

Thursday, 11th November 2021

Online meeting

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcome to the programme for our next online meeting – postponed in case there are any implications as a result of the budget. You will also note that our last meeting for the year is now scheduled for Thursday 11th December on a subject related to the impact of climate change and COP 26 on pensions. However, before then we have once again a great line up of experienced and knowledgeable speakers to explore the retail pensions market where my sense is that changes are afoot, if not already happening, driven in part by technology and some new fintech players alongside regulatory pressures such as consumer duty and VFM. I might also throw into the mix whether SIPP's have largely run their course and the continuing use of this product label for what in many cases are nothing more than bog standard personal pensions is unhelpful. Add into the mix all the issues around decumulation and climate change and I somehow feel we will not be short of discussion points. I look forward to seeing you online and if you know someone who is not a member but who would find this discussion of interest, please let Patricia or me know.

Discussion Topic

"Retail pensions over the next 5 years – evolution or revolution?"

Panellists



Tom McPhail
Director of Public Affairs
The Lang Cat



Rebecca O'Connor
Head of Pensions and Savings
Interactive Investor



Tom Selby
Head of Retirement Policy
AJ Bell

Tom really needs no introduction, and I am delighted to welcome him back to TPNW wearing his new Lang Cat hat. He spent 20 years at Hargreaves Lansdown as its head of policy and lead spokesperson on pensions issues. Tom then spent a year working on transport policy for an electric scooter and bicycle business. Most recently, he conducted an independent review of the Money and Pensions Service for the DWP before joining Mark Polson and the team at The Lang Cat.

I am delighted to welcome Becky who has nearly 20 years' experience in the personal finance world. She is an award-winning, former Times journalist and is a very respected commentator on pensions, investing and sustainable money. She is a founding director of Good with Money and writes a regular monthly column for the Independent. After a stint at Royal London as a personal finance specialist she joined Interactive Investor in her current role just over a year ago.

It is a pleasure to welcome Tom back to TPNW. I first met Tom over ten years ago when he was cutting his teeth as a pensions reporter at Money Marketing. He spent almost six years there winning many financial journalist awards along the way and specialised in pensions and retirement issues. In 2014 he became Head of News. He joined A J Bell as Senior Analyst in April 2016 and since then has become a very respected commentator on personal finance issues and the wider pensions landscape.

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We look forward to "seeing" you.



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