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Pensions Slashed For Everyone

For many staff, final salary pensions are the most important part of their terms and conditions package and to try and separate the two in order to get agreement on one at the expense of the other, should be unacceptable to everyone.

The Bank is trying to divide staff by gaining support for the terms and conditions from some staff in the final salary pension schemes and all the staff in the money purchase pension schemes and isolate those from the rest of the staff. **The terms and conditions have to be judged in their totality and not issue by issue.**

The impact of the Bank's proposals on pensions for you and your families will range from bad to devastating. The Bank's own benefit projections show that:

- A member of staff earning £20k per annum with 25 years left to retirement will see his/her pension benefits reduced by £5k per annum. If that person lives until 80 he or she will lose at least £100k.
- Using the same calculations, someone earning £40k will see his/her pension benefits reduced by £200k.
- Even the pension benefits of a member of staff earning £40k with 5 years left to retirement will be cut by £2k per annum and if he/she lives until 80, total benefits will be reduced by £40k.

LTSB staff will have no chance whatsoever of making up the shortfalls and as a result of the Bank's desire to cut costs, many retirement plans are going to have to be shelved.

Proposals Rejected By LTU

LTU's position is that these proposals do not go far enough and should be rejected by LTSB staff.

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The effects of the Group's proposals on LTSB staff are as follows:

- Changes to working hours for thousands of staff through the imposition of new contracts which don't specify actual hours of work and work patterns. This is a major threat to thousands of staff.
- To introduce a new money purchase pension scheme for existing staff in 2011. Existing scheme members who carry on contributing 2%, which is what most of them pay at the moment, will see their contributions from the Bank reduce significantly.
- Withdraw protected family health insurance from 3,000 LTSB Managers with effect from 1st January 2011. Remove the Health Screening benefit for Managers in Bands 2-4 from 1st January 2011.
- Reduce sick pay entitlement for staff with less than 4 years service.

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Hours Of Work

Your new contract of employment will not state your actual working hours or patterns of work but simply refer to the total number of hours worked in a year. According to the Bank's One Booklet published in December "the time and days colleagues will be required to work are as agreed with Line Managers". For "agreed with Line Managers" we can add "or if there is no agreement imposed by the Bank."

Our concern is that the Bank will use the new contract of employment and the individual discussions with Line Managers to try to move reduced hours staff to more flexible working within the new Working Window. The Working Window is 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. In the 'new' world staff could be required to work on Saturdays and late during the week.

We know from previous experience, particularly with the introduction of Saturday working, that staff will be forced, cajoled and blackmailed into accepting changes to their working hours. For many reduced hours staff changing their working hours will be impossible and many will simply choose to leave the Bank altogether rather than be forced to change their hours of work.

London Allowance

Under the Bank's terms and conditions proposals staff in Bands A to E in London will continue to receive stand alone allowances, depending on whether they work in Inner or Outer London, as follows:

- Outer London - £2,250
- Inner London - £3,450

However, we are aware that there are many thousands of staff working in non-branch locations in HBOS in Bands A to E who had their London Allowances consolidated into basic pay many years ago and they will be working alongside heritage LTSB staff who get the stand alone allowance.

Unlike their heritage Lloyds TSB colleagues, HBOS staff will get the benefit of that consolidation when it comes to overtime,

Roll Call Of Shame

30,000 Staff to lose pension benefits

+

Up to 15,000 PIP members could see their contributions from the Bank reduced significantly

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All staff with less than 4 years service will see their sick pay entitlements reduced significantly

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2,900 Band 5 staff to lose 1-2 days holiday per year

+

Some Managers at Bands 2 and 3 to see their pay managed downwards over next few years

+

3,000 Managers to lose family medical cover

+

6,000 Managers no longer entitled to free health screening

bonuses and the 4% flex pot payments. That is simply unacceptable and will create resentment between the two groups of staff at a time when the Bank says its aim is to create 'One Bank'. If the harmonisation of terms and conditions means anything then both groups of staff should be treated in the same way.

Staff in Bands F and G will have their London Allowance consolidated into their salary but it will be pensionable for future service only.

Sick Pay - Reduced

Those staff with less than 4 years' service in the Bank will see their sick pay entitlements reduced.

SPBM's - Benefits To Be Reviewed

The PBM's / SPBM's role has been evaluated at Grade C under the new grading structure. We know that there are 750 SPBM's who receive protected single medical cover and 30 days holiday and those would be lost as a result of the harmonised terms and conditions.

LTU and the Bank have agreed to review the current benefits for PBM's and SPBM's separately. That review will also look at pay, bonuses and overtime for this population. A similar review is being conducted for FA's and SWPM's.

LTU Balloting Members

LTU is recommending to LTSB members that they reject the Bank's proposals. We would like to hear from LTSB staff about what they think of the Bank's proposals. You can do this by:

- Calling the Union's Bedford Office on 01234 262868.
- Emailing us with your views at 24hours@ltu.co.uk.
- Registering your views and debating the Bank's proposals with fellow members of staff using LTU's eForum at www.ltu.co.uk/eforum.

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