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Date: 20 January 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your participation is requested at a virtual meeting of the **FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION**

SCHEME LOCAL PENSION BOARD to be held on **Thursday 28 January, 2021 at 10.00**

a.m.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To the members of the Fire PS Local Pension Board

Copy to Service Director - Finance and Chief Fire Officer as Scheme Manager (A. Elsdon and P. Hedley/M. McCarty)

and to OFFICERS;

C. Johnson - Board Secretary

Mrs. C. Gorman - Principal Accountant (Pensions) - Project Officer

H. Scargill - Client Relationship Manager, West Yorkshire Pension Fund

N. McDermott, Senior Accountant

Please Note – The FPS Local Pension Board will NOT be a meeting of the Council open to the general public – as per Appendix 1, page 10 of the Constitution.



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AGENDA

Meeting of the NCC Firefighters' Pension Scheme (FPS) Local Pension Board (LPB)

The Terms of Reference state that these meetings will be held in private.

28 JANUARY 2021

1. Apologies
2. Consideration (declaration) of conflicts of interest
3. Minutes of the FPS Local Pension Board meeting held on 20 October 2020 (**attached**)
4. Chair's briefing (**verbal update**)
5. WYPF Business Continuity and COVID-19 Update (**verbal update**)
6. WYPF Report to NCC's FPS LPB on 28 January 2021 (**attached**)
7. Monthly Client Reports for NCC from WYPF
 - (a) for November 2020 (**attached**)
 - (b) for December 2020 (**attached**)
 - (c) for January 2021 (**attached**)
8. Main guidance for FPS administrators for measures introduced by Government to control the spread of COVID-19
 - (a) LGA FPS Regulations/ Guidance COVID-19 webpage (**attached**)
 - (b) tPR COVID-19 scheme administration guidance (**attached**)
 - (c) PASA COVID-19 Guidance for Administrators (**attached**)
 - (d) SAB review of impact of COVID-19 on FPS governance (**attached**)
9. PASA Cybercrime Guidance for Pensions Administrators (**attached**)
10. Pensions press articles on scams and cybersecurity risk (**attached**)
11. HM Treasury consultation on the McCloud/Sargeant remedy and paused cost cap, published 16 July 2020: update (**attached**)
12. Minutes of the WYPF Fire Client meeting held on 21 October 2020 (**attached**)
13. NCC Payroll issues re Mr B, Mr C and Mr G's retirements in August 2020 and follow up
14. Pensions press article on the hidden cost of COVID-19 on the FPS (**attached**)
15. Actions for FRAs: Board follow up (**attached**)

16. Reports of the NCC FPS Scheme Manager:
 - (a) Breaches in the quarter to 31 December 2020 (none) (**attached**)
 - (b) complaints, appeals, IDRs in the quarter to 31 December 2020 (none) (**attached**)
17. Future meeting dates (**attached**)
18. Any other business

FPS SAB Bulletins enclosed (and previously emailed to Board Members)

Bulletin 38 – October 2020
Bulletin 39 – November 2020
Bulletin 40 – December 2020

Other enclosures

- Public service governance and administration survey 2019: Research report prepared for The Pensions Regulator by OMB Research
- Home Office Fire and rescue workforce and pensions statistics, England, April 2019 to March 2020

Useful reference points for Board members

The Firefighters' Pensions (England) SAB
Firefighters' Pension Scheme Regulations and Guidance
West Yorkshire Pension Fund

www.fpsboard.org
www.fpsregs.org
http://www.wypf.org.uk/Members/Fire/Firefighters_Home.aspx

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