

Dorset County Pension Fund Pension Liaison Officer Group meeting Minutes

Wednesday 26 June 2024
Microsoft Teams online
10:00am start

1. Welcome
 - 1.1. Karen Gibson, Service Manager for Pensions, welcomed all to the meeting.
2. [Minutes of last meeting](#)
 - 2.1. Minutes agreed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
 - 3.1. There is still a vacancy for employer representative on the Local Pension Board. If any employer would be interested in being involved, please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk .
4. End of Year feedback
 - 4.1. Steph Ball provided a report for employers on the End of Year processes 2024. Presentation available on the DCPF employer website [here](#).
5. How to do... flexible retirement
 - 5.1. Stephanie Clifton provided a [presentation on flexible retirement](#).
6. Gender pensions gap
 - 6.1. Karen Gibson provided a presentation on the gender pensions gap, which is available [here](#).
 - 6.2. Philip Bull asked whether other groups such as disabled members or ethnic minority groups would also be looked at. Karen replied this would be difficult to assess as the pension fund do not hold the data to identify these members. However, it could be a very interesting study and hopefully this is something that the LGA may investigate.
7. [Bulletins](#)

Karen provided a quick overview of a few recent bulletins.

 - 7.1. [Bulletin 251](#)
 - 7.1.1. On 7 May 2024, the Education and Skills Funding Agency published updated guidance on academies and LGPS liabilities. The updated guidance now includes a definition of 'pass-through arrangements'.
 - 7.1.2. The LGA have published updated guides, factsheets and leaflets for members and employers.
 - 7.2. [Bulletin 250](#)
 - 7.3. [Bulletin 249](#)
 - 7.4. [Bulletin 248](#)
 - 7.5. [Bulletin 247](#)
8. Any other business
 - 8.1. Annual Benefit Illustrations will be sent out over the summer holidays. The design and newsletter will be shared with employers in the August newsletter. If there are any queries about pay these will be sent to you as the employer to respond.

8.2. During August and September there will be requests for pay information relating to Annual Allowance. As the Annual Allowance has increased to £60,000 this year and the revaluation date has changed hopefully less members will be affected.

9. Date, time and venue of the next meeting
15 October at 10:30