

LOCAL PENSION BOARD

FIREFIGHTER PENSION SCHEMES



Contingent Decisions

Purpose

- 1 To update Local Pension Board members on the progress of Contingent Decisions.

Background

2. A Contingent Decision (CD) is a decision made by a member that would have been different had it not been for the pension reform and discrimination identified by the courts.
3. There are two categories of CD:
 - 3.1. Opt Outs
 - 3.2. Additional Service
4. Members have 12 months from receipt of their RSS to make a CD claim. However, acceptance of these claims before then is down to the Scheme Manager and is dependent on circumstances.
5. The LGA have proposed guidelines and timescales for the CD process to support Scheme Managers and Administrators and have put together member claim forms and templates.

Claims and Evidence

6. Members will need to make a claim to the Scheme Manager for consideration
7. Evidence may need to be provided to support claims dependent on the CD type and should only be what the members can be reasonably expected to obtain.
8. Members must provide a short statement on their claim form confirming the reasons for their decision, and what they would have done differently had pension reform not occurred.
9. XPS have implemented a process with associated timeframes for CFA to follow.

Current Situation

10. CFA have received 6 CD claims to date, all fall within the category of Opt Outs.
11. The CD guidance was removed from the LGA website w/c 22 July 2024, following concerns over the interpretation of legislation, we await clarification of the agreed interpretation before we commence with the processing of these claims.