# **HERMES GROUP PENSION SCHEME (HGPS)**

# **Cookie Policy**

#### Cookies

Cookies are small text files stored on your computer by websites you visit. They are widely used to make websites work, or run more efficiently, as well as to provide information to HGPS. Cookies can't harm your computer.

There are two types of cookies:

- Session (Transient) cookies: These cookies are erased when you close your browser, and do
  not collect information from your computer. They typically store information in the form of a
  session identification that does not personally identify the user.
- Persistent (Permanent or Stored) cookies: These cookies are stored on your hard drive until
  they expire (i.e. the are based on a set expiration date) or until you delete them. These
  cookies are used to collect identifying information about the user, such as Web surfing
  behaviour or user preferences for a specific site.

# **Policy**

To get the most from our website, your computer, tablet or mobile phone will need to accept cookies, however you can restrict, block or delete cookies from HGPS at any time by changing the cookie preferences in your browser. As each browser is different, please consult your browser's "Help" function or your phone or tablet's manual to find out how to customise your cookie settings. Please remember, if you turn off your cookies, some features of HGPS may not work correctly.

HGPS do not store sensitive information in the cookies we create, but we do use encrypted information gathered from them to help improve your experience of the site

#### List of HGPS Cookies:

Cookie name	Life span	Purpose	
svSession	Persistent	Identifies unique visitors and tracks a visitor's	
		sessions on a site	
hs	Session	Security	
XSRF-TOKEN	Session	Security	
smSession	Persistent (Two weeks)	Identifies logged in site members	
TSxxxxxxxx (where x is replaced with a random series of numbers and letters)	Session	Security	
TSxxxxxxxx_d (where x is replaced with a random series of numbers and letters)	Session	Security	
RequestID	Session	Track visitor behaviour and measure site performance	

HGPS have relationships with carefully selected and monitored suppliers who may also set cookies during your visit to provide additional services.

### List of Third-Party Cookies:

Service	Cookie name	Life span	Purpose
Google Analytics	utma	Persistent (Two years)	Track visitor traffic and behaviour
	utmb	Persistent (30 mins)	
	utmc	Session	
	utmz	Persistent (6 months)	

### **Further Information**

If you'd like to learn more about cookies in general and how to manage them, visit <u>Aboutcookies.org</u> (opens in a new window - please note that HGPS are not responsible for the content of external websites).

HGPS are providing this information as part of our on-going efforts to ensure the best possible member service, making sure you have all the information regarding your privacy when using our website.

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