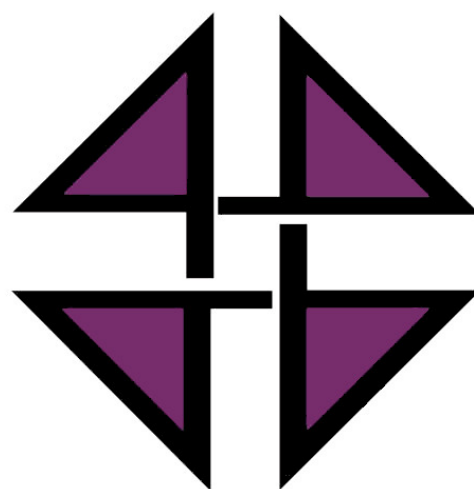


**South Yorkshire Pensions Authority and the  
South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Fund**



SOUTH YORKSHIRE  
**LOCAL PENSION BOARD**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

## Foreword

Welcome to the second annual report of the South Yorkshire Joint Local Pension Board (LPB).

The Board seeks to assist the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Fund to maintain effective and efficient administration and governance. Members of the scheme can now have direct influence on how the fund is managed. The LPB comprises both scheme members, retired and active, together with employer representatives. Employer representation is not restricted to the four large local Councils.

Throughout the year we have discharged our duties by seeking information from our scheme management and have offered advice as necessary. Members have continued to equip themselves to fulfil their duties by undertaking training, as set out elsewhere in this report, and have a work programme that enables us to meet our obligations ensuring that the two funds comply with the relevant codes of practice and current legislation.

As I indicated last year, your pension funds face times of change and challenge as a result of the Governments decision that Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) funds should establish large pooled investment organisations. The two South Yorkshire funds have joined the Borders to Coast Pool. Throughout the process of establishing the Pool your LPB has been involved in the discussions with the aim of seeking to ensure that the best interests of the South Yorkshire Funds are safeguarded. In addition to discharging our duties at a local level we have engaged with several of the Local Pension Boards at other funds within the new pool.

I would like, on behalf of the Joint Local Pension Board, to thank the Officers of South Yorkshire Pensions Authority and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Fund, and the Chairs and Members of our two local pension funds for their help, cooperation and continued commitment. Looking towards the coming year we aim to build on the foundations set and assist the Authority to move forward, integrating together South Yorkshire and the other members of the newly established Border to Coast investment pool.

Glyn Boyington, Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Glyn Boyington', written in a cursive style.

## **Membership**

### **Employee Representatives**

Glyn Boyington - LGPS Member (Chairman)

Garry Warwick (GMB) - Trades Union

Kevin Morgan (UCATT) - Trades Union

Nicola Doolan (Unison) - Trades Union

Susan Ross - LGPS Member

Steve Carnell - SYPTPF Member

### **Employer Representatives**

Jill Thompson (Action Housing) - Admitted Body (Vice-Chair)

Geoff Berrett (South Yorkshire Police) - 'Other Large Employer'

Vacancy – Academy

Councillor Phillip Lofts - Local Authority Member (Barnsley)

Vacancy - Local Authority Member (Rotherham)

Vacancy – (South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund)

## Member Attendance

Attendance at the LPB meetings has been positive with members and employer representatives freely giving their time and commitment. Indeed 6 members have achieved 100% attendance over the year.

	20 July 2016	6 Oct 2016	16 Mar 2017
Geoff Berrett	✓	✓	✓
Glyn Boyington	✓	✓	✓
Steve Carnell	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Tony Corden	x	✓	x
Cllr Ben Curran	x	x	N/A
Nicola Doolan	x	x	✓
Cllr Adam Hurst	N/A	N/A	✓
Kevin Morgan	✓	✓	✓
Melanie Priestley	x	N/A	N/A
Sue Ross	✓	✓	✓
Jill Thompson	x	✓	✓
Garry Warwick	✓	✓	✓

