

IMPORTANT: THIS BALLOT IS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF YOUR PENSION

Pensions ballot - come and hear the facts

UNISON City of Edinburgh Branch has arranged two meetings for members to hear the facts as they vote in the ballot on the new Local Government Pension Scheme.

Eric MacLennan, branch pensions champion, and senior branch officers will be at the meetings to explain the proposals for the new 2015 scheme and the negotiations that led up to them.

Ballot papers will be sent out to members who are conditioned to the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme on 16 October. The closing date for the ballot is 10am on 7 November 2013. Any member who has not received a ballot paper should contact UNISON Direct on 0845 355 0845.

Each member will get a ballot paper *with a recommendation that they vote to Accept the current proposals*. There will also be an explanatory leaflet that outlines the proposals. A copy of the leaflet is on the website at www.unison-edinburgh.org.uk along with the draft Heads of Agreement and other materials.

PENSIONS MEETINGS

Tuesday 15 Oct 5pm - 7pm European Room

Tuesday 29 Oct 6pm - 8pm Business Centre

both at City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

WINNING A BETTER PENSION FOR YOU

With pensions champions in branches across Scotland, your UNISON team has worked to win a better pension for you. This means increased benefits for the same contributions under the proposals for the new Scottish Local Government Pensions Scheme (SLGPS) due to come in from April 2015.

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