

1 article(s) will be saved.

To continue, in Internet Explorer, select **FILE** then **SAVE AS** from your browser's toolbar above. Be sure to save as a plain text file (.txt) or a 'Web Page, HTML only' file (.html). In FireFox, select **FILE** then **SAVE FILE AS** from your browser's toolbar above. In Chrome, select right click (with your mouse) on this page and select **SAVE AS**

EBSCO Publishing Citation Format: Harvard:

NOTE: Review the instructions at http://support.ebsco.com/help/?int=ehost&lang=&feature_id=Harvard and make any necessary corrections before using. **Pay special attention to personal names, capitalization, and dates.** Always consult your library resources for the exact formatting and punctuation guidelines.

References

Katz, M. (2019) ‘TPR Fines McDonald’s Franchisee Trustee for Breach of Pension Law’, *AiCIO News*, p. N.PAG. Available at: <https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,athens&db=bsu&AN=136538800&site=ehost-live> (Accessed: 8 November 2021).
<!--Additional Information:
Persistent link to this record (Permalink): <https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,athens&db=bsu&AN=136538800&site=ehost-live>
End of citation-->

TPR Fines McDonald's Franchisee Trustee for Breach of Pension Law

Fine of £104,000 largest ever handed out to trustee by UK regulator.

Keywords: pension; the pensions regulator; link pension trustees limited; UK

UK workplace pensions watchdog The Pensions Regulator (TPR) has fined a corporate professional trustee firm nearly £104,000 for breaching multiple areas of pension law. The penalty is the largest fine handed to trustees by TPR.

Kent-based Link Pension Trustees Limited was fined £73,750 by TPR's independent Determinations Panel for failing to obtain audited accounts for the plan for four consecutive years, not providing members with Statutory Money Purchase Illustrations (SMPI) for two consecutive years, and for neglecting to report those six breaches of law to TPR.

In a separate action arising from the same investigation, the trustee of the master trust plan was also fined £30,000 by TPR for failing to have at least three trustees on a master trust board.

"These were breaches of several important statutory obligations, which had occurred over several years," said the Determinations Panel in its ruling. "They deprived members of information and a level of protection regarding their pension pots," it said, adding that "the Panel would have expected better of a corporate professional trustee, particularly one that had been warned about breaches of one of the same obligations in 2011-12."

The plan provides pensions for 32 franchisees of McDonald's restaurants, but is independent of the fast-food chain. It has 148 members, of which seven are active and 141 are deferred.

The breaches were identified through TPR's engagement with all master trust plans in preparation for authorization and supervision. It is the first time TPR has used enforcement powers for the failure to provide members with SMPIs, failure to report breaches of law to TPR; and failure to have three trustees on a master trust.

"This case highlights how working more closely with master trusts as part of authorisation and supervision will expose any areas where the law is being broken and enable TPR to take action," Nicola Parish, TPR's executive director of Frontline Regulation, said in a release. "The good governance of pension schemes is closely linked to good outcomes for members."

TPR said the trustee has resolved the breaches, paid the penalty, and the plan has triggered its exit from the master trust market.

Related Stories:

TPR Investigates Suspected £18 Million Pension Fraud

UK Regulator TPR Names Charles Counsell Chief Executive

Tags: Link Pension Trustees Limited, McDonalds, pension, The Pensions Regulator, UK

~~~~~

By Michael Katz

Reported by Author

---

Copyright of AiCIO News is the property of Asset International, Inc. and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.