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Dear Sir/Madam

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (ADMINISTRATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

1. Following representations from a number of Administering Authorities we are considering inserting a further couple of provisions into the above mentioned Regulations. These provisions would amend the regulations as follows:

a) **Additional costs arising from employing authority's level of performance**

This provision would allow administering authorities to recover additional costs from employing authorities which have been incurred and were attributable to authorities' level of performance.

b) **Pension administration strategy**

This provision would enable administering authorities to set out procedures for liaising and communicating with employing authorities and to establish levels of performance which they and their employing authorities were expected to achieve in carrying out their scheme functions.

2. The proposed wording of each of these provisions is set out in Annex A. The intention is that these would be inserted into Parts 4 and 7 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 and numbered and cross referenced as appropriate.

3. Any comments you may wish to make about these proposals are invited **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2008**.

Handling your response

4. 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.

5. 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

6. 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.

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

Completed information

8. The completed Respondent Information Form and any comments you wish to make should be returned, by the deadline of **Friday 12 December 2008**, to Jean Steel, Policy Officer, Scottish Public Pension Agency, 7 Tweedside Park, Tweedbank, Galashiels TD1 3TE (tel: 01896 893229).

9. Copies of the Draft Regulations and Respondent Information form can be accessed on the [Pension Reforms & Taxation](#) area of the SPPA website.

10. 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 jean.steel@scotland.gsi.gov.uk by e-mail or telephone 01896 893229 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.

12. 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.

Yours faithfully



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