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## **LAPFF chair welcomes Staffordshire and Greenwich as members**

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Chair of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, who was recently elected as the new Chair of the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum has welcomed decisions by the Staffordshire Pension Fund and the Royal Borough of Greenwich Pension Fund to join the LAPFF.

Councillor Quinn said “The majority of LGPS funds are now members of the LAPFF – our profile has never been higher and our ability to influence events has never been greater with each new member bringing its individual view to our discussions. I encourage the remaining funds to come along and join us – you will receive a very warm welcome. We face many challenges in 2013, but by working and acting together we can achieve so much more.”

A spokesperson for the Staffordshire Fund said “By joining LAPFF and working alongside other Local Authority Pension Funds, we can increase our power as shareholders to influence companies on important corporate governance issues and better protect shareholder value.”

More information about the Forum is available online at [www.lapfforum.org](http://www.lapfforum.org)

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### **About LAPFF:**

The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF, [www.lapfforum.org](http://www.lapfforum.org)), which was set up in 1991, is a voluntary association of 57 public sector pension funds based in the UK. It exists ‘to promote the long-term investment interests of local authority pension funds, and to maximise their influence as shareholders to promote corporate responsibility and high standards of corporate governance amongst the companies in which they invest.’ The Forum’s members currently have combined assets of over £115 billion. PIRC is the Research and Engagement partner of the Forum.

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