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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DRAFT REGULATIONS - THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2010**

1. As you know, on 16 July 2009 SPPA began a consultation exercise (which ended on 9 October) on possible changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 1998. The consultation also proposed to add a new provision to the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, requiring Administering Authorities to publish annually a document called "the pension fund annual report". Of the responses received on this particular proposal (copies of which can be viewed on request) the majority were content.

2. Since the July consultation exercise stakeholders have suggested, and SPPA has agreed, that a number of other, minor, changes should also be made to these Regulations and to the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions)(Scotland) Regulations 2008. Draft regulations introducing these changes are attached.

3. Your technical comments on the draft regulations are now invited and they should be returned to SPPA **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2009**.

4. The proposed changes are set out in detail in Annex A attached.

### **Handling your response**

5. 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.

6. 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**

7. 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.

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

### **Completed information**

9. The completed Respondent Information Form and any comments you wish to make should be returned, by the deadline of **18 December 2009**, to Jean Steel, Policy Officer, Scottish Public Pension Agency, 7 Tweedside Park, Tweedbank, Galashiels TD1 3TE (tel: 01896 893229).

10. Copies of these proposals and Respondent Information form can be accessed on the [Pension Reforms & Taxation](#) 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 [jean.steel@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jean.steel@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) to request a set.

### **Comments and complaints**

11. 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 Chad Dawtry by telephone on 01896 893221 or by e-mail to [chad.dawtry@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:chad.dawtry@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 893227 or by e-mail to [david.lauder@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:david.lauder@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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