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Dear Mr Ellis,

Local Government Pension Scheme Governance Regulations 2014

Please find below the response on behalf of the Wiltshire Pension Fund in respect to the Local Government Pension Scheme Governance Regulations consultation.

The approach of providing local flexibility to Local Authorities to establish a Local Pension Board is welcome so this can be designed in line with the specific circumstances of each Fund.

Our only comment relates to the establishment of the Local Pension Board and the absence from the revised Regulation 107 of any reference to members of the Board who are not employer or scheme member representatives, but referred to previously as "other".

We would like clarity in the Regulations that these potential "other" members who we would see as being independent are still permissible to sit on the Board as long as they don't make up the majority?

If so, this raises the question of the status of any additional member and the definition of their independence, e.g. can an independent chairman be an elected member as long as they have no responsibilities for the discharge of any function under the LGPS regulations?

Our view is that these two issues should be explicit in the final Regulations to ensure clarity for Administering Authorities setting up these Boards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Anthony", is written over a horizontal blue line.

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