

Draft member letter responding to the LGPS contribution consultation

I wish to register my opposition to the proposals to increase member contributions to the LGPS over the period 2012-2014 and to the associated proposal to reduce benefits temporarily during this period as a substitute for part of the contribution increase

These proposals are just to allow another cut on public expenditure with the cost passed on to members of the pension scheme - they are nothing to do with improving the funding position of the pension scheme.

I also believe it is wrong to increase contributions whilst the Government is planning to make further big cuts in the benefits as soon as they have come into effect; benefits and contributions should be looked at together

The Government is proposing to exclude from or limit increases to low paid workers in the LGPS but only on the basis that the benefits of all LGPS members will be subject to an extra reduction which will not apply in other public sector schemes. This is not really protection at all and an unfair burden is placed on all members