Employer Newsletter October 2026



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LGPC Bulletin 284

The LGPC have published the September Bulletin 284 on the bulletins page of www.lgpsregs.org

Items of particular interest to employers may be:

- New website for LGPS administrators and employers
  - The LGA have launched a new website for LGPS administrators and employers in England and Wales. The URL of the website remains the same: www.lgpsregs.org, but they have made changes to the design and structure of the site. You will see significant changes to the training and qualifications, employer guidance and administrator guidance pages.
- LGA's response to the consultation on NMPA transitional provisions
- New TPO column: from the Ombudsman's desk

Employer Consent Retirement Cost Estimates Now Available

We are pleased to confirm that the new capitalised cost factors have now been loaded into our pension administration systems. As a result, the Dorset County Pension Fund is now able to provide employer cost estimates for employer consent retirement cases, including:

- Redundancy retirements
- Flexible retirements
- Other employer consent retirement scenarios

Employers can now request estimates on the employer portal, and the Fund will be able to provide the associated employer costs based on the updated factors.

Please note that whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these calculations, estimates are provided for budgeting and decision making purposes only. Final costs will be calculated and confirmed at the point the retirement is processed and may differ from the estimate provided if there are changes to member data, pay information, or other relevant factors.

We would like to thank employers for their patience whilst the system updates were being implemented and apologise for any inconvenience caused during the period when cost estimates were unavailable.

Member Presentations

The Dorset County Pension Fund hosts regular LGPS member presentations and new Joiner presentations throughout the year on Microsoft Teams. Please feel free to signpost your LGPS eligible members of staff to these sessions.

The last new joiner presentation for 2027 will be held on Thursday 26 November 12:30 - 13:30. The booking link is -

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgps-new-joiner-presentation-26-november-2026-tickets-1981424930305

This presentation is aimed at any LGPS eligible member of staff who has joined in the last 12 months.

Pension Fund Actuary is now Howden

The Dorset County Pension Fund actuary, Barnett Waddingham (BW), is now Howden from 8 September.
For the Dorset County Pension Fund and participating employers, the service and specialist advice will continue unchanged. We will continue to work with the same people and teams at Howden, receiving the same high standard of advice and independent thinking.
From 8 September, any actuarial reports you receive relating to the Dorset County Pension Fund will be issued under the Howden name excluding any FRS102 reports as at 31 July 2026, which will still be issued under the BW name.

Regulation 10 Calculations

Please remember when using regulation 10 to calculate pay for a pension scheme leaver to upload the Regulation 10 spreadsheet to the leaver form. This helps ensure the correct Pensions Increase are applied.

Important dates for your diary

Please see dates below for employer training.

If you would like to register to attend any of the above training events, please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Pensionable Pay Training
Thursday 1 October 12:30 – 15:00

General LGPS Employer Training
Wednesday 4 November 09:30 – 13:00

Pensions Liaison Officer Group (PLOG) Meeting for 2026

Links to the PLOG meetings have been sent to all recipients of the monthly newsletter. If you require the link to be sent to additional or new members of staff, please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Thursday 15 October 10:30—12:00

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