

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme

25 September 2023

Recommendation

That the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board notes and comments on the administration report provided by West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF) dated July 2023 for the work they have undertaken to administer the Firefighter Pension Schemes for Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS).

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 From 1 April 2022 WYPF have provided the pension administration service for WFRS. As part of this service a monthly report is provided by WYPF, which give details of the work they have undertaken, key performance indicators and other relevant information regarding the membership of the Firefighter Pension schemes.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The latest report provided by WYPF is for July 2023 and is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The report has been shared with stakeholders at the Council.

- 4.3 In relation to KPIs, all have been completed within the target timescales.
- 4.4 We continue to monitor the submission of data from WCC payroll to WYPF to ensure the data is correct and submitted on time. This is now being achieved on a more consistent basis, with fewer queries being raised by WYPF.
- 4.5 WYPF have nearly completed the reconciliation for pensioner payments. In the next meeting information will be provided on the total number of cases that have been assessed.
- 4.6 The second retained modified exercise will commence from 1 October 2023 when the draft Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2006 (England) (Amendment) Order 2023 is laid before Parliament for certain retained officers to be eligible for pension scheme membership. A working party has been established, led by the Pensions Administration Delivery Lead, in order to assess the work required and who the responsible officers will be. A project plan has been created to record this information and the estimated cost to deliver the project. The majority of work for this will need to be undertaken by WCC, with WYPF only becoming involved when a member makes a positive election to buy back service.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps.

- 5.1 None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – July 2023 monthly report

Background Papers

None

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