

EMPLOYER NEWSLETTER

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2024 Deferred Benefit Statements

Deferred members of the scheme will be issued paper copies of their 2024 Annual Benefit Statement and an accompanying newsletter by the end of June.

The 2024 active employee annual benefit statements are due to be issued by 31st August 2024.

Gender pensions gap research – call for volunteers

The Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) are looking for employers that are interested in taking part in further research to help determine the underlying causes of the gender pensions gap and ways to help close the gap within the LGPS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: sabsecretariat@local.gov.uk

We are moving to i-Connect

Worcestershire Pension Fund will be transitioning to a monthly data exchange via i-connect, this means all Employers will need to supply monthly membership data via a CSV file upload or by manually completing an online return within the i-connect portal.

You should have received an email with [an information poster](#) highlighting the key changes and how this will impact the way you communicate with the Fund.

To provide you with more information and an opportunity to ask any questions regarding i-connect, we would like to invite you to an online Teams meeting **12pm-1pm** on the **15th July 2024** or **18th September 2024**, please [email us](#) to let us know which session you would like to attend.

If you have any other questions in relation to the transition to i-connect please email: i-connect@worcestershire.gov.uk

Outsourcing of Contracts and Academy Conversions

Our process for moving members between employers can only start following a **formal request** from the outsourcing / letting employer or the school converting to academy status to move the employees in question to another LGPS employer.

Notification of such information is a statutory duty and responsibility on the outsourcing / letting employer or school under the LGPS Regulations.

If such a request is not made before the employees switch employer, their LGPS membership will be associated with the wrong employer, making it difficult for us to collect contributions or to retire an employee or to deal with a death in service.

Please make your formal request by emailing: wpfengagement@worcestershire.gov.uk

Pension Board

Papers for the [Local Pension Board](#) which took place on 4 June 2024, now available online.

Pension Committee

Papers for the upcoming [Pensions Committee](#) meeting which will take place on the 25 June 2024 are now also available.

Forms and Excel Spreadsheets:

Please make sure that you always check our website's employer forms and excel spreadsheets page for the dates of the latest versions before using previously saved versions.

Contact Us

Worcestershire Pension Fund