



TPR prosecutes following non-compliance of automatic enrolment

The Pensions Regulator (TPR) is to prosecute a Greater Manchester bus firm and its' Managing Director for deliberately not enrolling staff into a workplace pension. This is the first prosecution for an automatic enrolment compliance failure.

Stotts Tours (Oldham) Limited is accused of failing to comply with the law on automatic enrolment in respect of 36 members of staff. Managing Director Alan Stott is also accused of either consenting or conniving in the bus company's offence, or allowing the offence to be committed by neglect.

Stotts Tours (Oldham) and Mr Stott have been summoned to appear at Brighton Magistrates' Court this month. They will face eight charges for wilfully failing to comply with his and the company's automatic enrolment duties.

Three quarters of the public not aware of 2018 automatic enrolment pension increase

A recent poll conducted by the Pensions Management Institute (PMI) has found that 72% of the public are unaware minimum employee automatic enrolment contributions could triple from 1% to 3% next April.

The poll also highlighted that 76% said they thought the government needs to make pensions more straightforward and simplified.

The PMI's president Robert Branagh said; "Despite all of the political commentary coming out of the party conferences, it is clear that our political leaders still have some work to do to simplify pensions further and help people understand and engage with their long-term retirement provision better.

"As we approach the phasing stages of auto-enrolment, there is clearly still work to be done to educate and inform people what is happening."

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