

## **British Airways Pension Trustees sign off on NAPS deficit funding plan**

The British Airways Pension Trustees announce that today they have signed documentation which will put into effect the New Airways Pension Scheme (NAPS) deficit funding plan. The plan, previously agreed in principle with British Airways in November 2006, should close the £2.1 billion deficit over a period of ten years.

The agreement involves a cash payment from British Airways of £800 million, of which £240 million will be paid to NAPS this week with the balance to be paid on 2 April 2007. The company has also agreed to make annual deficit contributions of around £127 million a year for the next ten years with benefit changes taking effect on 1 April 2007.

The Trustees have also secured a financial guarantee of £150 million which they will be able to call upon in certain circumstances including if British Airways becomes insolvent.

Roger Maynard, Chairman of the Trustees said, "We are pleased to have signed the agreed funding plan with the company. The Trustees key priority is to act in the best financial interests of our 70,000 NAPS members and a lot of work has gone into reaching this outcome. We believe this funding plan will provide improved security for all members".

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