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Dear Ms Layne

**Local Government Pensions Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2014 - Draft
Regulations on Scheme Governance**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the proposals relating to the new governance arrangements for the 2014 Local Government Pensions Scheme which came into force on 1 April 2014.

Overall, this Authority fully supports not only a framework which ensures good governance but also the effective and efficient administration of such schemes whilst being as cost effective as possible for employers.

However, it is recognised that this can only be achieved if the local boards designed to assist in this have a sufficient level of expertise to carry out their role. However, given that this is such a specialised area, recruitment of such resources may be challenging. Finally, whilst the principle of shared local pension boards has value this must be within a scope that does not become detrimental to fulfilling their function.

Yours sincerely

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