

3 December 2008

To : addressees below

Our Ref:
Your Ref:

Dear Colleague,

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME
GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS – STATUTORY GUIDANCE**

1. Further to my letter of 21st July 2008, I enclose with Ministers' agreement, the statutory guidance issued for the purposes of regulation 31(3)(c) of The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008.

2. Four responses to our letter of 21st July were received and individual responses will be sent shortly in answer to the points they raised. I am able to confirm, however, that the final version attached to this letter is essentially the same as the one issued for consultation back in July, except for a few minor typographical and formatting corrections.

2. A significant number of administering authorities have already submitted their compliance statements based on the first draft issued in October 2007 and the version which accompanied the statutory consultation in July this year. It is hoped that publication of the final version will now enable the remainder of authorities to finalise their statements and publish them by the closing date of 1st November.

3. Once all the statements have been submitted to us, we will analyse the outcomes with the view of publishing the results by the end of the year. This exercise will enable us to assess what progress has been made since we last surveyed authorities governance arrangements in 2006 and, in addition, will help us to highlight any areas where further work is necessary to bring all pension fund authorities up to best practice standards. We will continue to work closely with key stakeholders in taking this exercise forward.

4. For enquiries on this letter or the attached statutory guidance, please e-mail me (Robert.Holloway@communities.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone 0207 944 5998. Alternatively, contact Margaret.dunleavy@communities.gsi.gov.uk (telephone 0207

944 6012). A copy of this letter and the guidance will be available in the "What's New – 2008" section of our web site at www.xog83.dial.pipex.com

Yours sincerely

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