



EMPLOYER NEWSLETTER

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Access and Fairness response

On 15 May the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) launched a consultation on changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales which includes:

- Survivor benefits and death grants
- Gender pensions gap benefits
- Gender pensions gap reporting
- Opt outs
- Forfeiture
- McCloud remedy
- Abolition of LTA changes
- Other changes

These changes are intended to improve fairness in and access to the LGPS. The consultation for the response to the documents on Access and Fairness closes on August 7th.

You can read the full proposal on [Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales: Access and fairness - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-pension-scheme-in-england-and-wales-access-and-fairness).



Digital Transition – Annual Benefit Statements

This year, members' Annual Benefit Statement and newsletter will be available online only as part of our move to digital communications.

We'll be writing to all active members by 31 August to let them know about this change.

Now is a great time to encourage your employees to sign up to the member portal so they can stay informed and easily access their pension information.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep members engaged and up to date.

FRS Schedules

Stephen Gribbin will soon be sending out the initial correspondence to employers, detailing the data requirements, timescales and fees. If you do not receive the email in the coming weeks, please contact sgribbin@worcestershire.gov.uk

Pensions Committee

Papers for the meeting on 24 June Pensions Committee are available via [our website](#)

LGA Training Programme 2025

The LGA are offering a variety of training sessions for members. Booking is based on first-come first-served basis and each course page provides information on the programme, pricing and the booking link.

If you would like to book onto any of the courses visit the LGA website: https://www.local.gov.uk/events?topic%5B5652%5D=5652&from=&to=®ion=All&sort_by=field_end_date_value&sort_order=ASC

Our 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.

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