

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2007**

2007.No. 228

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
2. **Description**
 - 2.1 The Regulations provide amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 to accord with machinery of government changes.
3. **Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**
 - 3.1 None
4. **Legislative Background**
 - 4.1 The instrument removes references to bodies that have ceased to exist and adds the names of new bodies to the list of Scheme Employers or Resolution Bodies.
5. **Extent**
 - 5.1 This instrument applies to England and Wales.
6. **European Convention on Human Rights**
 - 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.
7. **Policy Background**
 - 7.1 These Regulations make a number of consequential amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, and have effect from the various dates specified in regulation 1.

The Regulations delete references to the following bodies which, owing to machinery of government changes, no longer exist:-

The Commission for Local Administration in Wales;
National Crime Squad;
National Criminal Intelligence Service; and
Magistrates' Courts Committees,

and add references to bodies that have been established, that is, The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales and The Serious Organised Crime Agency.

7.2 They also amend the name of the local authority which maintains the appropriate pension fund for the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service.

7.3 Stakeholders were consulted on the proposed draft amendment regulations. Consultation started on 8 September and ended on 30 November 2006. Responses were minimal but were nevertheless carefully considered. An analysis is available at www.xoq83.dial.pipex.com.

8. Impact

8.1 As there are no direct financial implications arising from these amendments, or impacts to business, charities or the voluntary sector, no Regulatory Impact Assessment was considered necessary.

9. Contact

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