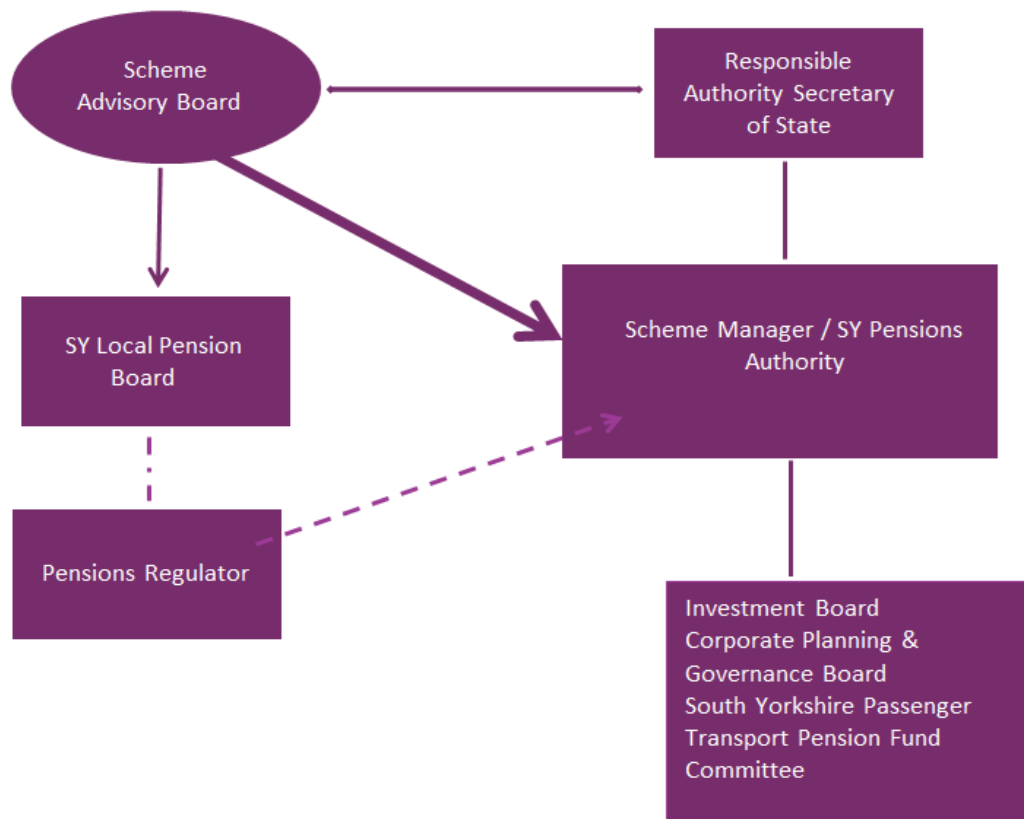
Members have also attended Pension Authority Meetings as observers

## Role of the LPB

The role of the Local Pension Board as defined by Sections 5(1) and (2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 is to:

- Secure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS for the South Yorkshire Pension Fund and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund
- Provide the Scheme Manager with such information as it requires to ensure that any member of the Local Pension Board or person to be appointed to the Local Pension Board does not have a conflict of interest
- Ensure the South Yorkshire Pension Fund and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Pension Fund effectively complies with the Code of Practice on the Governance and Administration of Public Service Pensions Schemes issued by the Pensions Regulator and is effectively managed and administered in compliance with the Code.

## Governance Structure



## **Work of the Board 2016/7**

The Board held three meetings during the year.

The Board continued to develop their **Work Programme** which evolves as Members knowledge and understanding of their role evolve. Agreement has been reached to ensure specific issues set out in Government Guidance were cross referenced and any gaps included in the Work Programme. Members of the Board receive all **agenda papers** issued to Members of the Pensions Authority.

In considering all agenda papers presented to the Authority, the Board has in particular sought clarification on the following:

- **Annual Fund Member Survey** – Additionally Members of the Board were invited to the Annual Fund Member Event held at The Holiday Inn Barnsley
- **2016 Actuarial Valuation** – The Board have been kept informed on progress in compiling relevant data in support of the valuation
- **Risk Management Strategy** – The Board were kept up to date on the development and adoption of the Risk Management Strategy and reviewed the Authority's Risk Register
- **Internal Audit** – The Board received a presentation on the work of Internal Audit from BMBC's Audit Manager
- **Work Programmes** – The Board considered the Work Programmes of the Authority and its Boards
- **Investment Pooling** – The Board were invited to all meetings regarding the process involved in the intention to join the Border to Coast Pensions Partnership
- **Budget** – the Board regularly reviewed their budget
- **External Audit Arrangements** – The Board, through the receipt of all Authority papers was kept fully briefed on the work of the Authority's External Auditors KPMG.

## **Training and Development**

The Board has in place a Training and Development Strategy similar to that of the Authority and both bodies have acknowledged the requirement to undertake training and development in tandem for mutual benefit and to provide value for money in training delivery.

During the year, Board Members have received the following training/development support:

- The Effective Audit Committee – Head of Audit, Barnsley MBC
- Treasury Management Training - Associate Director, Capita Asset Solutions
- LGA Fundamentals Days 1, 2 & 3

- Internal Audit & Risk Management – Head of Audit & Risk Manager, Barnsley MBC
- Asset & Liability Information Session
- CIPFA/Barnett Waddingham Local Pension Board Spring Seminar

In addition, the Chair and Vice-Chair attended the CIPFA/Barnett Waddingham event – Local Pension Boards One Year on.

### **Future Plans**

We aim to:

- Continue to work with the Officers and Members of the Authority and Transport Fund with a view to becoming more integrated into their decision making forums in order to be able to have influence on the outcome of events
- Marketing the work of the LPB through articles within the news letters issued by the Pensions Authority and participation at the annual fund meetings
- Undertake training/workshop style events for members of the LPB as appropriate
- Seek to establish a working relationship with Local Pension Boards in other Funds within Border to Coast pool.

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD EXPENDITURE TO  
31/3/17**

	<b>ORIGINAL OUTTURN</b>	<b>ACTUAL OUTTURN</b>	<b>2016-17 VARIANCE</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>LOCAL PENSION BOARD</b>				
Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence	3,000	1,987	1,013	<b>1</b>
Training	5,000	3,550	1,450	<b>1</b>
Professional Advice	2,000	-	2,000	<b>1</b>
	-	-	-	
	<b>10,000</b>	<b>5,537</b>	<b>4,463</b>	

**1. Expenditure is within budget expectations as the Local Pension Board has incurred travel expense claims, subsistence and training expenses at the end of Qtr4**