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Year End Return 2019/20

We have recently issued the 2019/20 Year End Return template. The deadline for the return is **Monday 20 April 2020**.

Please do not delay planning your completion of the return. A short PowerPoint presentation about completing the return, along with a copy of the template and guidance notes, are available on our [website](#).

If you use Derbyshire County Council or Derby City Council's payroll services, your Year End Return will be submitted for you as part of your payroll arrangements.

Valuation results & employer contribution rates

The initial valuation results have almost been completed by the fund's actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP. We'll send out the outstanding results as soon as we receive them from the actuary.

We'll be issuing a new CR1 (contribution return) template to you, which will include your employer rate from 01 April 2020, before the end of March.

Thank you to those who attended our valuation event in January. We hope you found it useful. A copy of the slides from the event was emailed to all employers on 21 January.

Funding Strategy Statement

Our Funding Strategy Statement sets out information about how employers' pension liabilities are calculated and how employers pay for their liabilities. It is linked to the valuation exercise which sets employer contribution rates for the 3 year period from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2023.

A consultation period for the 2020 Funding Strategy Statement closed on 02 February 2020. Thank you to all who submitted comments.

The draft statement is still available via our [website](#). We will let you know when the final version of the statement is available.

Pensions Administration Strategy

The Pensions Administration Strategy sets out the roles and responsibilities of the fund and the participating employers. The latest version of the strategy, which comes into force on 01 April 2020, is available on our [website](#).

If you have any comments or views about the latest version, please let us know by email to pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Monthly data collection (i-Connect)

Our project to move all employers to a secure method of automated monthly data collection called i-Connect is now underway. In recent weeks we have been assigning employers to different implementation phases. If you or your payroll provider haven't heard from us, please get in touch with us at pensions.iconnect@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Thank you to everyone who came to our i-Connect sessions in January. Information about i-Connect and a copy of the slides from the sessions are available on our [website](#).

McCloud & Employers' Data Retention Policy

We issued an email to all employers on 12 December 2019 which included a brief update about the legal challenge to pension changes, (which were introduced to the LGPS in 2014) known as the McCloud case.

No new information has been released, however, we asked that employers retain employee records in case they're needed once a remedy to the McCloud case has been agreed. We also highlighted that the Local Government Association has released a suggested format for a data retention policy for adoption by individual scheme employers in relation to their participation in the LGPS. The template is available [here](#) (see *GDPR - Template personal data retention policy for LGPS Scheme employers*).

Ill Health Retirement Tier 3

If one of your employees is approved for LGPS ill health retirement and is awarded Tier 3 pension benefits (i.e. for a period of 3 years), it is your responsibility as the employer to carry out a review of the member's eligibility, 18 months after their retirement.

Failing to carry out the review may affect the member's pension benefits. If you have any Tier 3 cases and would like further details, please [contact us](#).

Employees' LGPS contribution rates 2020/21

The pay bandings linked to each employee contribution rate are due to change from 01 April 2020. We have not yet received confirmation of the revised bandings, but will let you know as soon as we can and publish them on our [website](#).

Pension Fund annual report 2018/19

The fund's [Annual Report](#) for the year to 31 March 2019 is available on our website.

Each year the fund is required to produce an annual report covering the following topics:

- Governance, management & financial performance
- Investment policy and performance
- Arrangements for the administration of the fund
- Fund activity
- Actuarial report
- Statement of accounts
- Auditor's opinion

Derbyshire Pension Board

[Derbyshire Pension Board](#) plays a key role in supporting the fund in its role of providing effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS. The board includes 2 scheme member representatives and 2 employer representatives.

Your employer representatives are:

Neil Calvert (The Northworthy Trust & University of Derby)

Oliver Fishburn (Bolsover District Council & North East Derbyshire District Council)

Board members are not able to respond to individual cases, however, they would welcome comments and views about all matters relating to the fund's governance, administration or investment strategies.

To contact the board please email pension.board@derbyshire.gov.uk

Email addresses

A quick reminder of our email addresses and what they should be used for:

dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk - For submitting member notification forms such as the S1, L1, C1 and estimate requests. All found [here](#).

pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk - For submitting contribution returns (CR1), data and payment queries.

pensions.reqs@derbyshire.gov.uk - For queries relating to LGPS regulations, employer visits, events and communications.

pensions@derbyshire.gov.uk - For queries and requests from members of the LGPS.

LGA training

The Local Government Association (LGA) are running some Employer Role workshops in March and April. The workshops are aimed at staff working for LGPS employers on pension related matters.

For bookings and further details please go to the link for the event you are interested in:

10 March	Birmingham	Jurys Inn Hotel
17 March	London	ETC venues, Pimlico
24 March	Cardiff	Park Plaza Hotel
31 March	London	ETC venues, Pimlico
07 April	Leeds	Marriott Hotel

If you have any queries about the information provided in this newsletter,

or about the LGPS in general, please contact us at:

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