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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT (No. 3)  
REGULATIONS 2005  
REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS**

I am writing to advise you of proposed amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998 which will be necessary as a result of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 and the purpose of this letter is to consult interested parties on these proposed amendments.

I should be grateful if any comments could be sent to Jean Steel, Policy Officer, at the above address, by **25 November 2005**.

The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005, which gained Royal Assent on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005, places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to create Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) covering the whole of Scotland. This fulfils a commitment made in the 2004 White Paper, 'Scotland's transport future', to put in place new delivery structures for transport which will bring a strong regional approach to transport infrastructure and services. These proposals were themselves developed to meet the Partnership Agreement commitment to develop effective regional transport delivery partnerships.

A draft RTP (Establishment and Constitution Order) (Scotland) Order 2005 creating the partnerships will be laid before Parliament shortly with the intention that the new statutory RTPs will come into being around early December 2005. Enquiries about this Order should be made to Richard Hadfield, Transport Strategy and Legislation Division, Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Division, Scottish Executive, Area 2-D(N), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ ([richard.hadfield@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:richard.hadfield@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)) Tel: 0131 244 0263.

Amendments will be necessary to the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998 in due course to list the regional transport partnerships as local government employers for the purposes of the Regulations by adding the following to the appropriate schedule –  
“A Transport Partnership created under section 1(1) and (2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp12).”

and to deal with specific issues affecting the proposed transfer of staff to the new West of Scotland Transport Partnership from Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority and Executive and the possible transfer of staff to two of the other partnerships from Dumfries and Galloway Council and Shetland Islands Council. These transfers will take place from 1 April 2006.

It is our intention to draw up a draft set of regulations for consultation in due course with the intention of having them come into force on 1 April 2006. The Regulations will be issued in draft form after the close of the consultation period for this letter, and consultees will be given the opportunity to comment on them before they are finalised.

I attach for your information a copy of a Scottish Executive press release issued on 6 October 2005 which gives details of the proposed make up of each partnership.

If you wish to discuss this proposal please do not hesitate to contact me on 01896 893227 or send any queries by e-mail to [david.lauder@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:david.lauder@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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