

PE36. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME - ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY DISCRETIONS

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 8 May 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer (a) summarising the discretionary powers which fall to the administering authorities, and (b) seeking consent to make changes to a number of policies and delegations so that operationally there is better use of Pensions Section resources and greater clarity and speed surrounding the decision making process.

AGREED to approve the following proposed changes to the scheme discretions and delegated powers:-

- (1) amend the abatement policy so that any reduction or suspension of pension only occurs after the pensioner member has been in re-employment for 6 months;
- (2) re-instate a spouse's pension unless the Chief Finance Officer considers it would be unreasonable to re-instate the pension;
- (3) pay a child's pension on re-commencement of full-time education unless the Chief Finance Officer considers it would be unreasonable to pay the pension and to delegate to the Chief Finance Officer, the decision on whether or not a child's pension should be paid during the period of any break in full-time education;
- (4) pay a child's pension in circumstances where the child is deemed disabled within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, and
- (5) authorise the treatment of pension overpayments on death on the basis set out in the report.