#### AIB GROUP DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

# New Default Lifestyle Options



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### What we hope to cover today

- Have a clear Goal
- Review of the existing Default Fund
- Analysis of membership
- Members have different Needs and required different Outcomes
- The new Lifestyle offering and how it works
- Communications
- Working in partnership
- Challenges and Lessons



#### Have a clear goal

#### Improve the outcomes for members



# Review of the Existing Default Fund

- Existing Default Fund
  - Diversified Growth Fund
  - Lifestyles to Bonds over last 10 years
- Our review showed us
  - We're assuming members will buy an annuity
  - Dated view of Bonds being a de-risking strategy
  - We're not considering different needs of members



# Analysis of membership

- Database review and analysis
- Established different cohorts
- Considered as much information as possible about the members including other AIB benefits
- Established reasonable assumptions about members and how they might use their DC fund



### **Needs and Outcomes**

- Not all members have the same needs
  - Some have significant legacy DB benefits
  - Some are pure DC
  - Mix of long and short service
  - Range of salaries and careers



### **Needs and Outcomes**

- Different Needs require different Outcomes
  - Some may use all of their fund for Cash
  - Some may purchase an annuity with part of their fund
  - Some may purchase an ARF with part of their fund
- Resulting in three new default options
  - Cash Ready
  - Cash and Annuity Ready
  - Cash and ARF Ready



# How the new Lifestyle works

#### Reviews each members annually

- Projects DC benefits and considers retained DB
- Determines likely use of DC fund at retirement
- Selects one of the Lifestyle strategies

#### Investment moves

- Start 7 years from retirement
- Quarterly moves
- Moves from the DGF to one of the three targets
  - Cash
  - Cash + Bonds
  - Cash + DGF



# What if I don't like what I see

#### Lifestyle vs Freestyle

- Option through the website to select Freestyle or Lifestyle
- Freestyle options
  - 100% Equity Fund
  - DGF
  - Bond Fund
  - Cash Fund

#### • Can I choose a different Lifestyle Option?

- Yes, a member can select one of the other Lifestyle options if they wish
  - Cash Ready
  - Cash and Annuity Ready
  - Cash and ARF Ready



### Communications

- Launch
  - Generic for everyone
    - Leaflet
    - Letter
    - emails
    - Helpline
    - Intranet and Website
  - Plus personalised if within 10 years from retirement
    - Personalised letter
    - Group sessions
  - Plus IFA if within 3 years from retirement at cutover
    - 30 min phone one to one with IFA



### Communications

- Ongoing
  - Invite members to Group sessions when 7 years from retirement
  - Provide additional educational material during the last 7 years
  - Annual benefit statements show how member is being or will be Lifestyled
  - IFA to help with retirement option support preretirement



Working in Partnership for the members

- The Trustees
- The Company
- The Administrator Aon Hewitt
- The Investment Consultant Acuvest
- The Investment Manager SSgA



# **Challenges and Lessons**

#### Challenges

- Members don't like complicated
- The level of detailed work is substantial but we then have to work hard to make this simple for members
- How to get attention in a crowded world

#### • Lessons

- Set clear goals, ours was
  - Improve the outcomes for members
- Work with good partners
- Allow time to get it right
- Record decision path and communications
- Work hard on the communications and listen to the members
- Don't get lost in detail keep it simple



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#### Thank you for listening I hope you found it interesting

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