

# **Report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, to the meeting of West Yorkshire Pension Fund, Pension Board to be held on 16 March 2016.**

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**Subject:** Training, Conferences, Seminars

## **Summary statement:**

The training of Pension Board members to understand their responsibilities and the issues they are dealing with is a very high priority. Details of training courses, conferences and seminars listed may assist Board Members. Full details about each event will be available at the meeting for anyone interested.

## **Recommendations:**

Consideration is given to attendance by Board Members at the events in Section 1

Dates of future meetings are noted.

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**Leader of Council & Strategic Regeneration**

**Overview & Scrutiny Area: n/a**



## 1. Training Events

- 1.1 If any Pension Board member would like any specific training through one to one meetings with the in-house team, then this can be arranged.
- 1.2 Pension Board members should consider the following events.

SPS Local Authority Pension Investment Strategies and Current Issues  
Le Meridien Piccadilly, London 17 March 2016

2016 LGPS Trustees Conference  
Macdonald Hotel and Spa, Manchester – 23 and 24 June 2016  
Please see Appendix A with details of the draft conference agenda.

Members can also make use of the web based training provided by:

The Pensions Regulator, which can be found at:  
[www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/public-service-schemes.aspx](http://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/public-service-schemes.aspx)

Standard Life Learning Gateway  
Web based training provided by Standard Life  
<http://sliglobaluk.intuition.com/SignIn.aspx?action=s>

## 2. Dates of future meetings

- 9 November 2016 (Wednesday)
- 19 April 2017 (Wednesday)

## 3. Appendix

Appendix A – LGPS Trustees Conference Details



The Local Government Pensions Committee  
Secretary: Jeff Houston

## CIRCULAR

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### No. 295 – FEBRUARY 2016

### 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LGPS “TRUSTEES” CONFERENCE

#### **Purpose of this circular:**

1. This Circular has been issued to give **advance notice** of the thirteenth Annual LGPS Trustees’ conference organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee (LGPC).

#### **Background:**

2. Responding to numerous requests from elected members, the LGPC staged an inaugural trustees’ conference at York back in September 2003. The conference was specifically aimed at elected members with responsibility for the Local Government Pension Scheme in their area, and a number of speakers addressed issues from a “trustee” perspective. It has since become a popular annual event.

## Intended Audience

3. Delegate places have never been restricted to elected members only; indeed the conference has been attended by many officers who either support pension committees or hold pension fund investment or administration responsibilities, along with trade union and other scheme member representatives. Indeed, from 2015 onwards, it is also of interest to local pension board members.

## Venue and Programme

4. The conference programme will have its popular lunchtime-to-lunchtime format commencing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and concluding on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Having previously been held at numerous locations across Great Britain (e.g. Sheffield in 2013, Bournemouth in 2014, Cardiff in 2015), the conference heads North this year to the Macdonald Hotel and Spa in Manchester.
5. The conference is **not** bookable at this stage - the programme is yet to be finalised and a further Circular will be issued before Easter 2016 which will include a full programme of events. As pooling of investments is to the forefront of everyone's mind presently, the conference is themed "In at the deep end" and topics likely to be included are:

Submissions to the pooling agenda

Investment Manager selection going forward

Cessation of contracting-out, liability for pensions increases

Investment cost transparency

2016 and English/Welsh Valuations / cost management

Pensions Tax – implications for the LGPS

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6. If you wish to discuss speaking or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Pensions Training and Development Manager in the first instance by email to [tim.hazlewood@local.gov.uk](mailto:tim.hazlewood@local.gov.uk)
7. If you want to register your interest in attending this year's conference, please send a short-email with "Annual Trustee Conference" in the subject line to [Elaine.english@local.gov.uk](mailto:Elaine.english@local.gov.uk) who will make sure you receive the circular as soon as it is issued (as places are always on a strictly first-come, first-served basis).

## **ACTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES**

8. Administering Authorities are urged to bring this Circular to the attention of all Pension Committee/Panel members, members of the new local pension boards and those who attend/advise the meetings, sub-committees etc.

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**8 February 2016**

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