefit, tax credit, pension or educational grant

## Please note:

- All utility bills and statements must have been issued within the past 3 months.
- We cannot accept utility bills printed off the internet
- Names and addresses must be printed and not handwritten
- If you have lived at your current address for less than 3 months, we will also require 1 item from list B as proof of your previous address.
- In some circumstances we may ask for 2 proofs of current address
- In some circumstances we may not be able to accept photocopies and may require
- We are required to verify your identity and to keep copies of the evidence for our records. If it is not possible to verify your identity, then by law we are not able to provide you with our products or services.

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Yours sincerely

Nicola Parish

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Megan Butter

Financial Conduct Authority

Alex Connolly

The Money and Pensions Service