

The Local Government Pensions Committee
Secretary: Jeff Houston

CIRCULAR

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13th ANNUAL LGPS “TRUSTEES” CONFERENCE

Purpose of this circular:

1. This Circular has been issued to give **advance notice** of the thirteenth Annual LGPS Trustees’ conference organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee (LGPC).

Background:

2. Responding to numerous requests from elected members, the LGPC staged an inaugural trustees’ conference at York back in September 2003. The conference was specifically aimed at elected members with responsibility for the Local Government Pension Scheme in their area, and a number of speakers addressed issues from a “trustee” perspective. It has since become a popular annual event.

Intended Audience

3. Delegate places have never been restricted to elected members only; indeed the conference has been attended by many officers who either support pension committees or hold pension fund investment or administration responsibilities, along with trade union and other scheme member representatives. Indeed, from 2015 onwards, it is also of interest to local pension board members.

Venue and Programme

4. The conference programme will have its popular lunchtime-to-lunchtime format commencing on Thursday 23rd and concluding on Friday 24th June 2016. Having previously been held at numerous locations across Great Britain (e.g. Sheffield in 2013, Bournemouth in 2014, Cardiff in 2015), the conference heads North this year to the Macdonald Hotel and Spa in Manchester.
5. The conference is **not** bookable at this stage - the programme is yet to be finalised and a further Circular will be issued before Easter 2016 which will include a full programme of events. As pooling of investments is to the forefront of everyone's mind presently, the conference is themed "In at the deep end" and topics likely to be included are:

Submissions to the pooling agenda

Investment Manager selection going forward

Cessation of contracting-out, liability for pensions increases

Investment cost transparency

2016 and English/Welsh Valuations / cost management

Pensions Tax – implications for the LGPS

MIFIDII + IORPII = ? *(answers on a postcard please)*

6. If you wish to discuss speaking or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Pensions Training and Development Manager in the first instance by email to tim.hazlewood@local.gov.uk
7. If you want to register your interest in attending this year's conference, please send a short-email with "Annual Trustee Conference" in the subject line to Elaine.english@local.gov.uk who will make sure you receive the circular as soon as it is issued (as places are always on a strictly first-come, first-served basis).

ACTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES

8. Administering Authorities are urged to bring this Circular to the attention of all Pension Committee/Panel members, members of the new local pension boards and those who attend/advise the meetings, sub-committees etc.

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