



West Yorkshire Pension Fund

Firefighters Pension Scheme

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

25 JANUARY 2023

**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.
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.

Background

Annual Benefit Statements

4. No further update since the last meeting.

Pension Savings Statements

5. These were completed by the deadline of 6 October 2022.

General Updates

6. The Monthly Client Reports have been issued for November and December and contain a lot of useful information and actions from the LGA bulletins.
7. Three LGA bulletins have been issued since the last meeting – in October, November and December.
8. The Fire Communications Group meeting took place on 12 December 2022 and updates are as follows:
 - **Age discrimination remedy – Ill-Health factsheet**

- Feedback given and it will be amended and published as soon as possible
 - **Member website**
 - Discussed the creation of a section on the Compensation regulation
 - **Strike absence**
 - Agreed to produce a template letter and factsheet to be used by all FRAs so a consistent message is given
 - **Remedy timetabling**
 - Discussed the order in which cases should be processed once all the regulations are in force after 1 October 2023. A document and letters will be produced by LGA.
9. The Fire Technical Community meeting took place on 25 October 2022 and the full minutes are available. However, the following were the main items for discussion:
- **Matthews**
 - Update given by GAD
 - Armed Forces Transfer issue
 - Resolved
 - Age discrimination remedy
 - Lengthy discussion of the draft Annual Allowance PDD
10. The planned meeting of the Fire Scheme Advisory Board was rescheduled to take place on 23 January 2023.
11. The Fire Quarterly Client meeting took place on 11 January 2023; the minutes are not yet available.
12. There is no update to the Regulation amendments.

Home Office

13. The main focus currently is the retrospective legislation for Age Discrimination, which is due to go live on 1 October 2023. The consultation has been delayed and is now due in February 2023. Draft consultation around Matthews is due to be published in the new year.

DWP and Pensions Dashboard

14. No further update since the last meeting.

WYPF Update

15. The following are updates from the WYPF:
- Euan Miller has been appointed Managing Director of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund. Euan has extensive experience in the pensions sector and was previously Assistant Director at Greater Manchester Pension Fund.

- David Parrington has been appointed as the Pension Fund Representative for the Fire Authority. He has extensive experience in this area, having been a Pension Fund Representative for the Local Government Pension Scheme for a number of years. There will be a period of handover with David's replacement, but he will be in contact soon.
- The Monthly Returns have been received and posted up to November 2022.
- KPI reports - These are included in the Monthly Client reports. We have also provided some updates over the last few months about the changes we are making to how we are measuring the KPIs.
- Breaches – There are no breaches to report.
- Further information on Cyber Security and Disaster Recovery can be found in the November Client Report.

Communications

16. The following communications update is provided:

- **Factsheets**
 - WYPF released both a member and client factsheet. These can be accessed from the following website
www.wypf.org.uk/firefighters/factsheets/ (scheme member fact sheet)
www.wypf.org.uk/employers/firefighters/forms-and-guides/ (client fact sheet)
- **Remedy**
 - LGA suggested text for 'Still out of scope' and 'No longer out of scope' was sent to relevant members early December 2022.

Data Improvement Plan

17. WYPF will run reports quarterly and will supply the revised percentages. It is the intention to complete the high priority by November 2022, medium priority by November 2023 and low priority by November 2024.

Appendix A – Leicestershire Fire – Data Scores

1992 scheme	Feb 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2022
Common	94.44	96.78	99.70
Scheme Specific	84.19	86.53	89.43
2006			
Common	87.23	87.50	89.27*
Scheme Specific	87.23	96.74	100
2006 modified			

Common	97.01	96.88	100
Scheme Specific	0	95.31	100
2015			
Common	96.14	97.60	96.02
Scheme Specific	85.21	93.10	92.81
2015 modified			
Common	100	100	100
Scheme Specific	0	71.43	77.78 (2 cases)

*19 deferred members where the current home address is unknown

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