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Dear Sir/Madam

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME IN SCOTLAND NEW SCHEME – APRIL 2009

Statutory Guidance

Further to our previous circular SPN/LG No. 2/2008 which advised on the three sets of Regulations setting out the new Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in Scotland, Paragraph 11 of that circular advised that guidance on the operation of the new tiered contribution rate system would be circulated by end of June 2008.

Please now find attached the relevant guidance, entitled:

“Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland – Statutory Guidance Assessment of Member Contribution Rates”

This document gives guidance to employers on how to assess the correct contribution rate for members. The guidance has been developed by the Working Party of the Scottish

Pensions Liaison Group and applies to active members of the Local Government Pension Scheme from 1st April 2009. Annex C to this guidance provides tables for contribution rates which will be updated on an annual basis and issued by SPPA.

Administering Authorities will forward the guidance to LGPS employers. This will ensure that employers can allocate members to the correct contribution rate and determine members' pensionable pay from 2009/10 onwards.

If you have any queries or comments regarding this guidance, please contact David Lauder either by telephone on 01896 893227 or by e-mail to david.lauder@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and will be placed on the SPPA website on 30th June 2008. This includes information on how equalities provisions will continue to be addressed in the new scheme.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the new scheme in more detail please contact David Lauder either by telephone on 01896 893227 or by e-mail to david.lauder@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



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