

Press Release

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## **The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and The Berkshire Pension Fund achieve big savings through data automation with i-Connect™**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and The Berkshire Pension Fund achieved big savings and increased efficiency by collaborating with Aquila Heywood to implement i-Connect, an automated data exchange portal.

LGPS funds have faced numerous challenges within the pensions industry in recent times – an increased number of employers, the pressure to increase efficiency and reduce costs and the need to adapt to the ever-more-complex regulatory environment.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and The Berkshire Pension Fund wanted to automate key areas of its pension administration that was still heavily reliant on manual processing. The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead sought to transform its payroll data transfer activities, while The Berkshire Pension Fund wanted a way to be more efficient in updating its member data.

By implementing i-Connect from Aquila Heywood, both were able to achieve big savings as a result, including a 76% reduction in the number of reports produced by the Payroll team, and a reduction in the number of days of effort required a month from 12 days to 0.5 days after implementation.

For The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, a total of 12,900 member updates have now been automated, in addition to the monthly uploads of pay and contribution values for circa 3,000 employees and 15 payrolls.

i-Connect reduces the cost and risk associated with processing pension data by automating the submission of data to pension funds. It improves the flow of data from between Payroll and Pension teams, minimising the need for manual intervention.

A further four employers to The Berkshire Pension Fund are now looking to adopt i-Connect in the next year, amounting to another 9,000 pension records.

More details can be found in our [Case Study](#).

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