

Police Pension Scheme Advisory Board
Wednesday 10 September 2025
via TEAMS

Interim Chairperson: Lynne Curran (LC), DoJ

Secretary: Nicola Torres DoJ

Members: Ryan Henderson (RH), CPOSA
Sarah Reid (SR)
Liam Kelly (LK), PFNI
Alison McClune (AMcC), PSNI
Sinead Simpson (SS), NIPB
David McClurg (DMcC), NIRPOA

Advisor(s): Antonia Hoskins(AH), DoJ
Pauline Muldoon (PM), DoJ

Apologies: Noel Rainey (NR), PSNI

Item 1 - Welcome and introduction

LC Welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies from Noel Rainey was noted.

Item 2 - Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were recorded.

Item 3 - Minutes

Members approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 03 July 2025, without comment.

Item 4 - Matters arising

One action point was carried over from the meeting of 03 July 2025 for the Secretariat to share the CPI letter from SABEW, to the Home Office and was shared with members on 18 July 2025.

Item 5 - Consideration of SAB consultation response to Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2024

LC Members were invited to submit their input to the SAB response to the consultation on 18 July and 03 September 2025. Responses received ahead of the meeting from the NIPB, PSNI and PFNI members were collated for members consideration.

LC advised that the consultation provides an options exercise whereby officers who were not previously eligible for ill health retirement, would be invited to pay the shortfall in employee contributions from when they joined the 2015 scheme in order to meet the 2015 Pension scheme criteria for consideration for ill health retirement. **LC** invited members to discuss the SAB response to the questions posed within the consultation.

SR advised that both she and SR support the Department's proposed approach. She has discussed this with the Chair of the Police Pension Authority, and they would be content with the options exercise to run over a period of three months. SR also proposed that a five-year window was a reasonable period to repay any shortfall in employee contributions, as this will not unduly impact the officers.

AMcC Agreed with what **SR** said. PSNI are content with the time scales and will work with the Board. **LK** agreed that the time frames proposed are acceptable and achievable. **RH** agreed with the proposals and had no objections.

DMcC said that he was in full agreement with the SAB members. He apologised as he had overlooked the fact that the response from NIRPOA had not been submitted.

LK said around 90 members in service are impacted by this and can not avail of ill health retirement – He raised concerns about what would happen to the legacy benefits of a 45-year-old officer, with 9 years' service in 2009, would the legacy scheme be deferred until they became of pension age? **AH** advised that that this would be a matter for the pension administrator. **AMcC** said that she would look into this further and report back.

LK asked about the repayment of contributions to the scheme, over a 5-year period, and if interest will be payable. **AH** Police pension Administrator has in that past informed the Department that PSNI would not normally apply interest in these circumstances. **AMcC** suggested meeting with **SR** to discuss this further.

LC asked that following the meeting if **AMcC** would report back on the administration issues raised by LK and advise SAB members of the outcome at the next meeting.

Action Point 1

LC confirmed with SAB members that they were content for the recommendations to progress and advised that a draft SAB response would issue to members for their agreement. **LC** Thanked members for their input, adding that the responses received were clear and well set out.

Item 6 – AOB

None raised

Item 7 - **Date of next meeting**

LC The next in person meeting will be on **19 November 2025 at 10 a.m. in Knockview.**

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