

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Pension Fund Investment Board

Date of Committee 17 February 2006

Report Title The Local Government Pension Scheme (Civil Partnership) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005

Summary Report setting out the position with regard to new Regulations.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members Cllr Davis - Chair of Pension Board
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor
- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources - reporting officer
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Recommendation

That the Pension Board note the change to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme (Civil Partnership) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 came into force on 5 December 2005. These amendment regulations were passed as a consequence of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

2. The Local Government Pension Scheme (Civil Partnership) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005

- 2.1 The above regulations have introduced pension rights for same sex couples who have registered a civil partnership under the provisions of the Civil Partnership Act 2004. The intention of the Regulations is that the partner of a scheme member will be treated in a similar way to a spouse should the scheme member die. Clearly, an entitlement only exists if a civil partnership has been officially registered.
- 2.2 The Regulations allow service from 6 April 1988 to be used in the calculation of the surviving partner's benefit. The backdating of service is a requirement of the Local Government Pension Scheme being a contracted-out scheme.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The Pension Services Group will advise the membership of this amendment via the Fund's website and newsletters to current, preserved and retired members.

- 3.2 All scheme literature will be reviewed and revised, together with amendments to the computerised administration system.
- 3.3 It should be noted that these amendment regulations are not expected to have a significant impact on the Pension Fund.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Pension Board note the change to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations.

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