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Dear Colleague

Discussion paper for the Governance Arrangements of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) to have effect from 1 April 2015

I enclose for any comments that you may have, the discussion paper for the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) New Governance Arrangements.

The [Public Service Pensions Act 2013](#) includes several key provisions relating to the administration and governance of the new public service pension schemes established under Section 1 of the Act. In the case of the Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland, these arrangements will apply to the new Scheme which comes into effect on 1 April 2015.

This paper explores four specific sections of the Act which impact on the governance arrangements in the new Scheme:-

- **Scheme manager**
- **Pension board**
- **Pension board information, and**
- **Scheme advisory board**

Each section includes background and a more detailed summary of what we are required to include in the new Scheme, to comply with the Act. Where appropriate, the paper also invites comment on consequential issues. Responses to the questions posed throughout the paper will enable us to start work on preparing draft regulations on governance for consultation early in 2014.

You may complete the consultation on line via the following link:

http://www.sppa.gov.uk/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=1493



This can be submitted electronically to locgovreform@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or by post to the following address:

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Alternatively a printable Consultation Response Form is available via the following link:

http://www.sppa.gov.uk/Documents/Local%20Government/Useful%20Resources/Consultations/2013/LGPS_Governance%20Consultation_v3.0_%20201213.docx

The consultation will close on **3 February 2014** and we ask that anyone wishing to respond does so by then.

We intend to publish a summary of consultation responses in due course and would like to be able to include any response you make in that summary. However, if you ask us not to publish your response to this consultation, we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly.

Respondents should also be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and will have to respond appropriately to any relevant request made to the SPPA under that Act for information concerning this consultation exercise.

Yours faithfully



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