The-Pensions-Net-Work

"Leading Thought in Long Term Savings"

24th & 25th September 2026

Woodlands Park Hotel, Woodlands Lane, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3QB

AGENDA

Tea/Coffee 17:00	**Meeting Starts 17.30**
 **John Moret** Chairman **The-Pensions-Net-Work**	Welcome to the programme for our next meeting. It's rare for there to be a quiet period in the pensions world but right now there appears to be an overload of consultation and discussion documents, roadmaps and more proposed legislation. At least for now the pensions minister remains in situ ensuring stability over the direction of travel – but not necessarily over pensions tax reliefs. Our agenda for September covers many of the current moving parts that make up our industry. As usual it's a deliberately wide ranging agenda hopefully with some areas of interest for all. I feel sure the talks will prompt much discussion and debate – one of the distinguishing features of TPNW - along with the networking opportunities. I am pleased to say our membership numbers are growing so do book early to ensure your place. And special thanks to our past sponsors Bravura and our new sponsors Pathlines. Hope to see you in September.
17.40 - 19.00	
 **Steve Collins** Head of Superfund **TPT Retirement Solutions**	***"Changing the Endgame Conversation: Where Superfunds Fit in Today's DB Pension Landscape"*** As superfunds move from niche concept to an established DB endgame option, trustee boards are taking a fresh look at how they fit alongside buyout, run-on and other long-term strategies. Drawing on market developments, real-world transactions and industry research, Steve Collins will explore who superfunds are really for, when they may be appropriate, and how they are helping expand the range of options available to trustees and sponsors. Steve has two decades of experience in pensions with roles as an actuary, covenant advisor, M&A specialist, and risk-transfer consultant. He also holds a role as a pension scheme trustee. Steve joined TPT from KPMG.
Drinks at the Bar 19:00	**Dinner 19:30**
After dinner	
 **Emma Douglas** Chair **TPR**	***"A New Chapter for Pensions"*** Our after dinner speaker needs no introduction. Emma has been a regular attendee at TPNW meetings and for several years was on TPNW's advisory board. Sadly with her appointment as Chair of The Pensions Regulator she has had to step down from the board. Emma has had a distinguished career in the world of pensions most recently as Chair of the Board of Pensions UK and Wealth Policy Director at Aviva since 2021. She has been at the forefront of many key industry initiatives. Emma will provide a brief sortie through her career "highlights" and then to the extent that she is allowed some reflections on some current issues and the direction of travel of TPR.
Tea/Coffee 08:15	**FRIDAY** **Meeting Starts 08:35**
08:35 – 09:40	
 **Chris Curry** Industry Principal **Pensions Dashboard Programme** **Money and Pensions Services**	***"Pensions Dashboard update"*** Our first speaker on Friday morning again needs no introduction. Over the last few years Chris Curry has been a regular speaker at TPNW keeping us updated on progress on the Pensions Dashboard programme. Connection to the dashboard has continued to proceed at pace, and in their latest update the programme confirmed that around 85% of pension records are available through dashboards. They remain on course for the connection deadline of 31 October 2026. I am sure Chris will bring us fully up to speed on all the programme's activity including consumer testing of the MoneyHelper Pensions Dashboard and progress with private sector pensions dashboards. Chris is also Director of PPI and no doubt will bring us up to speed on any other PPI activity of note.

09:40– 10:45



Hannah English
Head of DC Corporate Market
Hymans Robertson

"Addressing Pensions Adequacy with Future Policy"

Hannah English is a new face to TPNW. Hannah is a Partner and Head of Hymans Robertson's DC Corporate Consulting services. She has extensive experience in defined contribution pension schemes and is responsible for advising on the strategic direction of numerous high profile corporate clients. In particular, Hannah specialises in DC pension scheme design, change and implementation. Hannah also has a keen interest in policy; developing thought leadership within the Hymans Robertson policy innovation function as well as sitting on the ACA DC subcommittee. In her talk Hannah will consider the Pensions Commission focus on the policy needed to address pensions adequacy and will also include areas of the Pensions Bill aimed at improving DC member outcomes.

Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15



Dr Suzy Morrissey
Deputy Director
PPI

"An update on the State Pension Age Review"

Dr Suzy Morrissey is no stranger to TPNW having spoken on a couple of occasions since joining PPI in 2024 as Deputy Director. Previously she had worked for many years in Australia and New Zealand in both private and public sectors including positions at Treasury and the Retirement Commission in New Zealand. Last year Suzy was appointed by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to be the Independent Reviewer for the third State Pension Age Review. Suzy has completed her report but at the moment there is uncertainty over when the Government will release their State Pension Age Review, and within that her report. Consequently Suzy may not be able to reveal her conclusions and recommendations but she will at least be able to share some of her research findings.

12:15– 13.25 **PANEL SESSION**



James Floyd
Title
Alltrust



Mark Plewes
Head of Pensions Technical
WBR Group



James Jones-Tinsley
Self-Invested Pensions Technical Specialist
Howden



Kevan Ramanauckis
Technical Manager
Nucleus Financial

"Where do SIPPs and SSASs fit into the new pensions landscape"

There has been a deluge of SIPP related consultation and discussion documents of late including CP26/20 and CP26/24 from the FCA along with DWP research findings on decumulation and decision making. Interestingly however SIPPs receive just one mention in the context of the Pensions Commission's interim report and this highlights the lack of consumer protections and charge caps in SIPPs compared to workplace savings. SSASs appear to be largely ignored. Those that have a professional trustee are regulated by the TPR – but as far as I am aware data on the total SSAS market including practitioner schemes is non-existent. However given data from the FCA on the SIPP market published in CP 26/20 and my own 2025 SIPP market report estimates it is reasonable to assume that the total assets in SIPPs and SSASs exceed £700 bn – which is at least 20% of the total assets in UK funded pension schemes. Given the government's emphasis on scale it seems reasonable to pose the question as to where SIPPs and SSASs fit into the new pensions landscape – and does their absence from policy papers and reviews pose greater risks to these products. The full panel for this session is still to be confirmed but I am sure it will be a lively discussion.

Meeting Ends 13:30 **Lunch 13:35** **Depart**



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