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## LGPS regulations update - Access and Fairness

We issued emails to our main employer contacts on 13 and 20 March 2026 to highlight the regulatory changes being introduced following the Access and Fairness consultation. The first of two phases of changes came into force with effect from 1 April 2026.

A summary of these changes for Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) members is available on a dedicated page on our website. Please share the following link with your LGPS members to ensure they are aware of the changes: [www.derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk/accessandfairness](http://www.derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk/accessandfairness)

An employer guide outlining the updates was issued to your LGPS main contact on 23 April 2026. If you have not received a copy and require it for your role, please speak to your LGPS main contact or email [pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk) to request a copy.

We are currently updating the relevant [employer pages on our website](#) to reflect these changes.

Further changes from the Access and Fairness consultation are expected to be introduced later this year.



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## New CR1 forms for 2026/2027

All employers should have received their contribution return templates (CR1 forms) for the 2026/2027 scheme year.

Please ensure that the new template is used from your April 2026 LGPS contribution payment onwards and for the remainder of the 2026/2027 scheme year. Previous versions of the template will not be accepted.

If your employer contribution rate has changed for the 2026/2027 scheme year, please ensure that the updated rate is applied to your April 2026 contribution payment and corresponding CR1 return.

If you have any queries when you receive your CR1 form, please contact our Data & Systems team: [pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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## Setting up a second contact for i-Connect

i-Connect is essential to keeping pension records accurate and up to date for the Fund. For some employers, responsibility for submissions sits with one named contact, but this can create a risk if that person is unexpectedly unavailable.

We strongly recommend that employers set up a secondary i-Connect contact where only one is currently in place.

A secondary contact helps to:

- Maintain continuity of submissions
- Ensure important system notifications are received
- Reduce reliance on one individual
- Support good governance and compliance

If you currently only have one i-Connect contact, now is a good time to review your arrangements. Updating your contacts is quick and helps protect both your organisation and your employees.

If you'd like to update any of the details we hold for you, please email us: [pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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## Funding Strategy Statement

The [Funding Strategy Statement](#) focuses on how employer liabilities are measured, the pace at which the liabilities are funded and how employers, or pools of employers, pay for their own liabilities.

Following the period of consultation (which closed on 1 February 2026), the final version of the revised statement has now been published following approval by Derbyshire County Council's Pensions & Investments Committee (as the Administering Authority of the Fund) at its meeting on 4 March 2026 and is available on our [website](#).



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## 2025 Actuarial Valuation Report

Our actuary, Hymans Robertson LLP, has prepared the final report on the 2025 actuarial valuation.

The report includes the:

- approach to the valuation
- overall valuation results
- sensitivity and risk analysis
- financial and demographic assumptions used
- rates and adjustments certificate for employers' contributions between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2029

You can find this report on our [actuarial valuations webpage](#).

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## Employee details changes

It's important that you let us know as soon as possible when an employee's details change, for example, their title, name, address. This helps us to minimise the risk of data breaches occurring.

If you're not yet using i-Connect, please notify us using the C1 form when any of your LGPS members change their personal and contact details. Member notification forms (including the C1 form) are available on the [forms for employers](#) section of our website.

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## Email addresses

Our email addresses and what they are used for:

[dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For submitting [member notification forms](#)

[pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For submitting [contribution returns](#) (CR1s) and payment queries

[pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For queries relating to [i-Connect](#) onboarding, regulations, training and events

For queries and requests from members of the LGPS, please direct them to the [enquiry form](#) on our website.

If you have any queries about the information provided in this Newsletter, or about the LGPS in general, please contact us at:

**Derbyshire Pension Fund, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AH**

**Tel: 01629 538900**

**Email: [pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk)**

**Website: [www.derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk)**



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