

Local Pension Board (LPB) Training

Introduction

- Since January 2024 the LGA Firefighters' Pensions Team have been providing training so that we run four sessions a year, which allows for each LPB's annual training and so that for any new members they will have a maximum of three months before they are able to join a training session.

These have been being provided predominantly virtually (three sessions), with one face to face session held at Smith Square, on the same day as the governance session of the Firefighters' Pensions AGM.

These have enabled the sessions to become more engaging and promote discussion and questions amongst other Local Pension Boards.

These sessions have also welcomed guest speakers including the Scheme Advisory Board Chair, LPB Effectiveness Committee Chair, the Pensions Regulator (TPR), and the Pensions Dashboard Programme (PDP).

We then introduced two refresher training sessions, which were run by the LGA Firefighters' Pensions Team.

Proposal for 2026

We have reviewed the bookings for the sessions in September 2025 (9 bookings) and January 2026 (10 bookings) and feedback would suggest that the stability of LPB membership is static with fewer membership changes than in previous years.

It is proposed that we reduce the full training sessions to two in addition to the January 2026 session already advertised (three in total) and hold three refresher training sessions.

The dates for these are proposed as follows:

Full Sessions

- Tuesday 5 May 2006 – 10:00 - 14:00
- Wednesday 16 September 2026 11:30 – 15:30 (in person on first day of AGM to encourage more attendees to the Governance event)
- Thursday 28 January 2027 – 10:00 to 14:00

Refresher Sessions

- Tuesday 31 March 2026 – 10:00 - 12:30
- Tuesday 7 July 2026 – 12:30 – 15:00
- Thursday 8 October 2026 10:00 – 12:30