



# Response to Consultation

**Date:** 14 December 2011  
**Consultation:** Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

## Introduction

The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA) represents registered and non-registered housing associations in Northern Ireland. Collectively, our members provide around 36,000 good quality, affordable homes for renting or equity sharing. Further information is available at [www.nifha.org](http://www.nifha.org).

## Background

In October 2011 the Department of Environment issued a draft of proposed amendments to the Local Government Pensions Scheme regulations upon which it wished to consult. We are interested in this particular consultation as both NIFHA and a number of the housing associations in Northern Ireland are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by NILGOSC.

## General Comments

NIFHA welcomes the opportunity to comment on this consultation which has relevance both for its staff and for member housing associations.

## Specific Comments

Having reviewed the draft document and discussed these amendments with relevant member organisations we consider the intended changes relate to technical, administrative or clarification issues therefore we are content with the proposals.

## Conclusion

I am pleased to submit this response on behalf of NIFHA and trust you will find our comments helpful.

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