



## **Invitation to:**

# **USS – 2017 Valuation Explained Pre AHUA conference briefing**

Friday 15 September, 8.30am – 9.15am, Bowden Room,  
Nottingham Conference Centre

The funding challenges facing the scheme at this valuation have been widely documented in the media over recent weeks. This session is an important opportunity to hear from USS and UUK about the scheme's funding position and the consultation, open until the end of September, in which institutions are required to give their views on cost, risk and future scheme benefits.

The sector's response to this valuation needs to be considered in the context of the findings of the recent report published by UUK through the Employers Pensions Forum. That report considers the long-term challenges facing pensions in the higher education sector and puts forward a set of guiding principles, describing universities' pension priorities for the future. We know that universities wish to continue to provide valued pensions for their staff, but also they want that provision to be delivered within a predictable structure with controllable costs, and with the flexibility to adapt to any future change in demands and behaviours.

### *Presenters:*

USS: Alan Higham, Chief Pension Strategy and Engagement Officer,  
and Mel Duffield, Head of Pension Strategy and Insight

UUK: Mary Lambe, Senior Policy Lead – Pensions , HE Infrastructure  
and Efficiency

**If you would like to attend, please come along on the day.**