

The Local Government Pensions Committee
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**UPDATE on
16TH ANNUAL LGPS GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE
23 - 24 JANUARY 2020 – YORK
“PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION REFORM – LIFE AFTER HUTTON”**

Purpose of this circular:

1. This circular has been issued to update authorities on the forthcoming annual LGPS governance conference organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee (LGPC) as outlined in circular 313 of April 2019.
2. The programme now includes a full list of speakers for the event. We are pleased to announce our keynote speakers are Anthony Arter, the Pensions Ombudsman and Lord Hutton of Furness. The after dinner speaker is the award winning radio presenter, television broadcaster and journalist Shelagh Fogarty.

Background:

3. The conference programme retains its popular lunchtime-to-lunchtime format and is being held on Thursday 23 January and Friday 24 January 2019.

Venue:

4. The venue this year is The Principal York Hotel, Station Rd, York YO24 1AA the conference will run from 12:30pm on the 23 January to 12:30pm on the 24.

Conference Programme:

5. Updated programme.

Day one – Thursday 23 January	
12:30	Registration and buffet lunch
13:50	Chair's Welcome - Cllr Roger Phillips
14:00	Keynote address Anthony Arter, The Pensions Ombudsman
14:30	How the SAB levy is spent Cllr Roger Phillips, Scheme Advisory Board Chair A look at the work being undertaken by the Scheme Advisory Board including a review of its achievements
15:00	Refreshments and networking
15:20	Checking Compliance Gerard Moore, Local Pension Board Chair - Northumberland, Powys and Bedfordshire An expert evaluation of the role of local pension boards from the coal face
15:50	The Scheme member's perspective Jon Richards, UNISON A summary of the impact of the Hutton reforms from the member's viewpoint
16:20	Panel – Is the cost cap fit for purpose? Chair Jeff Houston, LGA Head of Pensions Melanie Durrant, Barnett Waddingham Alison Murray, Aon Rob Bilton, Hymans Robertson Paul Middleman, Mercer An opportunity to question an expert panel about the cost cap process introduced as part of scheme reform in the light of the 2016 result and the impact of McCloud
17:00	Closing remarks from the Chair
20:00	Conference dinner followed by after dinner speaker Shelagh Fogarty – award winning radio presenter, television broadcaster and journalist

Day two – Friday 24 January

09:25	Chair's Welcome - Cllr Roger Phillips
09:30	Keynote address Lord John Hutton of Furness
10:00	Regulating the reforms Nick Gannon, The Pension Regulator How is the LGPS measuring up against the Pension Regulator's standards on governance and administration?
10:30	Legal Update Kirsty Bartlett, Squire Patton Boggs All you need to know to keep the lawyers at bay!
11:00	Refreshments and networking
11:20	A view from the Responsible Authority Jeremy Hughes, MHCLG MHCLG's stewardship role with particular emphasis on managing and regulating the reform agenda
11:50	Investment spotlight Deirdre Cooper, Investec Asset Management A look at topical investment issues
12:20	Closing remarks from the Chair
12:30	Buffet lunch and networking

Booking:

- The conference has proved very popular and we have now increased capacity so there are still places available. The conference fee is £515 plus VAT and is all inclusive. All meals are included from arrival to departure as well as overnight accommodation at The Principal Hotel, York.
- Booking for the conference is via the events on-line booking facility which is part of the Local Government Association's website
<https://www.local.gov.uk/events>

Alternatively, click [here](#) which will take you directly to the conference booking page.

When booking, you will need full delegate details including their mailing address, if this is different to that to which the invoice for payment is to be

sent. Please note our cancellation policy contained in our terms and conditions on the website.

If you experience any difficulties in using the on-line booking system or do not have access to the internet, please contact Elaine English, LGPS Executive Officer by email at: elaine.english@local.gov.uk.

8. All Administering Authorities are urged to copy this circular and the associated conference flyer to all interested parties including Pension Committee/Panel members, local pension board members and employers in their fund or, alternatively, to direct them to the booking page at <http://www.local.gov.uk/events> where more information can be found.

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