

2010 – Is the writing on the wall?

The 7th Annual LGPS Trustees' Conference

22nd & 23rd October 2009

Cardiff Marriott Hotel



Organised by
The Local Government Pensions Committee

The Conference

The seventh annual LGPS trustees' conference, themed "2010 – Is the writing on the wall?", is to be held on 22 and 23 October 2009 at the Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff commencing with a buffet lunch at 12:30pm. The first of the afternoon sessions will commence at 13:50pm. Following the afternoon programme there will be a drinks reception in the evening and a private conference dinner with an after-dinner speaker. Overnight accommodation and breakfast at the Marriott 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 12:30pm. This 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. However, the LGPC Secretariat has secured a limited number of rooms for the night of 21 October at a reduced rate. Please contact the hotel directly if you would like to stay over the night before quoting that you are attending the conference.

The 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 (eg employing authority, trade union and pensioner representatives). Indeed the conference has been attended by many officers and representatives who either attend pension committees or hold pension fund investment or administration responsibilities. The conference also acts as an annual update for those persons who have been through the LGPC's "Fundamentals" course, keeping them up-to-date with developments in the local government pension world.

The Speakers

Terry Edwards, Head of Pensions at Local Government Employers (LGE)

Gary Delderfield, Partner, Eversheds

Anthony Mayer, Chairman, London Pension Fund Authority [LPFA]

Terry Crossley, Deputy Director Workforce and Pay Division, Communities and Local Government [CLG]

Graeme Russell, Head of Employee Services, Torfaen County Borough Council

Steve Ferrari, Service Management Director, Prudential

Brian Strutton, National Secretary, GMB Public Services Section

Peter Scales, Policy Adviser to the Local Government Association [LGA]

Karen McWilliam, Senior Benefits Consultant/ Partner, Hymans Robertson

Bryan Chalmers, Actuary/Partner, Hymans Robertson



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The Cost

The venue for the 2009 conference is the Cardiff Marriott Hotel. Set in the heart of Wales' capital city, and situated in the colourful Cafe Quarter within the city centre it is close to the Millennium Stadium and Cardiff Castle. **The conference fee is all inclusive.** All meals from arrival to departure, overnight accommodation at the Marriott, and all delegate materials are included in the conference fee of £459.00 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 Employers' website at <http://www.lge.gov.uk/events>

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, LGPC Executive Officer, on 020 7187 7344 or email: elaine.english@lge.gov.uk

The Programme

Thursday 22nd October 2009

12.30-13.50

Registration (buffet lunch available to delegates until 13:30)

13.50-14.00

Chair's Welcome: **Trevor Jones**, Chair, Local Government Pensions Committee

14.00-14.40

Keynote Address, **Anthony Mayer**, Chairman London Pension Fund Authority [LPFA]

14.40-15.10

Are the foundations crumbling? **Karen McWilliam** and **Bryan Chalmers**

15.10-15.40: coffee

15.40-16.05

Options for Fund/Administration Structures,

Terry Crossley

The Local Government Pension Scheme has been administered locally for many years, but the question now is, "Should the LGPS be administered regionally"?

16.05-16.30

Local Authorities Working Together, **Graeme Russell**
Looking at the experience of partnership working in Wales

16.30-16.55

Working with External Partners, **Steve Ferrari**

The Prudential experience on partnership working and third-party administration.

16.55-17.00: Questions

17.00: Chair's Closing Remarks

19.00-20.00: Drinks Reception

20.00: Private Conference Dinner

21.30: After Dinner Speaker – **Jim Bowen**

Friday 23rd October 2009

09.30-09.35

Chair's Welcome

09.35-10.50

In today's climate of pension envy, the LGPS will no doubt be under attack in the run up to the next Election, we take a look at defending the Scheme from three view points

09.35-10.00

In defence of scheme members, **Brian Strutton**

10.00-10.25

In defence of Employers, **Terry Edwards**

10.25-10.50

In defence of Contractors, **Gary Delderfield**

10.50-11.20: coffee

11.20-11.50

Governance, **Peter Scales**

The CLG consultation on Governance matters ends on 30 September 2009 and we will hear from Peter Scales as to the likely outcome.

11.50-12.20

Looking at Investments into the next decade,
Pioneer speaker tba

12.20-12.30: Closing remarks followed by a buffet lunch