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Your ref:
Our ref: LGT

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Dear Sir/Madam

DRAFT REGULATIONS - THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2015

1. I attach for your comments the draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2015.
2. The bulk of the proposed amendments in the draft Regulations are technical. There are amendments to both the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions and Savings)(Scotland) Regulations 2014.

The draft amendments also introduce provisions required by the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 into the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008. This is required, as there are deferred and pensioner members of both of these earlier schemes.

Draft amendments are also made to the 1998 regulations to ensure that deferred ill health applications are considered by the administering authority rather than the former Scheme employer. This reflects the policy intent in both the 2008 regulations and the 2014 regulations, and mirrors the procedure currently followed by the administering authorities.

3. Your technical comments on the draft regulations are now invited and they should be returned to SPPA **NO LATER THAN CLOSE ON THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2015**.
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 **12 October 2015**, to Kim Linge, Policy Manager, 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 [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. 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 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 Kimberly Linge by telephone on 01896 893229 or by e-mail to Kimberly.linge@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.

Yours faithfully

Kimberly Linge
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