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Dear Pension Manager

Academies and the Local Government Pension Scheme – Guidance note – edition 1 Frequently Asked Questions

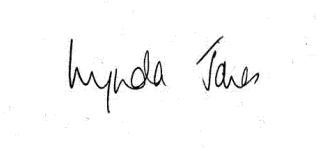
In December 2011, the Secretaries of State for Education and Communities and Local Government issued a joint letter intended to clarify for Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) administering authorities, the position regarding Academy funding and the Secretary of State for Education's role should there be any question about the performance or continued operation of an Academy and recommended that an Academy's LGPS arrangements could be pooled with the local authority should the Academy seek this. The letter promised supporting guidance and the accompanying note is a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help practitioners.

We are aware that this edition does not cover all of the issues and there may be some issues yet to be identified, but DCLG, DfE and the LGA and LGE, are currently meeting through the 'Academies and LGPS working group' to identify and answer further questions. LGPS actuaries are also supporting the working group to provide further information on actuarial related matters and edition 2 will be issued as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions that you think need addressing please do not hesitate to email them to robert.ellis@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

As you will be aware a consultation exercise on proposed changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations closed on the 27th February. We are grateful to all those who took the time to respond. The responses to this exercise are currently being considered, and will be taken forward in the usual manner, subject to Ministerial agreement.

Yours sincerely,



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