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19th December 2011

Dear Secretary of State

The Local Government Pension Scheme

The document attached to this letter forms a Heads of Agreement between;

UNISON, GMB and UNITE on behalf of the Local Government Pension Scheme unions:

and

The pensions lead team: Cllr Ian Greenwood: Leader of Bradford Council (Labour), Cllr Roger Phillips: Herefordshire Council (Conservative) and Cllr Steve Comer: Bristol City Council (Liberal Democrat) on behalf of the Local Government Association.

We firmly believe that this joint and cross party agreement which has been discussed with both government ministers and officials during its development meets the requirement for outline agreement at scheme level by the end of December.

Furthermore we are in agreement that the principles and timescale set out are a robust, sensible and reasonable way of achieving both the short term financial targets and the long term reforms as set out in Lord Hutton's report on public sector pension schemes.

We are committed to the successful conclusion of this process, which will require a constant focus on the timetable established by this agreement, and whilst it is progressing see no reason for any other action to be considered or progressed as a result of the current consultation on LGPS reform.

In reaching the outcomes of this process and final agreement there will be proper consultation with and endorsement from our respective memberships.

We submit this joint and cross party agreement confident of its acceptance by government and look forward to receiving confirmation of this before parliament rises.

Yours sincerely



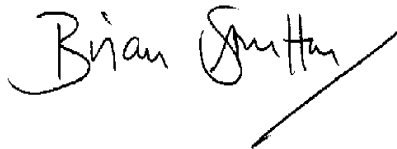
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