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Dear Colleague

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (BENEFITS, MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

1. With the agreement of Ministers, I enclose Regulations, together with related Explanatory Memorandum, made on 28 February, under powers contained in section 7 of the Superannuation Act 1972, and laid before Parliament on 7 March. The Amendment Regulations come into force on 1 April 2011 and amend the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007, (“the Benefits Regulations”).
2. The Department consulted widely on the provisions in the period 24 December 2010 to 28 January 2011. As explained in the consultation letter, the provisions are corrective ones dealing with certain ill-health related amendments made in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2010.
3. A summary of the responses to this consultation exercise is attached. Two substantive alterations were made as a result of the representations made. A reference to registration with the General Medical Council has been inserted into Benefits Regulation 20(14). Regulation 4 of the original draft SI, dealing with regulation 23 of the Benefits Regulations, has been omitted. Both of these alterations are explained in the Explanatory Memorandum. It was not possible to consider implementing proposals which were not immediately concerned with the draft SI, due to the shortened consultation period and the need to ensure that the Regulations were made by 1 April.
4. The LGPS website is located at <http://www.clg.heywood.co.uk/> . Any queries regarding the new Regulations should be addressed to Philip Perry, Workforce, Pay and Pensions Division, Communities and Local Government, Zone 5/G6, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU (telephone 0303 44 42174), e-mail philip.perry@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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Annex A

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- County Councils (England)
- District Councils (England)
- Metropolitan Borough Councils (England)
- Unitary Councils (England)
- County and County Borough Councils in Wales
- London Borough Councils
- South Yorkshire Pension Authority
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council
- Bradford Metropolitan City Council
- South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council
- London Pension Fund Authority
- Environment Agency

Town Clerk, City of London Corporation
Clerk, South Yorkshire PTA
Clerk, West Midlands PTA

Fire and Rescue Authorities in England and Wales
Police Authorities in England and Wales
Audit Commission
National Probation Service for England and Wales

Local Government Association (LGA)

Employers' Organisation
LGPC

ALACE
PPMA
SOLACE
CIPFA
ALAMA

Association of Colleges
Association of Consulting Actuaries
Association of District Treasurers
Society of County Treasurers
Society of Welsh Treasurers
Society of Metropolitan Treasurers
Society of London Treasurers
Association of Educational Psychologists

NALC
Society of Local Council Clerks

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UNISON	GMB
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AMICUS	TGWU

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