

# Legal Developments in Public Sector Pensions

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#### Overview

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- Auto enrolment
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- Fund consolidation?
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- Further reform?





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- Independent Public Service Pensions
  Commission
- Interim Report 7 October 2010
- Final Report 10 March 2011
- Lots of recommendations



Looking Back – Hutton

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- Negotiations with Unions
  - March 2011 onwards
- Heads of Terms
  - December 2011
- Implementation
  - April 2012 onwards
- Application in Scotland



Looking Back – Fair Deal

- 1999 & updated 2004
  - Future pension provision
  - Accrued pension rights
- "Consultation on the Fair Deal policy: Treatment of pensions on compulsory transfer of staff from the public sector"
  - Published 3 March 2011
  - Closed 15 June 2011
  - 3 options



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• Written ministerial statement issued by Danny Alexander on 4 July 2011:

*"the Government has reviewed the Fair Deal policy and agreed to maintain the overall approach, but deliver this by offering access to public service pension schemes for transferring staff"* 

- Broadly comparable schemes?
- Autumn 2012



# Looking Forward – Academies

- Scheduled Body Employer
- Transfer of deficit relating to past pensionable service
  - transferring employees
  - "non-actives"
- Employer Contribution Rate
  - individual
  - pooled



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- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2012
- 1 October 2012 in England & Wales
  - Scottish equivalent?
- Several changes
  - separate admission agreements
  - requirement for a bond or indemnity
  - transferee and community admission bodies
  - actuarial valuation on exit
- Issues



### Looking Forward – Auto enrolment

- The Local Government Pension Scheme
  (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2012
- Regulation 13 of the Administration Regulations
- 1 October 2012 in England & Wales
  - Scottish equivalent?



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#### Looking Forward – Auto enrolment

- Automatic enrolment
  - Eligible employees
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of employment
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day that employer becomes a scheme employer
  - Employment contracts less than three months
- Admission bodies
  - Designation date
  - Employment contracts less than three months

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## Looking Forward – De-risking

- 1<sup>st</sup> LGPS Buy In
  - The West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority
    (ITA) Pension Fund
- Pensioner liabilities only
- Bulk annuity from Prudential
- Other de-risking
- LDI
- Data cleansing
- Risk benefits insurance
- Diversification





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#### Looking Forward - Investment

- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 2010
- Reform?
- Infrastructure?
- NAPF platform



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# Looking Forward – Fund consolidation?

- Pathfinder
- 5 superfunds?
  - 101 funds with £150bn assets
  - 5 superfunds with £30bn assets
- London
  - April 2012
  - £30bn superfund
  - 2016?
- Wales?



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#### Any questions?

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