

Police Pension Scheme Advisory Board Minutes
Friday 27 February 2026
via TEAMs

Interim Chairperson:	Lynne Curran (LC), DoJ
Secretary:	Nicola Torres DoJ
Members:	Ryan Henderson (RH), CPOSA Sarah Reid (SR), NIPB Damian Walsh (DW), PFNI Alison McClune (AMcC), PSNI George Clarke (GC), NIRPOA Noel Rainey (NR), PSNI Michael Hanna (MH) PSNI
Advisors:	Vicky McClenaghan (VMcC), DoJ Denise Bloomer (DB), DoJ
Apologies:	Sinead Simpson (SS), NIPB

Item 1 - Welcome and introduction

LC Welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

LC Welcomed Damien Walsh as new Police Federation for NI representative, George Clarke as representative for Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association, Denise Bloomer as temporary Head of IOD/Pensions Branch and Vicky McClenaghan as temporary Policy Lead for Police Pensions.

A short round of introductions followed for the benefit of new members.

LC also welcomed **Rachael Henry** and **Alasdair Patrick** from **GAD**, to deliver presentations on (CPI) mismatch and scheme valuations for police pensions later in the meeting.

Apologies were received from Sinead Simpson (NIPB).

Item 2 - Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were recorded.

Item 3 - Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting from 10 September 2025 were circulated to members on 10 February 2026. No comments were received. Minutes agreed.

Item 4 - Matters arising

Two action points were carried over from the previous meeting: -

AP1 In consideration of SAB consultation response to Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2025 - a draft SAB response of recommendations to be issued to members for their agreement.

Action complete – agreement was reached that the action was complete and could be closed.

AP2 In consideration of SAB consultation response to Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2025 – **AMcC** to advise SAB members of the outcome of administration issues raised by **LK** (repayment of contributions to the scheme, over a 5-year period, and if interest will be payable).

Action complete – **SR** advised that no interest charges will be payable.

Item 5 - Consumer Price Index (CPI) mismatch: Request for SABNI view on Legislative approach (with GAD presentation)

VMcC provided a short background for new members and a refresh for existing members on CPI mismatch and explained that following a delay due to a change in the Assembly's SL1 process that officials are working with DSO to amend the Police Regulations 2015 and will shortly ask the Minister to consult on the amendments. Additionally, VMcC advised the anticipated commencement date for the change is April 2027. **VMcC** then introduced Rachael Henry (**RH**), from GAD, who provided the CPI mismatch presentation.

RH Explained the tax implications and the purpose of changing the date from 1st to the 6th of April. Examples were provided to illustrate the impact of CPI, demonstrating scenarios with both low and high CPI volatility.

LC sought members' views on the proposal, and members signalled their approval.

Action Point 1: RH agreed to provide a copy of the slide show presentation for circulation to members.

Item 6 - Scheme valuation and employee contribution bandings information (with GAD presentation)

VMcC provided a short background on the scheme valuation for police pensions and explained that the valuation is a statutory requirement which is carried out every 4 years by GAD. **VMcC** then introduced Alasdair Patrick (**AP**), from GAD, who provided a presentation on valuation training in respect of the Police pension Scheme NI. **AP** explained the 3 different schemes: - 1987, 2006 and 2015 schemes and the benefits of each. **AP** further explained that the main results of the valuation will ascertain the employer contribution rate and the cost cap of the scheme. The role of SAB is to provide advice, and the role of the Pensions Board is for the administration of the system.

Action Point 2: **AP** agreed to provide a copy of the slide show presentation for circulation to members.

Item 7 - AOB

LC Advised that this is her last meeting as Chair of SAB NI as she will be retiring next month. Members wished her well.

Item 8 - Date of next meeting via Teams

Friday 24 April 2026 @ 10am - Provided there is a new chair following LC's retirement in March.

Future meetings - Friday 24 July 2026 @ 10am and Friday 27 November 2026 @ 10am via Teams – calendar invitations to follow.

LC thanked members for attending today and for their valuable input.

ACTION POINTS

AP1 **RH** - to provide a copy of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) mismatch presentation for circulation to members.

COMPLETE

RH forwarded copy of presentation - issued to members on 27/02/2026.

AP2 **AP** - to provide a copy of the Scheme Valuation presentation for circulation to members.

COMPLETE

AP forwarded copy of presentation - issued to members on 27/02/2026.