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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS SCHEME (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2006 (SSI/2006/123)**

I am writing about the above mentioned Amendment Regulations which come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 and amend the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 1998

A copy of these amendment regulations can be accessed via the following link, [SSI 2006/123](#) additional copies can also be purchased from the Stationery Office.

The new regulations make the necessary amendments to implement the provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.

**Background**

The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to create regional transport partnerships (RTPs) covering the whole of Scotland and to make provision for their membership and constitution. Under the Regional Transport Partnership (Establishment,

Constitution and Membership) (Scotland) Order 2005, RTPs will come into being from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006.

RTPs will be Scheme Employers for the purposes of the principal Regulations and employees of the bodies will be eligible for membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

### **Effect of the Regulations**

The consultation process was carried out by way of an interim letter advising of proposed amendments, followed by a formal consultation on a draft set of Regulations amending the Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005. The consultation process ended on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and no adverse comments were received.

The Regulations make the following changes of substance:

- Regulation 3 has the effect that Transport Partnerships created under section 1 of the Act will be Scheme employers and employees of the Transport Partnerships will be eligible for membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland).
- Regulation 4 makes provision so that employees of certain councils who transfer to a Transport Partnership remain with the fund which previously administered their pension.

### **Executive Note**

The Stationery Office now publish an Executive Note alongside new Regulations. The Note briefly describes a Statutory Instrument and its purpose, and is prepared for the information of Parliamentary Committees which examine proposed regulations. This can be accessed for these Regulations by clicking the following link. [Executive Note](#)

**Please draw this circular to the attention of Pension Managers and Superannuation Sections. You may also wish to draw it to the attention of the Directors of Finance and Administration.**

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Yours faithfully



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