

TOGETHER, STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE OF THE **LGPS**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

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16 MAY 2024

10:30 Registration, tea/coffee & pastries

11:00 Welcome and introduction to the day

Robbie McInroy, Hymans Robertson

11:15 What next for the LGPS?

In an election year, we look at the macro factors that are likely to shape the future of the LGPS. We'll discuss public service pension policy in the UK (and beyond); the delivery of local government services and how the LGPS supports recruitment and retention; and how the LGPS will be influenced by wider retirement provision trends and innovation.

Catherine McFadyen,

Hymans Robertson

Calum Cooper,

Hymans Robertson

Jeremy Hughes,

Local Government Association

11:50 The direction of long-term LGPS funding and what it means for today

Think ahead to what the funding landscape of the LGPS in 5-10 years may be - how is it different from today and what strategies and solutions are needed to manage the journey?

Rob Bilton,

Hymans Robertson

Laura Colliss,

North East Scotland Pension Fund

Simon Taylor,

West Midlands Pension Fund

Cory Blose,

West Northamptonshire Council

12:20 Lunch

13:30 LGPS Senior Officer role – operational future

We expect regulation from DLUHC to implement the findings of the SAB Good Governance Project, including the need to have a Senior LGPS Officer. What should the LGPS Senior Officer be thinking about to deliver in the future? What skills and experience do you need to fill the role, what will your team look like and how do we grow Senior LGPS Officers of the future?

Ian Colvin, Hymans Robertson

14:05 The future of ESG

ESG isn't new but we'll take a look at the future direction - starting from the implementation of requirements on TCFD to conversation on nature, social impact and inequality. We look at what you can do now to prepare your decision-makers.

Susan Black,

Hymans Robertson

Amy Sutherland,

Hymans Robertson

Neil Sellstrom,

Tyne and Wear Pension Fund

David Vallery,

Lothian Pension Fund

14:35 Tea/coffee break

15:00 The future of investment risk management

Funds are now in surplus, so what does that mean for risk? 'Risk on' as there's a buffer against losses? 'Risk off' as less return is needed? Either way, as an open-ended investor what does risk management look like for the LGPS? We consider solutions which focus on achieving protection whilst balancing the trade-off of long-term returns for managing short-term risks.

Iain Campbell, Hymans Robertson

15:35 Translating big tech trends into the LGPS

We explore the profound impact of technological advancements on the LGPS fund operations and stakeholders. We'll delve into the challenges and opportunities brought about by these, offering insights to empower officers in navigating the digital revolution effectively.

Chris Varley, Hymans Robertson

16:05 Closing remarks

16:15 Drinks & networking