



# Northumberland County Council

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**Date:** 9 April 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME LOCAL PENSION BOARD** to be held in the **Etal Room**, County Hall, Morpeth on **Tuesday, 16 April 2019 at 10.30 a.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

**To the members of the Fire PS Local Pension Board**

**Copy to Service Director - Finance and Chief Fire Officer as Scheme Manager (A Elsdon and P.Hedley/M.McCarty)**

**and to OFFICERS;**

**A. Lister - Board Secretary**

**Mrs. C. Gorman - Principal Accountant (Pensions) - Project Officer**

**H. Scargill - Client Relationship Manager, West Yorkshire Pension Fund**

**C. Johnson - Senior Accountant (Pensions)**

*Please Note – The FPS Local Pension Board will NOT be a meeting of the Council open to the general public – as per Appendix 1, page 10 of the Constitution.*



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## AGENDA

### Meeting of the NCC Firefighters' Pension Scheme (FPS) Local Pension Board (LPB)

The Terms of Reference state that these meetings will be held in private.

**16 APRIL 2019**

#### **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES**

1. Apologies
2. Consideration (declaration) of conflicts of interest
3. Minutes of the FPS Local Pension Board meeting held on 23 October 2018 (**attached**)
4. Chair's briefing
5. Reports of the NCC FPS Scheme Manager:
  - (a) Breaches in the quarters to 31 December 2018 and 31 March 2019 (**attached**)
  - (b) Recording breaches re injury payments (**attached**)
  - (c) Scheme administration, complaints, appeals, IDRPs (**attached**)
6. Monthly Client Report for NCC from WYPF:
  - (a) for October 2018 (**attached**)
  - (b) for November 2018 (**attached**)
  - (c) for December 2018 (**attached**)
  - (d) for January 2019 (**attached**)
  - (e) for February 2019 (**attached**)
  - (f) for March 2019 (**attached**)
7. WYPF Report to NCC's FPS LPB on 16 April 2019 (**to be tabled**)
8. Minutes of WYPF quarterly client meeting held 16 January 2019 (**attached**)
9. Update from WYPF quarterly client meeting held 10 April 2019 (**verbal update**)
10. Minutes of North East Region Fire Pension Officers Group meetings held 27 September 2018 and 19 February 2019 (**attached**)
11. Board to consider actions identified by the Scheme Advisory Board (**attached**)
12. TPR public service Governance and Administration survey 2018 (**attached**)
13. TPR Scheme returns 2018 (**attached**)
14. Recent press articles regarding firefighters and judges pension age discrimination case (**attached**)
15. High court pensionable pay judgement re temporary pay (**attached**)

16. Changes to the cost of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (**attached**)
17. Employer and employee contribution rates effective from 1 April 2019 and GAD factor changes effective from 29 October 2018 (**attached**)
18. 2016 Valuation HMT written ministerial statement announcing a pause in the cost cap process (**attached**)
19. FPS Scheme Advisory Board's request for information on opt out levels (**attached**)
20. Home Office consultation on amendments to benefits in the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (**enclosed**)
21. FPS Scheme Advisory Board's employers "benchmarking" survey conducted by Aon (**enclosed**)
22. Home Office Fire and rescue workforce and pension statistics 2017/2018 (**enclosed**)
23. NCC's FPS updated Procedure for reporting breaches of the law (**attached**)
24. The role of the FPS Scheme Manager (**attached**)
25. NCC's FPS LPB Terms of Reference updated March 2019 (**attached**)
26. NCC's FPS LPB training to March 2019 (**attached**)
27. Future meeting dates (**attached**)
28. Any other business

**FPS SAB Bulletins enclosed** (and previously emailed to Board Members)

**Bulletin 13** – October 2018

**Bulletin 14** – November 2018

**Bulletin 15** – December 2018 and Chairman's newsletter

**Bulletin 16** – January 2019

**Bulletin 17** – February 2019

**Bulletin 18** – March 2019

**Helen Scargill, Client Relationship Manager at WYPF, will attend the meeting**

Useful reference points for Board members

The Firefighters' Pensions (England) SAB  
Firefighters' Pension Scheme Regulations and Guidance  
West Yorkshire Pension Fund

[www.fpsboard.org](http://www.fpsboard.org)  
[www.fpsregs.org](http://www.fpsregs.org)  
[http://www.wypf.org.uk/Members/Fire/Firefighters\\_Home.aspx](http://www.wypf.org.uk/Members/Fire/Firefighters_Home.aspx)

## Report sign off

Finance Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
I.T.	N/A
Director of Corporate Resources	AE
Portfolio Holder(s)	N/A

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