

POLICY NOTE

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2020

SSI 2020/31

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Superannuation Act 1972() (“the 1972 Act”) and sections 1, 2 and 3 and schedule 2, paragraph 3(b) of the Public Services Pensions Act 2013 (“the 2013 Act”). The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Purpose of the instrument.

These Regulations amend schedule 4 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018, providing that administering authorities may apply to Scottish Ministers for a direction to substitute a different fund maintained by that same administering authority as the appropriate fund for a scheme employer. The instrument also corrects minor drafting errors in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

Policy Objectives

These regulations deliver improvements to the management of the scheme, taking into account the application of the principal 2018 Regulations where areas for clarification have been sought or a change in approach has been requested.

Consultation

To comply with the requirements of Section 21 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013, the Scottish Public Pensions Agency conducted a two week technical consultation between 25 January 2020 and 5 February 2020. The consultation received 2 responses. A summary of responses will be published on the SPPA website.

Impact Assessments

These Regulations have no new impact on business or the voluntary sector as they are amending Regulations.

Financial Effects

These Regulations have had no new Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) carried out upon on them as the financial aspects of these regulations remain unchanged.

Scottish Ministers confirm that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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