

The 13th Annual LGPS Trustees' Conference

“In at the deep end”

23-24 June 2016

Macdonald Manchester Hotel & Spa

Organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee



Photograph “Delfines y natación sincronizada” by Maria Elena (Gabby) Canales, 2008.

The Conference

The thirteenth annual LGPS trustees' conference themed "In at the deep end" is to be held on 23 and 24 June 2016 at the Macdonald Manchester Hotel and Spa commencing with registration and a buffet lunch from 12:30 pm. The conference starts at 13:50 pm. Following the afternoon programme there will be a drinks reception in the evening, private conference dinner and an after-dinner speaker.

Overnight accommodation and breakfast at the Macdonald Manchester Hotel is also included in the conference fee. The second day consists of a full morning's programme concluding with a buffet lunch for delegates at 12:30 pm.

A similar format has been appreciated by previous delegates, as it allows plenty of time for travel and avoids the expense of an extra nights' accommodation in many cases. You will need to contact the hotel directly if you would like to stay over the night before or the night after as the case may be but state that you are attending the conference.

Confirmed speakers include:

Andrew Cornelius
HM Treasury

Angela Rayner MP
Shadow Pensions Minister

Chris Megainey
DCLG

David Walker
Hymans Robertson

Glyn Jenkins
Unison

Graeme Muir
Barnett Waddingham

James Walsh
Pensions & Lifetime Savings Association

Martin Clarke
The Government Actuary

(In alphabetical order by first name)

Intended Audience

Although primarily aimed at elected members, the conference will be of interest to other people who attend pension committees, panels or sub-committees etc (e.g. employing authority, trade union and pensioner representatives, as well as officers).

The conference also acts as an annual update for those persons who have been through the LGPS's "Fundamentals" course, keeping them up-to-date with developments in the local government pension world.

Having delivered inaugural training for local pension boards in May/June 2015, and judging by attendance at "Fundamentals" later last year, the conference will also be of particular interest to local pension board members.



Cost and Booking

The conference fee is all inclusive. All meals from arrival to departure, overnight accommodation at the hotel, and all delegate materials are included in the conference fee of £499 plus VAT. Due to the strictly limited number of places available, early booking is highly recommended.

Booking for the conference is via the events on-line booking facility which is part of the Local Government Association's website at: <http://www.local.gov.uk/events>

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, on 020 7187 7344 or elaine.english@local.gov.uk

Programme

Thursday 23 June 2016

- 12:30 Registration & Buffet lunch
- 13:50 Chair's Welcome
- 14:00 **Keynote Address**
"In at the deep end"
Our 2016 keynote address focusses on the hot topic of "pooling".
- 14:30 **Pooling Panel Session**
A look at how pooling will affect the LGPS world going forward, including a look at investment manager selection.
- 15:15 Refreshment break
- 15:45 **Investment Cost Transparency**
Is 2020 vision really a possibility in 2016?
- 16:15 **Pensions Tax – implications for the LGPS**
"Strengthening the incentive to save: a consultation on pensions tax relief" is long since closed. Where do we go from here?
- 16:45 **"Around the corner – in or out?"**
The day of "the" referendum we will take a look at the implications for LGPS Funds whatever the outcome.
- 17:15 **Chair's closing remarks**
- 19:00 Drinks Reception
- 20:00 Private Conference Dinner
- 21:30 After-Dinner Speaker

Programme and speakers may be subject to change without prior notice

Friday 24 June 2016

- 09:30 Chair's Welcome
- 09:35 **"In or out - around the corner" Valuations**
2016 sees the first valuation in England and Wales (and Northern Ireland) since introducing CARE schemes in 2014 (and 2015). How optimistic should we all be?
- 09:50 **Cost control**
As the 2016 round of valuations get underway, we will take a look at the prospects of the cost control mechanism clicking in.
- 10:05 **GAD's perspective**
The Government Actuary's view of the LGPS world, including a look at Section 13 checks.
- 10:20 **A Union perspective**
A Union's view on cost control and the assumptions that are driving cost.
- 10:35 **Question and Answer Session**
- 10:45 Refreshment break
- 11:15 **MIFIDII + IORPII = ?**
Just what will second versions of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and the Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision Directive have in store for you?
- 11:45 **Investment Spotlight**
We end the conference with our ever-popular tour of investments across the globe.
- 12:20 Chair's closing remarks
- 12:30 Buffet lunch

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