



West Yorkshire Pension Fund

Firefighters Pension Scheme

**LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
LOCAL PENSION BOARD**

9 February 2022

**REPORT FROM WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND – PENSION
ADMINISTRATOR**

PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) Local Pension Board of firefighter pension administration activity in the quarter 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021.
2. This is designed to assist the CFA Local Pension Board. It is also considered best practise to provide a report of this type.

Recommendation

3. That the Local Pension Board notes the update provided on the administration of the firefighter pension scheme for the period 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021.

Background

Annual Benefit Statements

4. No further update since the last meeting.

Pension Savings Statements

5. No further update since the last meeting.

Regulation Changes

6. The Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill has completed the second reading in the House of Commons and is still on track to receive Royal Assent.
7. The Home Office launched a consultation on amendments to the fire pension scheme regulations on 8 November 2021. The consultation closed on 2 January 2022 and these regulations need to be in force for 1 April 2022.

8. Finance (no.2) Bill – this is primary legislation changes affecting remedy case and will impact on unauthorised payments, Scheme Pays and other tax areas.
9. Home Office consultation on the retrospective amendments is expected later this year.

Risk and Breaches – (material or not)

10. None.

Update on Sargeant case (transitional protections remedy)

11. WYPF is continuing to process cases in accordance with the instructions received from the FRA. The situation is constantly changing and WYPF is constantly changing to react to the new needs of its Fire clients.

Sargeant and Data Collection (age discrimination remedy)

12. The first test run has been completed which resulted in a number of data inconsistencies. These have been cleared and WYPF is hoping to produce the first full test data extract this week.

Matthews (retained/part-time firefighters)

13. There is no update on this. The Home Office should now have completed its consultations with interested stakeholders. The Home Office has indicated that there will be an 18 months' consultation period before the regulations come into force and then FRAs will have a further 18 months to complete the exercise.

Key Performance Indicators - 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021

14. The Table below details performance against each of the Key Performance Indicators for the period 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021:

WORKTYPE	TOTAL CASES	TARGET DAYS FOR EACH CASE	TARGET MET CASES	MINIUM TARGET PERCENT	TARGET MET PERCENT	AVERAG E TIME TAKEN (DAYS)
Age 55 Increase to Pension	1	20	1	85	100	19.00
Change of Address	3	20	3	85	100	1
Change of Bank Details	3	Next Payroll	3	85	100	3
Death Grant Nomination form	2	20	2	85	100	2
Death in Retirement	2	5	4	85	100	1
Deferred Benefit into Payment – Lump Sum	1	3	1	85	100	3.5
Deferred Benefits set up on leaving	26	10	7	85	26.92	67.38

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General Payroll Changes	7	Next Payroll	7	85	100	3.86
Initial letter Death in Retirement	4	5	4	85	100	1
NI adjustment to Pension at State Pension Age	1	Next Payroll	1	85	100	18
Payment of Spouses/Child Benefit	1	10	1	100	100	1
Pension Estimate	13	10	11	85	84.62	10.92
Pension Saving Statement	0	20		100		
Pension Set Up Payment of Lump Sum	6	3	6	85	100	3.00
Retirement Actual	6	10	6	85	100	3.67
Set Up New Spouse Pension	1	5	1	85	100	1
Spouse Potential	2	20	2	85	100	9
Transfer In Actual	1	10	0	85	0	45
Transfer In Quote	2	10	2	85	100	2
Update Member Details	10	20	10	100	100	1

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