



Our reference: FM18  
Your reference: [xxxx]

Date [xxx]

[Customer name and address]

Dear [personalised]

### **Simplifying our business: the transfer of Abbey Life policies to Phoenix Life Limited**

We are writing to let you know about our plans to transfer the business of Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited (Abbey Life) to Phoenix Life Limited (Phoenix) and what this means for you.

#### **The key points**

- We are planning to transfer all business in Abbey Life, including your policy(ies), to Phoenix. Abbey Life and Phoenix are both companies within the Phoenix Group.
- We have applied to the High Court for permission to transfer the business. If the High Court gives that permission, we expect the transfer to take place on 31 December 2018.
- Your with-profits policy will be converted to non-profit with guaranteed bonuses.
- You will start to see the 'Phoenix Life' name and logo on any letters we send to you.

In this letter and the enclosed leaflets, we refer to the proposed changes as 'the Scheme'.

#### **What will happen to my policy benefits?**

Your with-profits policy terms and conditions will change so that your policy will become non-profit with guaranteed bonuses. Your policy will continue to operate in a similar way, but you will have more certainty over the benefits payable on death or maturity. We have enclosed a leaflet 'With-profits changes explained' which provides more detail about these changes.

If you have other Abbey Life policies that are not with-profits, no changes will be made to the terms and conditions of these policies as a result of the transfer.

Any payments you make will not change and any payments you receive will continue to be paid by Phoenix in the same way as they are currently paid by Abbey Life.

If you invest in unit-linked funds, the Scheme will not change the way in which the funds are managed, the fund manager, the charges that apply or the way the unit prices are calculated. For unit-linked funds other than the Hill Samuel range and the Target range, the Scheme will allow the division, merger or closure of unit-linked funds and the modification of their investment objectives to permit investment in reasonably similar assets. These changes are designed to reflect good market practice and are consistent with the approach Abbey Life would expect to take in its current management of its unit-linked funds. The proposed changes will not override your existing policy terms and conditions.

Financial security for your policy will be maintained by Phoenix. Phoenix holds more capital than required by regulation so that it can continue to provide financial security during extreme financial conditions.

## What changes will I see?

The way we service your policy will not change and you can continue to contact us in the same way. However, you will see some changes to our name from January 2019.

- The Phoenix Life logo and name will start to appear on any letters or documents we send you, and your bank statements will refer to the name Phoenix Life in relation to any payments you make or receive.
- Where Abbey Life is the administrator of a group pension scheme, Phoenix will become the scheme administrator in place of Abbey Life.
- If you make payments by cheque, you will need to make these payable to 'Phoenix Life Limited' (although cheques made payable to Abbey Life will be accepted for a period of time).
- If you make direct debit payments to Abbey Life, these will automatically become payable to Phoenix without you having to do anything.

## How will policyholders be protected?

Your interests are being protected by a rigorous process which includes:

- review of the likely effect of the Scheme on policyholders by an Independent Expert;
- consultation with the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority, our industry regulators; and
- approval of the Scheme by the High Court.

The High Court will only approve the transfer if it is satisfied that the proposals meet all the necessary legal requirements and treat policyholders appropriately. The High Court hearing is expected to take place on 5 December 2018. Policyholders have the right to raise objections if they believe they may be adversely affected, and the High Court will take these objections into account in reaching its decision. Following the hearing, we will place a notice on our website and add a recorded message to our helpline to confirm the High Court's decision.

## What do I need to do?

Please read and consider the enclosed Scheme guide, 'With-profits changes explained' and 'Your questions answered' leaflets. You do not need to take any further action unless you wish to object to our proposals. Further details on how to do this are available in section 3 of the Scheme guide. Please let anyone else with an interest in your policy (such as any nominated beneficiary, trustee in bankruptcy, executor or personal representative) know about our proposals.

## More information

The enclosed leaflets give you more detail about the proposed changes. You can also find more information, including the full Scheme document and the full report from the Independent Expert, on our website at [www.abbeylife.co.uk/FM18](http://www.abbeylife.co.uk/FM18).

If you have any questions, you can call our dedicated helpline **0800 046 2009** from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (except if a Bank Holiday in England), until the day before the High Court hearing. Calls from the UK are free but may be charged from the Channel Islands. If you are calling from overseas, please call +44 (0)1202 076 190. You may be charged for calls from overseas, so please check with your phone provider. Please note that we may monitor or record calls.

You can also use the enquiry form on our website or write to us at the address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Moss  
Chief Executive, Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited

**If you would like this information in large print, braille or audio please call us on 0800 046 2009.**



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## Direct Debit – Transfer of Business

Following the transfer of business which is planned to take place on 31 December 2018, if you make payments by Direct Debit your payments that are collected after this date will be taken by Phoenix Life Limited instead of Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited (Abbey Life).

You need take **no action** to continue receiving the benefits of Direct Debit. Please be assured this change will not affect the service you receive in any way. The only change to your payments you will notice is that, with effect from January 2019, Phoenix Life Limited will collect your Direct Debits instead of Abbey Life and therefore the name 'Phoenix Life Limited', or an abbreviated form, will appear on your bank/building society statement.

There is no need for you to complete a new Direct Debit Instruction, as details of the change have been supplied to your bank, who may also notify you independently. You will continue to enjoy the benefits of the Direct Debit Guarantee, as detailed below.

If you have any questions about this change please call our helpline on 0800 046 2009.

Yours sincerely

Andy Moss  
Chief Executive, Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited

## The Direct Debit Guarantee



- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit, Phoenix Life Limited will notify you at least 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Phoenix Life Limited to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Phoenix Life Limited or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Phoenix Life Limited asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

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