



**SLGPS SAB
ITEM 11**

SAB Attendance at the Scottish and NI LGPS meeting

26 June 2025

Simon Watson and Susie Hare attended a hybrid meeting of the Scottish and Northern Irish Funds on behalf of the SAB held in Dundee, Tayside. The SAB representatives attended online. There were some issues with sound so some details may be missing.

The meeting discussed a wide range of topics that are affecting LGPS in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England and Wales. It received reports from the SPPA, LGA, LGPS England and Wales and the Scottish SAB. Simon presented the SAB's May bulletin and Susie spoke about the work SAB are doing around 'Invest Locally'.

Issues covered in the meeting were:

- McCloud deadlines and the communications around this work.
- The Gender Pension Gap including the ongoing considerations in the Access and Fairness consultation. There were some seeking more information on this and how its progressing around opt-outs reporting.
- The Pension Schemes Bill and the impact of Clause 5 on Scotland around the merging of Funds.
- The LGA noted their workplan would soon be published.
- SAB E&W detailed their heavy workload with the ongoing consultations with UK Government, the impact of it being a valuation year, the impact of Local Government Reorganisation and its regular SAB committees and projects including more work on the Gender Pension Gap, Good Governance and the Pensions Dashboard. The representative noted the ongoing work around investment guidelines and fiduciary duty as it developed in England and Wales.
- The PLSA Local Authority Committee spoke about its conversations with Funds in England and Wales on their workloads. The speaker noted that the 'Fit for Future' consultation wasn't broadly welcomed by the Funds in England and Wales.
- The group also discussed future training sessions for members.

It was noted that the next meeting for the group will be held in Inverness on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 October 2025.