

LGPS Pension Managers

Our Ref: Your Ref:

20 January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

<u>Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations</u> 2014

Further to the consultation which took place from 27 March to 24 May 2013, I am writing to advise you that the Minister has now signed these Regulations and they were laid before Parliament on Friday, 17 January. They will come into force on 10 February.

As you will recall, these Regulations will make the following amendments to both the LGPS Benefits and Administration Regulations as part of the ongoing stewardship of the current 2008 Scheme:-

- adds to the categories of small payments authorised for commutation into lump sums;
- makes provision to permit the Housing Ombudsman, as a corporation sole, to be eligible for membership;
- clarifies the provisions relating to joining the Scheme following the introduction of the employer duties for automatic enrolment and re-enrolment;
- recasts regulation 38 of the Administration Regulations to make it clear that all employers in the LGPS are subject to this Regulation; and
- the revocation of the provisions relating to the liability of the former Housing Corporation.

The Explanatory Memorandum carries further detail and this is available to download along with the Statutory Instrument (SI 2014/44) from the OPSI website - www.opsi.gov.uk.

The Government's response to the consultation has been prepared and will be available from the www.gov.uk website shortly.

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I would be grateful if you would please draw these Regulations to the attention of the employers in your fund.
Yours faithfully,
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