

Barnett
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Seminar Programme
2009/2010

Over the last 9 years Barnett Waddingham has run a number of free seminars on current pension topics which are well attended by clients, prospects and other contacts of the company. This leaflet sets out the proposed topics that will be covered in our 2009/10 programme. Please note that for the forthcoming year the seminars will be run in a slightly different way from previous years. Please put these dates in your diary now to avoid disappointment – a booking form will be mailed or emailed out before each seminar so that you can confirm your attendance.

SEMINAR TOPICS

Corporate Consulting Seminars – September, January and May

The Corporate Consulting 'Hot Topics' seminars will concentrate on issues relevant to those sponsoring pension schemes. These high level seminars are designed to appeal to Finance Directors or equivalent for whom pensions are not their only responsibility. They will cover issues facing sponsors or defined benefit schemes as well as other employee benefit issues. Although they will cover some material in-depth there will be a focus on raising awareness of a number of other topics at a higher level.

PPF Seminar – October

Our PPF seminars in October will discuss the latest developments at the PPF and consultations on the PPF levy. We will summarise issues arising from the consultations and will also cover developments at Dun & Bradstreet, together with ideas and case studies for managing your own levy. In Birmingham, Leeds and London the speakers will include the PPF's Head of Policy and our PPF experts.

Investment Seminar – November

Should we believe in alpha? Active managers claim to be able to outperform the market, adding 'alpha'. Can they do this consistently? Should pension funds opt for active management? Can you stack the odds in your favour when trying to pick a 'good' active manager? We consider the latest academic research and discuss the implications for strategy design and manager selection.

IAS19 and FRS17 Seminar – December

We look at some case studies to illustrate how the actuarial assumptions have been set and the sensitivity of the results to changes in those assumptions. Also, we review the proposed changes to the accounting standards and the impact that these changes will have on employers' accounts.

Auto-Enrolment and Personal Accounts – February

The statutory requirement for employers to auto-enrol employees into a pension scheme and pay at least a minimum contribution commences to take effect from 2012. This will require employers to review existing pension provision, HR systems and payroll procedures. This seminar will provide an update on the current rules and comment on some of the issues that may face employers.

Scheme Benefit changes – March

Employers faced with increasing pension costs and reduced profitability of their businesses are looking to reduce pension costs. Some are looking at relatively minor changes to benefit design. Others who closed their schemes to new entrants some time ago are now considering freezing benefit accrual for existing members. Many scheme rules require the Trustees to agree to any changes to benefits, which means they need to consider their duties carefully before allowing the change. There are lots of relevant matters that they need to take into account and this seminar will aim to cover the important issues and highlight what Trustees might want in return for their agreement.

Hot Topics – April

Hold that date....let's see what happens in the pensions world...

Topic	Sept '09 Corporate	Oct '09 PPF	Nov '09 Investment	Dec '09 IAS19 & FRS17	Jan '10 Corporate	Feb '10 Auto Enrolment Personal Accounts	Mar '10 Scheme Benefit changes	Apr '10 Hot Topics	May '10 Corporate
Amersham 5.15pm start*		Wed 21st	Wed 11th	Wed 2nd		Wed 10th	Wed 10th	Thurs 22nd	
Birmingham 8.45am start**	Wed 30th	Tues 27th 10.00am start†	Tues 17th	Thurs 10th	Tues 26th	Thurs 11th	Wed 17th	Thurs 15th	Wed 19th
Cheltenham 5.15pm start*		Wed 21st	Wed 11th	Wed 9th		Wed 10th	Wed 10th	Wed 14th	
Glasgow 8.45am start**		Tues 27th	Wed 18th	Thurs 10th		Tues 16th	Tues 16th	Wed 21st	
Leeds 8.45am start**	Tues 29th	Thurs 22nd 10.00am start†	Thurs 19th	Thurs 17th	Thurs 21st	Thurs 18th	Thurs 25th	Thurs 22nd	Thurs 20th
Liverpool 8.45am start**		Tues 20th	Thurs 26th	Tues 15th		Tues 16th	Tues 16th	Tues 27th	
London 5.15pm start*	Wed 23rd 8.45am start**	Thurs 15th 10.00am start†	Tues 10th	Wed 9th	Thurs 21st 8.45am start**	Wed 24th	Wed 24th	Wed 28th	Wed 26th 8.45am start**
Manchester 8.45am start**	Thurs 24th				Tues 19th				Tues 18th

Refreshments

*From 5pm and after the seminar. **Breakfast from 08.15am. †From 09.30am with a light buffet lunch after the seminar (approx 12noon).

A maximum of 25 Pensions Management Institute CPD credits may be recorded for each seminar.
This will be confirmed at each seminar.

You will receive a booking form approximately 3 weeks before each seminar by post or email. Places may also be reserved by contacting the relevant office below (for Manchester please contact our Leeds office). Alternatively email seminars@barnett-waddingham.co.uk (mentioning which location you would like to attend in the email).

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