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Dear Colleague

### LGPS New Scheme Governance Arrangements

Please find attached details on the current Government consultations to bring into place regulations from the 1 April 2014 for new LGPS Scheme Governance arrangements.

Branches are asked to consider the consultation questions from the DCLG and to make any submissions directly to Colin Meech National offer as soon as possible.

The North West Region is currently determining a communication, training and election schedule for the new Scheme Member representatives in readiness for post April 2014 when the new Pension Scheme Boards will be established for our five funds: Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside.

The roles of the newly designed Scheme Representatives mean a sea change of statutory responsibility, whereby the representatives will hold responsibilities in equal measure with your employer's for directing the five Pension Boards, managing of our member's pension assets and where and how our member's pension funds invest those monies.

The role of Pension Champions and Contacts remain as ever important in building a Branch based structure to be able to inform our members of what is happening with their pension funds, and I look forward to working with you in this exciting project.

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