

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

10 February 2025

Fire Pensions Administration Update

Recommendation

That the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme notes and comments on the matters in this report and in the administration report provided by West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF) dated December 2024 at Appendix 1.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Since 1 April 2022, WYPF has provided the pension administration service for Warwickshire County Council as Fire and Rescue Authority in relation to the Firefighter's Pension Schemes. As part of this service a monthly report is provided by WYPF, which gives details of the work it has undertaken, key performance indicators, and other relevant information regarding the membership of the Firefighter Pension Schemes.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None arising directly from this report.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The latest report provided by WYPF is for December 2024 and is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The report has been shared with stakeholders at the Council.
- 4.3 In relation to Key Performance Indicators (KPI), West Yorkshire Pension Fund have achieved 100% in all measures.

Second Retained Exercise

- 4.4 On 1 October 2023 the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2006 (England) (Amendment) Order 2023 came into force. This enables Retained Firefighters to buy back pension service in the 2006 scheme prior to 1 July 2000 if they meet certain set criteria.
- 4.5 Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority have identified 144 people in scope for the project, with 68 people having returned forms to express an interest in receiving further information on pension benefits and cost.
- 4.6 Cases are being dealt with in line with advice from the Local Government Association in respect of priority order. Pensioner cases will be processed, then deferred cases and finally active firefighter cases. The Authority has now calculated and sent further information to 32 members, of these members 15 have returned a positive election and their information has been sent to WYPF for the cases to be processed.
- 4.7 The work for this exercise must be completed by April 2025 under current regulations.
- 4.8 HM Treasury funding has been provided for each Fire Authority to enable pensioner payments to be made. Funding has been calculated per Fire Authority based on data held by Government Actuary Department.

Age Discrimination Remedy

- 4.9 The Local Government Association (LGA) is collecting monthly data on progress within the age discrimination project for each Fire Authority. Data requested includes information on estimates, retirements, and remedial service statements. WYPF is providing data to the Fire Authority each month to enable a response to the LGA data request.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 5.1 None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – December 2024 monthly report.

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