

The Consultation Process and How to Respond

Scope of the consultation

Topic of this consultation:	Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Cross Pool Information Forum
Scope of this consultation:	This consultation seeks responses from Chairs of LGPS pension committees on the remit, membership and frequency of the proposed forum.
Geographical scope:	England & Wales

Basic Information

To:	This consultation is aimed at Chairs of LGPS pension committees.
Body responsible for the consultation:	LGPS Advisory Board
Duration:	17 th July 2017 to 29 th September 2017 (10 weeks)

Background

Getting to this stage:	At the meeting of the Scheme Advisory Board on the 26th June, it was agreed in principle that an elected member led Cross Pool Information Forum should be established to share and disseminate information on the pooling of LGPS assets. It was also agreed that the Chairs of LGPS pension committees should be consulted on the remit, membership and frequency of the proposed forum.
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Help with queries

Questions about this consultation should be sent to the email addresses given below.

Who this consultation is aimed at?

The following consultation is aimed at **LGPS Chairs of Pension Committees**. The consultation is available via the Scheme Advisory Board's website www.lgpsboard.org.

The Board has issued the consultation to the following contacts directly:

- LGPS Chairs of Pension Committees
- LGPS Fund Investment Contacts

How to respond

You should respond to this consultation by **29th September 2017**.

You can respond by email to Liam.Robson@local.gov.uk and Robert.Holloway@local.gov.uk. Email responses are preferred.

When responding, please ensure you have the words “LGPS Cross Pool Information Forum” in the email subject line.

Alternately you can write to:

Bob Holloway, Pension Secretary
LGPS Cross Pool Information Forum Consultation
Scheme Advisory Board Secretariat
Local Government Association
Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street,
London, EC1 M 5LG

When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of the Pension Committee.

Consultation

Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Scheme Advisory Board on the 26th June, it was agreed in principle that an elected member led Cross Pool Information Forum should be established to share and disseminate information on the pooling of LGPS assets. It was also agreed that the Chairs of LGPS pension committees should be consulted on the remit, membership and frequency of the proposed forum.
- 1.2 The same consultation should also seek views on whether a one off open session on progress towards pooling should be organised with an invitation going to all chairs of pension committees and local pension boards.
- 1.3 **The closing date for responses is 29th September 2017.**

Part 1 - Cross Pool Information Forum (CPF)

- 1.4 It is **not** proposed that the CPF be a decision making body nor would its content be technical in nature. It is proposed that its remit would be to receive, share and disseminate information across the pools as well as providing a platform to exchange best practice and items of cross pool interest.
- 1.5 Do you agree that the remit of the CPF should be limited to receiving, sharing and disseminating information as described above?
Yes [**Please select your response**]
- 1.6 **If you answer “no”, please describe below what you think the remit of the CPF should be.**

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- 1.7 It is proposed that membership of the CPF would be open to a maximum of three nominations from the member administering authorities of each pool. The nominations may all be elected members or include a mixture of elected members and others.
- 1.8 In line with the SAB’s previously published statement on pool representation the determination of nominees should include the consideration of the provision of direct representation for scheme members.
- 1.9 Do you agree that membership should be as set out above?
Yes

If you answer “no”, please describe below how you think membership should be structured.

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- 1.10 It is proposed that the CPF should meet at least quarterly.
- 1.11 Do you agree that meetings should be held at least quarterly?

Yes

If you answer “no”, please explain below how often you think the CPF should meet.

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- 1.12 It is proposed that the Chair of the CPF should be selected from amongst the forum’s membership. Do you agree?

Yes

If you answer “no”, please explain below how you think the Chair should be selected.

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- 1.13 Given the proposed remit of the CPF as a non-decision making body, it is not proposed to include in its remit any arrangements with respect to voting.

- 1.14 Do you agree that voting arrangements should not be included in the remit?

Yes

If you answer “no”, please explain below why you think voting arrangements should be included.

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- 1.15 It is further proposed that the Scheme Advisory Board’s Secretariat should support the administration of the CPF in terms of arranging meetings, venues, etc.

- 1.16 Do you agree that the Secretariat should support the CPF in this way?

Yes

If you answer “no”, please explain below how you think administration of the CPF should be supported.

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Part 2 - Open Session

1.17 In order to better enable the open and wide dissemination of information, it is proposed that a session for all chairs of pension committees and local pension boards on the progress towards pooling should be organised.

1.18 Do you agree that an open session of this type would be helpful?
Yes

Please use the space below if you wish to expand on your response.

We believe this is the best way to disseminate information across all Pension Funds rather than the restricted membership of the proposed Forum. If numbers allow, we would suggest invitations are extended to allow wider presentation from each Fund.

1.19 If no, please explain that you would change or add and why.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Part 3 – Respondent details

1.20 Please complete the table below with administrating authority and contact details.

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