







The-Pensions-Net-Work

"Leading Thought in Long Term Savings"

15th & 16th May 2025

Audleys Wood Hotel, Alton Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG25 2JT

AGENDA

Tea/Coffee 17:00		Meeting Starts 17.30	
 <p>John Moret Chairman The-Pensions-Net-Work</p>	With spring in the air welcome to the programme for our second meeting of the year. February's meeting was a huge success with lots of positive feedback. As usual the talks prompted lots of discussion and debate and I feel sure the same will be true of our May meeting. Once again we have a great line up of speakers with plenty of variety in the subjects to be discussed – but all hugely topical. We are particularly fortunate to have as our after dinner speaker Sir John Kay - a leading economist and successful business man who is also a notable journalist and author. It is almost worth coming to the meeting just for the after dinner speech – but we've also packed in sessions on retirement outcomes, DB schemes, pensions adequacy, pensions dashboards and SIPPs – an eclectic pensions mix for sure. Don't miss it – and why not bring a colleague or guest. Numbers were up in February and it would be great if we could continue that trend. I look forward to seeing you in May.		
17.40 - 19.00			
 <p>Philip Hodges Director Guiide</p>	<i>"Guidance to the point of advice - targeted support today (no rule changes needed)"</i> Philip will be a familiar face to many of you and he has attended several past TPNW meetings. Philip is a Director and early investor in Guiide which has a mission to help all people get their best retirement outcome through personalised guidance. He has been at the forefront of innovation in pensions for all his 30+ years in the industry with Prudential and KPMG. Since the government gave people the freedom to do what they want with their retirement savings in 2016 he has been seeking ways to help people through the complexities of securing the financial future they want leading to the launch of Guiide in 2020 just when it was needed most during the pandemic. A very topical subject following on from the talks by Mark Rowlands and Robert Holford at the February meeting.		
Drinks at the Bar 19:00		Dinner 19:30	
After dinner			
 <p>Sir John Kay Economist, Journalist & Author</p>	<i>"The corporation in the twenty-first century"</i> Sir John Kay is one of Britain's leading economists with wide practical experience in business and finance. A Fellow of the British Academy and Royal Society of Edinburgh, he was the founding dean of Oxford University's Saïd Business School and held a chair at London Business School. He is a winner of the Senior Wincott Award for Financial Journalism for his Financial Times columns. Other People's Money won the Saltire Prize for non-fiction and was shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Writing. His other books include Obliquity, The Long and Short of It, Greed is Dead (written with Paul Collier) and Radical Uncertainty (with Mervyn King), and the latest book "The Corporation in the 21st Century". Simply an after dinner talk not to be missed!		
FRIDAY			
Tea/Coffee 08:15		Meeting Starts 08:30	
08.35 – 09:40			
 <p>Jos Vermeulen Head of Solution Design Insight Investment</p>	<i>"DB scheme issues - an update"</i> We start our Friday sessions with an update on a raft of DB issues from a new face at TPNW - Jos Vermeulen from Insight Investment. Jos is an actuary and has a degree in Actuarial Science from the University of Pretoria. Jos began his career at PSolve. From there, he moved to Lehman Brothers, where he was an associate in the pension advisory unit, before joining Mercer in 2008 as a senior consultant and principal within the Financial Strategy Group. He spent a year as Head of Special Projects for Alexander Forbes before joining Insight in 2011. In his current role Jos works on the design and delivery of investment solutions tailored to address the specific risk and return objectives of Insight's clients.		

09:40 – 10:45



Alexandra Miles
Senior Solutions Strategy
Manager
LGIM

"The changing faces of retirement"

I am delighted to welcome another actuary Alexandra Miles. Alexandra has worked at Legal & General Asset Management for the last 10 years, the majority of these focused on Defined Contribution schemes. Her team runs the main default investment strategy for L&G's DC customers – the target-date fund range. She is the sustainability lead within the team and also leads on broader research and thought leadership, using internal insights and external partnerships to further enhance L&G's future offering. She has an MSc in Actuarial Finance and a MEng in Aerospace Engineering. Outside of work Alexandra is Founder and chair of the IFoA Pension Gap Working Party, Co-chair of the Data and Research Group of the industry-wide Pensions Equity Group and is actively recruiting for a new global working party focused on longevity and fiscal sustainability.

Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15



Chris Curry
Director, PPI
and
Principal, Pensions
Dashboard Programme
MAPS

"Pensions Dashboards – an update"

And talking of topical subjects -we then move onto pensions dashboards. And to provide the latest update we're fortunate to have Chris Curry who aside from his role at PPI is Principal of the Pensions Dashboard Programme. Chris is no stranger to TPNW and has spoken before about pensions dashboards. It would be fair to say that delivery of the dashboards programme has been a long and winding road and there are probably still a few bends to come! The talk comes at a very appropriate time following the recent Work & Pensions Select committee where two people closely involved with pensions dashboards suggested that they do not think savers will ever see private sector dashboards. At the moment the focus is on delivery of the MoneyHelper (MAPS) dashboard although no delivery date has yet been confirmed. Again this is a very timely talk which I am sure will be of great interest and provoke some lively discussion.

12:15– 13.25

PANEL SESSION



Chris Smeaton
Head of Propositions
Seccl



Nick Cooper
Head of SIPP Proposition
Barnett Waddingham



James Floyd
Managing Director
Alltrust



Kevan Ramanauckis
Technical Manager
Nucleus Financial

"A SIPP for the Future"

We end the programme with a subject dear to my heart – SIPPs. There has been much debate recently about proposals in the FCA discussion paper (DP24/3) regarding reclassifying SIPPs into three types – bespoke, streamlined/simple and ready-made – and to introduce more detailed rules on the due diligence of investments. To discuss these issues and also other factors that may shape the SIPP market in the future such as the IHT proposals for pensions and the "pot for life" proposals that appear to have been kicked into the long grass we have panellists from a cross-section of SIPP providers and I feel sure that we will end the meeting with a lively discussion.

Meeting Ends 13:30

Lunch 13:35

Depart



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We look forward to seeing you at Woodlands Park Hotel



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