

Meeting of the Board 30 September 2021

Update on action summary

Introduction

1. This paper provides an update to the Board on actions taken and planned actions to progress the agreed work plan as outlined in the [draft action summary](#). Actions have only been included where there has been a change to the position.
2. All other actions can be considered to be carried forward.

Completed actions

3. The action to engage with the Pensions Regulator (TPR) on the proposed new single code of practice has been closed and added to the LPB effectiveness committee workplan. An [interim response on the code of practice consultation](#) was published by TPR on 24 August 2021 [Action 18.03.2021 (3.3)].
4. Agreement was sought from HM Treasury to publish the [McCloud factsheet](#) shared with the Board at the June meeting on www.fpsregs.org. Agreement was received and the factsheet is available online [Action 24.06.2021 (5.1.14)].

Actions in progress

5. The FRA remedy self-assessment survey closed on 31 August 2021 following receipt of the final outstanding response. An update on the outcomes is tabled under agenda item 4. Board members have been provided with the survey research report and covering paper ([Paper 1](#)). The Board to consider next steps. [Action 03.10.2019 (7)].
6. Publication of the factsheet on temporary roles based on the legal advice previously provided to the Board was paused following an item of AOB on apprenticeships raised at the June 2021 meeting. Comments from the Board are awaited. Amendments to the eligibility factsheet will be considered if necessary. [Action 11.06.2020 (6.1)].
7. The issue on rectification of pensionable pay remains outstanding as the Board are not able to recommend a specific course of action. The chair and secretariat will consider next steps with the legal adviser, taking into account new Ombudsman determinations and any additional views from Board members. There may also be opportunity to seek an extension to the power to recover contributions under the provisions of the [PSP&JO Bill](#). A risk on funding and cross-subsidising of FRAs due to individual decision making has been added to the risk register [Action 11.06.2020 (6.3)].

8. Following remedy assurance presentations given by Aquila Heywood and Civica at the June 2021 meeting, Board members were invited to provide comments by email. These comments are awaited. The chair and secretariat will draft a letter to provide feedback from the meeting and obtain information on progress following the introduction of the PSP&JO Bill. Both presentations have been uploaded to member-restricted meetings page of www.fpsboard.org [Action 24.06.2021 (6.26)].

Actions to note

9. Pension administrators have now received the necessary data extract reports from software suppliers to allow existing pension data for the remedy period to be extracted. The LGA will facilitate a workshop on completion of the data collection template and new data scoring requirements for the TPR scheme return before the end of October [Action 09.01.2020 (11)].
10. The secretariat met with Weightmans on 10 September 2021 to discuss a new technical query on cross-border abatement and steps needed to finalise the draft guidance. To be tabled for the December meeting [Action 17.09.2020 (5.3)].
11. The existing action on training for Board members has been closed and split into two distinct workstreams: (1) development of a training log to document and record member training; (2) development of a modular training programme for SAB members. These actions will be progressed by the Firefighters' Pensions Adviser – Governance, once in place. Ad-hoc training will be provided on request and as necessary [Action 10.12.2020 (5.1) – (1) and (2)].

Board actions

12. The Board are asked to note the contents of this paper.

Board Secretary
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