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Your ref:  
Our ref: LGT

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DRAFT REGULATIONS - THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (GOVERNANCE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2014**

1. I attach for your comments the draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Governance)(Scotland) Regulations 2014.
2. These Regulations will be made under section 1 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and include provisions in relation to Pension boards and a Scheme Advisory Board that are required to be included in regulations made under that section, in terms of sections 5 and 7 of that Act. They also include further provisions agreed by the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Group for the new Local Government Pension Scheme (contained in the Local Government Superannuation Regulations (Scotland) 2014) and also agreed in a series of bilateral meetings between COSLA and the Trade Unions representing local government employees in Scotland.
3. The Regulations do not cover provisions in relation to employer cost cap as provided for in section 12 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. A cost cap will be set on the completion of the necessary actuarial work expected to conclude towards the end of 2015. An amendment to the Scheme will be made at that time to include the cost cap.
4. Your comments on the draft regulations are now invited and they should be returned to SPPA **NO LATER THAN CLOSE ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014**.
5. The proposed changes are set out in detail in Annex A attached.

### **Handling your response**

6. All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to



consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

7. A Respondent Information Form is also provided at Annex B for completion and return to SPPA. Using this form will simplify our task of collating responses and will make the process more efficient.

### **Next steps in the process**

8. Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public these will be made available to the public in the Scottish Government Library after the consultation period. We will check all responses where agreement to publish has been given for any potentially defamatory material before logging them in the library. You can make arrangements to view responses by contacting the SG Library on 0131 244 4556. Responses can be copied and sent to you, but a charge may be made for this service.

9. Once the consultation has closed we will consider all responses when preparing the final Regulations.

### **Completed information**

10. The completed Respondent Information Form and any comments you wish to make should be returned, by the deadline of **11 November 2014**, to Kim Linge, Policy Manager, Scottish Public Pension Agency, 7 Tweedside Park, Tweedbank, Galashiels TD1 3TE (tel: 01896 893229).

11. Copies of the these proposals and Respondent Information form can be accessed on the [Local Government Consultations](#) area of the SPPA website. Your responses and completed Respondent Information form can be sent electronically to [locgovpensionsreform@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:locgovpensionsreform@scotland.gsi.gov.uk). If you would prefer to have a set of these consultation documents and draft regulations sent to you in hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact [annette.greenslade@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:annette.greenslade@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) to request a set.

### **Comments and complaints**

12. Information on the Scottish Government Consultation Process can be found in Annex B of this letter. If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please contact Philippa Brosnan by telephone on 01896 892474 or by e-mail to [Philippa.Brosnan@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Philippa.Brosnan@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

If you wish to discuss the proposals for the new scheme in more detail please do not hesitate to contact myself either by telephone on 01896 893229 or by e-mail to [Kimberly.linge@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Kimberly.linge@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

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