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BULLETIN

Structure Review

The Board has agreed a consultation process for the structure review. Consultants from the Pensions Institute are drafting a consultation paper and this will be published in mid-June. There will be a seminar on the morning of 27 June in Edinburgh, to introduce the consultation. An invitation to pension board/committee members, employers and trade unions has been circulated.

The consultation will close in December and the Board will consider its advice to ministers early in 2019.

Fund valuation

The Board received an update on Hymans assessment of the 2017 Valuation. In summary, the picture is broadly healthy, although there are still challenges to face around the cost of the scheme going forward. Fund assumptions will not necessarily be consistent across the scheme as fund actuaries use different demographic assumptions and discount rates. There is no timetable as yet for the s13 report on the overall scheme as required by pensions legislation.

Regulations

New SLGPS regulations which contain important changes on early retirement from the age of 55 without consent and cessation flexibilities have been laid before the Scottish Parliament. The new regulations will apply from 1st June 2018.

Annual report

The 2017/18 annual report has been published and can be viewed on the SAB website. A working group will be looking at common data sets across the scheme to inform next year's annual report.

Governance

In line with the governance review there will be a meeting of pension board/committee chairs with the Scheme Advisory Board on a date to be agreed.

Pension Developments

The Board considered a paper on current Pension issues, including the cost transparency work by the FCA, pension increase update and GMP regulation. It noted developments in the England and Wales transparency code and will consider how to link in with that work at its next meeting.

Further details on our website www.lgpsab.scot