



# Pensions in partnership

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### **Pensions politics**

The month of September is all set to be a very interesting one as John Hutton's independent Public Sector Pensions Commission is to produce an initial report by the end of the month, and the Government will confirm its intended approach to pensions taxation.

### **Policy statements, 2009 / 2010 data and compliance certificates**

We do not yet have a full set of annual compliance certificates, data for scheme year 2009 / 2010 or employer policy statements.

If you have not already done so, please supply us with all of yours ASAP.

A set of model policy statements is available from your Liaison Officer.

### **Pathfinder online member survey**

Pathfinder is a project looking into the 11 Scottish LGPS funds. It seeks to "establish if there are any opportunities to rationalise and improve the management of the LGPS".

As part of the project we will be offering our members the chance to provide the project with their views by making them aware of a short online survey focussed on establishing whether we are meeting their communication needs.

### **Historic problem S11s**

Starting this month we will be chasing a number of these up each month, initially by admin teams and then by Liaison Officers, and would appreciate your ongoing cooperation with this project.

We are pleased to announce that our Liaison Officers will stop asking contributing employers to tell us how many members they have every six months.

### **Professional Pensions awards**

We are proud to announce that we have been shortlisted for 4 awards at the Professional Pensions 2010 Pension Scheme Of The Year awards event on September 16.

### **What's happening on pensions**

We have successfully moved to our new offices in Glasgow's International Financial Services District.

Our new building will, we are sure, make the SPFO family even closer knit as we are on a single floor.

It will also help us to make large strides towards a paperless office, as we have used the move as an opportunity to take some time out from business as usual to assess how we can work more efficiently in the future.

One example of this is that we now have dual computer screens on our desks. This technology allows us to more easily work on individual pension records that by their nature comprise many different and often long electronic "documents".

The LGE has issued Bulletin 73, see:  
<http://www.lge.gov.uk/lge/core/page.do?pagelId=4074489>