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Are you interested in who will be involved in the running of your Pension Fund? You can choose!

The Lancashire Local Pension Board Pensioner Member Representatives

We sent you a newsletter in early January to ask you to get involved in the running of your Pension Fund and become a member of the Local Pension Board

We have now received expression of interest forms for nominations and below is a brief resume from each candidate.

Heather Edwards

My name is Heather Edwards and I was Service Director for Finance and Deputy Director at Stockport until 2012. Since I joined Local Government in 1980 I have always worked in a financial role and had some responsibility for Payroll and Pensions, including pensioner payrolls.

I have an accounting qualification and a Master of Business Administration degree. Although this role is different from actually working for an employer or the Pension Fund, I feel that I have the knowledge, ability and understanding to deal with the issues raised at the Board. I have a wide understanding of the financial and governance issues surrounding pensions as well as recent knowledge and practical experience of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

I'm currently a member of the Lancashire Workforce Development Partnership Board and I'm also a Director of a private company for which I undertake the Secretarial Function. I'm very grateful that I was encouraged to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and would like to give something back for the help and advice I have received in respect of pensions during my working life. This role fits with the career I've had and continues my public sector ethos. I believe that this would enable me to take an active and positive role in the business of the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

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Robert Harvey

My name is Robert Harvey and I have been a member of the Lancashire County Council Pensions Committee since 1987. During that time I have acquired some knowledge of the rules and regulations concerning the administration of the Pension Fund but more importantly I have gained knowledge of how the Pension Fund is being managed to ensure the payment of pensions in the future. The role of the Pensions Committee has been crucial in trying to maintain the financial stability of the Fund. To ensure I had adequate knowledge of the financial markets in which the Fund operates I have undertaken appropriate training. I have also tried to keep up to date on developments in the wider pensions industry.

The Local Pension Board is a new innovation in the LGPS which recognises the need to improve the governance of pension schemes.

Because of my experience of the Lancashire Pension Fund, I have been asked by the retired members of the Lancashire UNISON Branch to undertake the role of pensioner representative on the new Board. Although this means I will have to be replaced on the Pensions Committee I believe it will be helpful to have someone with my knowledge and experience on the new Board to assist the development of the member representatives in what will be a new experience for them.

Ron Hatley

My name is Ron Hatley and I was employed by Lancashire County Council for over 40 years. I became a Principle Officer Building Surveyor Engineer and also a UNISON representative. Since I retired I have become acutely aware of the vagaries of life on a pension. I have looked at the various government initiatives being offered and how we pension receivers are treated. I have no pensions qualifications as such, other than the above. However, I believe my lack of formal qualifications puts me in a strong position of being able to appreciate and identify when jargon is being used. I would pursue such use of 'in speak' to clarify what is being said or proposed and whether it would be of advantage or not to fellow pensioners.



Jacqueline Waring

My name is Jacqueline Waring and I worked for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council for 12 years in a senior management position. During this time as well as attending to my own pension, I had over 50 staff to whom I was responsible for supplying information about all HR matters, including pensions. I did not work directly in pensions but do not see this as a disadvantage. My work has been strategic and involved the ability to work with budgets across millions of pounds. I am very well versed in the HR side of management and until recently was a member of IPD.

I presently serve as an independent Director on the Board of Twin Valley Homes, a social housing association. I carry out appeals and dismissals representing this Board. I enjoy this Board work and feel that there is room in my life to sit on another Board and give it my full attention.

Gareth Roscoe

My name is Gareth Roscoe and I worked for nearly 20 years as a Local Government Solicitor initially with Lancashire County Council and then latterly with Blackburn with Darwen. I was then elected as UNISON Assistant Branch Secretary and then Branch Secretary of Blackburn Branch. In my union role I had to advise members of the Pension Scheme on a regular basis. As Branch Secretary I attended various UNISON seminars on the LGPS and made presentations on Scheme changes to my members. I retired last year and I'm now in a position to use my time and skills to promote and assist in the supervision of the Scheme.

As a former trades unionist from Local Government I have always been a real supporter of, and advocate for, the Local Government Pension Scheme and I now have time to take on the role of pensioner member representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

Michael Perry

My name is Michael Perry and I have 40 years Local Government experience, starting as a trainee accountant and finishing as Director of Leisure and Operations at South Ribble Borough Council. I have an in depth knowledge of the Public Sector Pension Scheme. As a member of the authorities' senior management team my pension knowledge was sought across all divisions of the council. My own division consisted of 243 employees, many at the sharp end of operation and they needed independent professional advice on their pension requirements. With this in mind it was important that I kept abreast of current pension regulations in order to give the right advice. I felt that I did this with enthusiasm and professionalism

My reason for wishing to be a member of the LCC Pension Board stems from my experience of a professionally managed fund which continues to give its members the best possible pensions advice and guidance. Governance of such funds remains an important issue in the present uncertain financial climate and whilst LCC remain the fund manager it is, I feel, critical that some independent external measures are in place to ensure compliance with Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations in relation to Administration and Governance. I feel that my experience and interest in the scheme can bring the necessary qualities to the board to ensure this compliance.



Brian Taylor

My name is Brian Taylor and I have been a scheme member since 1979. I have seen many changes to our scheme during that time. In latter years I have taken a keener interest in our scheme and particularly since I retired. My knowledge and understanding of public sector pensions has improved with being a recipient and I would expect it to be further enhanced with member representation.

Following the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 I look forward to the greater participation of members, which I hope will lead to an increased consultation and engagement of members. It is a scheme which should be protected, particularly as central government has shown an envious interest in our schemes. We need to safeguard the rights of members in relation to such issues as pension promises and accrued rights. Our scheme needs to be affordable, sustainable, adequate and fair to all members. In addition, the workings of the scheme have to be transparent.

As a member, who now gains the benefits of our LGPS scheme, I appreciate what it has to offer and why the benefits certainly need to be protected and hopefully improved for present and future members.

Enclosed is a ballot form and an addressed envelope. Please complete and return to us by 9 March 2015. The results of this ballot will be published on 13 March at www.Yourpensionservice.org.uk

Have you registered for our Online Service?

My Pension Online is a facility where you can log in securely to your own pension scheme member record. Whether you are still working, or have a deferred pension, or a pension in payment, there is something in the online service for you.

We will be using the My Pension Online facility to communicate with you in the future. If you have not already registered for My Pension Online, please visit our website.

You need a personal email address which you can register to be able to use this service, and we will inform you when there is new information for you to view.

In addition to ad hoc communications about your benefits, each year we will make your benefit statement available online (for active and deferred pensioner members), and pensioner members will have their P60 online.

If you wish to opt out of electronic communications please inform us in writing.

