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### **DUNCAN HOWORTH NAMED AS NEW SPC PRESIDENT**

- *JLT Managing Director elected to President of influential pensions trade body*
  - *Intro of Personal Accounts key challenge for time in office*
  - *Howorth to continue SPC's political outreach*

The Society of Pension Consultants (SPC) is delighted to announce that Duncan Howorth has been elected to the position of President. He assumes the position from Mark Ashworth, a Director at Law Debenture, who has enjoyed a highly successful two years as President, during which the organisation has significantly increased its membership and its influence and engagement with political and other decision-making audiences.

Mr. Howorth is Managing Director of Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) Employee Benefits division, which spans pensions, actuarial and investment consulting as well as pensions administration services, software development, Benefit Consulting and SIPP administration services.

Prior to joining Jardine JLT, he was Managing Director of Abbey National Benefit Consultants Limited and was responsible for founding the company in 1988. He was also responsible, as Chairman, for developing James Hay into its strong market position in SIPPs.

The SPC is currently actively seeking to further dialogue between the pensions industry and political audiences, in particular around the implementation of personal accounts. Mr. Howorth will continue this outreach programme as well developing a number of new initiatives with a view to expressing and protecting the views of SPC's members and the pensions industry at large.

Duncan Howorth, SPC President, said: "SPC is the representative body for pensions, given its broad range of members engaged in services to the sector. I look forward to developing SPC in its vital role for members in influencing future policy development. SPC remains committed to supporting work based pensions; a key mark of my tenure will be how the introduction of Personal Accounts is shaped such that it broadens retirement savings in the UK rather than competes with existing saving structures. I would like to pay tribute to outgoing President, Mark Ashworth, for his contribution and leadership over last two years. "

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