

# The new LGPS administrator websites

http://lgpsregs.org and http://scotlgpsregs.org

Over the last year, the LGPC secretariat have been working on developments to our webpages for scheme administrators and are pleased to announce the launch of new versions of <u>http://lgpsregs.org</u> and <u>http://scotlgpsregs.org</u>, which replace the old site with immediate effect.

The new sites are designed to help scheme administrators find information more easily and to introduce a structure and a design that will remain relevant and practical for the foreseeable future.

We encourage funds to familiarise themselves with the new sites and to circulate the links to employers and other parties who may have cause to use the site in the future.

# Two schemes, two sites

Aside from the differences in the design and layout, the most significant change is the introduction of separate sites for LGPS England and Wales and LGPS Scotland. The decision to host two websites for the two schemes gives more flexibility so that each site can be developed and adapted to individual scheme requirements as the need arises. It also frees up space so that the sites are less congested and have more scope to expand in the future.



# **Easier navigation**

The project has been an opportunity to reconsider how the website is structured to ensure that the site contains everything that administrators may need from a national website and to ensure that information is easy to find.

To that end, users will hopefully find the new structure more straightforward to navigate and documents produced by the LGPC secretariat easier to find. In particular, a guides and sample documents page (see  $\underline{E\&W}$  /  $\underline{Scotland}$ ) utilises filters to help users narrow down various documents produced by the LGPC secretariat by subject matter, intended audience, year of publication or any combination thereof.

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Additionally, a Google search facility on each site gives users a different option for finding the documents or webpages they're after.

# **News and updates**

One of the features most often requested by users of the old website was the inclusion of news and updates and funds will notice a 'slider' on the homepage that will be kept up to date with updates to the sites as well as developments in the LGPS more generally.

A news and updates page (<u>E&W</u> / <u>Scotland</u>) also contains a record of all the news and updates featured on the homepage, along with relevant links.

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# News and Updates

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#### 08 May - Updated trivial commutation guide issued

Version 1.7 of the LGPC guide to trivial commutation for LGPC administrators has now been issued and is available on our Guides and sample documents page.

#### 20 April - Transfer discharge forms updated

The transfer discharge forms have been updated. Clean and tracked versions are available (version 4.0).

#### 20 April - Scheme administrator factsheet published on the overseas transfer charge

A scheme administrator factsheet has been published on the overseas transfers charge that can apply to QROPS transfers from 9 March 2017.

#### 28 March - March 2017 bulletin published

The LGPC's March 2017 bulletin (no. 156) has been published containing a number of general items of information.

#### The bulletin is available on our LGPC Bulletins page.

#### 28 March - 2017 conference now open for booking

The LGPC's trustees' conference, taking place this year in Bournemouth on 29-30 June 2017, is now open for bookings.

Full details are available in circular 303 and in the conference flyer.

To book, visit the LGA Events website.

### **Bulletins and circulars archive**

The new site incorporates an archive (<u>E&W</u> / <u>Scotland</u>) of all bulletins and circulars issued by the LGPC secretariat from 2006 until 2013. This record should help funds locate and make use of historical information relating to the LGPS as and when necessary, and we are currently in the process of updating the site to include an archive of technical group minutes covering the same period.

# **Transitional arrangements**

We know that many administrators will have bookmarks that point to URLs from the old site that will now have changed. Additionally, Google may continue to show old pages in search results until the new sites have been up and running for a period of time, even though these have now been replaced.

To avoid any problems arising from these issues, a number of 'redirects' have been installed so that where a person clicks a link to an old page's URL, the website will automatically redirect them to the new, equivalent page instead.

Nevertheless, we ask that users do review internal bookmarks and links in documents to ensure that wherever necessary these are updated to point to the new site/s. In due course, the LGPC secretariat will also be updating our guides and documents to amend links in documents that may need updating.

# What's next?

The LGPC secretariat currently hold a variety of contact details for LGPS funds and will soon be launching a contacts management system to enable LGPS funds to maintain the following details online:

- Pensions administration contacts for the national member websites (including <u>https://lgpsmember.org</u>),
- Pensions manager contacts for the <u>http://lgpsregs.org</u> and <u>http://scotlgpsregs.org</u> websites,
- Email addresses for the LGPC fund distribution list,
- Political contacts (E&W only) and
- Fund investment contacts (E&W only).

Details of the system and individual log-in details will be sent to funds in the coming weeks.

# Get in touch

If you have any comments or suggestions for developments of the sites, or if there are any problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing <u>Con Hargrave</u>.

LGPS Avon Pension Fund

Pensions manager contacts

Fund distribution list

Member website contacts

Fund investment contacts

Political contacts