

Derbyshire Local Government Pension Scheme Employer Newsletter

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Local Government Association (LGA) employer training

The LGA is offering virtual LGPS employer role training on several dates during 2025.

The training is aimed at employers offering the LGPS in England and Wales. It is a one-day workshop that is currently being offered virtually using Microsoft Teams. Attendees will be provided with a detailed set of electronic notes that can be downloaded and saved for future reference.

The training covers:

- Brief overview of the LGPS
- Joining the LGPS
- CARE vs Final Pay
- Absences
- Additional Contributions
- All types of retirement
- Early leavers
- Other areas for consideration including employer discretions, maximising tax-free cash and internal dispute resolution procedures

If you would like to book onto a session, please select one of the following dates to find out more information:

- 29 May 2025
- 20 June 2025
- 29 July 2025
- <u>14 August 2025</u>
- <u>19 August 2025</u>
- 30 September 2025
- <u>28 October 2025</u>



LGPS 'Fit for the future' consultation update

We notified our Fund's main employer contacts in December 2024 about the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) 'Fit for the future' consultation.

The consultation, which closed on 16 January 2025, focused on:

- Asset pooling
- UK and local investment
- Governance

You can find the Fund's response published on the latest news section of our website.

Payroll guide for Prudential AVCs

Prudential has published a <u>payroll guide</u> for employers who submit Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) payments to them on a monthly basis.

The guide is aimed at helping to streamline the process for AVC payments and to avoid problems with submitting data and payments to Prudential.



Pension Administration Strategy

Further to our email issued to each employer's main contact on 7 January 2025, the latest version of our <u>Pension Administration Strategy</u> is now available on the Fund's website.

This Strategy has been implemented with effect from 1 January 2025 following on from the consultation exercise which ran during November and December 2024.

The Strategy sets out the standards of performance and best practice that the Fund and all participating employers should aim to meet when carrying out their scheme functions and responsibilities under LGPS regulations and related legislation. If you have any queries about the revised Strategy, please contact us: pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk

Employee details changes

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

If you're not using i-Connect yet, please remember to notify us using the C1 Form when any of your LGPS members change their personal and contact details. The C1 Form is available on the Forms for employers section of our website.

Email addresses

A guick 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), i-Connect data and payment queries.

pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk - For queries relating to LGPS regulations, i-Connect onboarding, employer training, events and communications.

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:

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