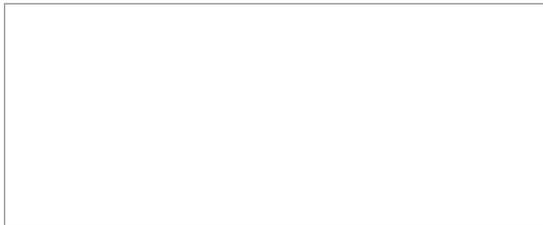


Deferred Benefit Illustration 2016



Dorset County Pension Fund
Administered by Dorset County Council



Dear

I am pleased to send you your latest annual benefit illustration, providing details of the deferred benefits that have accrued from your membership within the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). Your benefits increase each year in line with the cost of living. However the 2016 Pensions Increase Review Order is zero, therefore you will not see any increase to your deferred pension this year.

Contained within this illustration are the benefits you have accrued up to your date of leaving, including any cost of living increases to date, accompanied by information and explanations to help you understand what the benefits mean to you. It is important that you read everything contained within this booklet, if you still have a query after reading the explanations, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

We welcome any feedback you may have on your illustration. Please let us know if you find it easy to understand or if there is anything we could improve.

For more information regarding the scheme please visit our website at: www.yourpension.org.uk/Dorset or the LGPS members' website at: www.lgps.org.uk

Or alternatively you can email us at: pensionshelpline@dorsetcc.gov.uk

The information in this booklet is for illustration purposes only and should not under any circumstances be used to help you make a decision about retirement. If you are considering accessing your benefits, you must contact the Pension Section to check the information and obtain a formal estimate of your pension benefits.

Yours sincerely,



Anne Cheffey - Pensions Benefits Manager

Personal details

Please check this section carefully and notify us of any incorrect personal information. If we do not hold your partnership details or your details are incorrect, please notify us in writing, enclosing photocopies of your:

- Marriage / civil partnership certificate
- Spouse / partner's birth certificate

If you have become divorced or your civil partnership has been dissolved, we will require photocopies of the relevant legal documents to amend our records.

Full name:

Date of birth:

Partnership status:

NI number:

Cohabiting Partners (Post 01/04/2008 members only)

If you left the scheme after 1 April 2008 it is possible for a cohabiting partner to receive a pension on your death. To be considered a cohabiting partner your relationship has to meet certain conditions laid down by the LGPS, for example you must have been free to marry and be living with your partner for a period of at least two years. If you wish to notify the fund of a cohabiting partner you can obtain a form from the Dorset County Pension Fund website at the following address:
www.yourpension.org.uk/Dorset

How your benefits are calculated

Pension benefits accrued before 1 April 2014 are based on the length of time you have been a member of the pension scheme (total membership) and your full time equivalent final pay. On 1 April 2014 the way pension is calculated changed to a yearly amount being added to your "pension account".

Membership prior to 1 April 2008

Pension benefits prior to 1 April 2008 are based on 1/80th of your final pay, plus 3/80th as a tax free lump sum (retirement grant).

Membership between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2014

From 1 April 2008, for each year of membership or part thereof, your pension is calculated as 1/60th of your final pensionable pay.

Membership from 1 April 2014

Every year from 1 April 2014 an amount of pension is earned, which is added to your pension account. This is calculated as 1/49th of your actual pensionable pay.

If you have service transferred in from previous employments, or pension providers, this will be included in your benefit calculations.

Retirement grant

When receiving your deferred benefits on retirement you will have the option to take part of your benefits as a tax-free cash lump sum by giving up part of your pension. The maximum lump sum that you can take is 25% of the capital value of your pension benefits. Details of this will be provided upon drawing your deferred pension. If you have membership prior to 1 April 2008, you will have some automatic provision for a retirement grant based on 3/80th of your final pay. However, any service after 1 April 2008 will not generate an automatic lump sum.

AVCs

If you paid Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) to either the Equitable Life or Prudential Assurance Company whilst in active membership these are not included in this illustration. Full details of this will be provided on retirement.

Normal Pension Age

If you left before 1 April 2014 your Normal Pension Age would be 65. However if you were a member of the pension scheme before 1 April 2008 and were born before 1 April 1960 you may have a protected earlier pension age, between age 60 and 65.

If you left after 1 April 2014 your Normal Retirement Age would be the same as your State Pension Age. You can find out what this is at www.gov.uk/calculate-state-pension

If you draw your pension before your Normal Pension Age your pension benefits will be subject to a reduction.

Present value of scheme benefits

This shows the current value of your benefits, assuming your benefits will be paid either at your Normal Retirement Age or the date, if earlier, when your benefits would be paid without any reduction. If you elect to take your benefits before that date a reduction will apply.

In some cases there is a minor reduction in the annual pension (called 'modified annual pension') because reduced, or 'modified', contributions were made to the Scheme before 1 July 1980.

Date valued to:

31 March 2016

Current pension:

Retirement grant:

Contingent partner's pension:

Increases to benefits

Your deferred benefits increase in line with inflation. The 2016 Pensions Increase Review Order is zero, therefore you will not see any increase to your deferred pension this year.

If you left the pension scheme after 31 March 2014, you will have entitlement to a CARE pension; a CARE pension is revalued each year in line with the Consumer Prices Index. In September the Consumer Prices Index was -0.1%, producing negative inflation. This small decrease has only been applied to any pension benefit accrued after 1 April 2016.

Early access to your pension

If you left before 1 April 2014 the earliest you could access your pension, unless on grounds of ill health or with written agreement from your former employer, would be age 60. This is currently under review and may change to age 55.

If you left after 1 April 2014 the earliest you could access your pension, unless on grounds of ill health, would be age 55.

Please be aware that if you access your pension before your normal retirement age, the reduction applied for taking benefits early may be high.

You will be written to when you attain the earliest age at which you can access your pension, with a reduction. You will then need to decide whether to take your pension early, with a reduction, or to defer until a later stage when the reduction is less or when you reach your Normal Pension Age.

Ill health

If you are suffering from permanent ill health you can apply for early payment of your benefits. You can do this at any age. You will need to apply in writing to your former employer who will refer you to a nominated Occupational Health professional to determine whether your condition qualifies you to receive early payment under the scheme rules.

Transferring benefits

If you have joined or are thinking of joining another pension arrangement you may wish to consider transferring your LGPS benefits to it. You should contact your current pension provider for further information and on your instruction they may write to us for a transfer quotation.

Death before benefits become payable

If you die before the benefits become payable, in addition to any survivor's pension shown, there would be a lump sum death grant payable. The grant would be paid to your next of kin, legal personal representatives or, your nominated beneficiary. Payment can be made immediately, without waiting for Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration to be taken out, if the fund has a completed, current Expression of Wish Form. Details on how to access all forms can be found on the back page of this illustration.

Death grant:

Expression of Wish

The section below shows who you have nominated to receive a death grant upon your death. If you would like to nominate or change your existing nomination details, please complete an 'Expression of Wish' form. Details of where to find this form are included on the back of this booklet.

Beneficiary	Percentage of benefits payable

The Dorset County Pension Fund Scheme Administrator has absolute discretion over who receives any lump sum death grant.

Contact us

If you have any queries concerning your annual deferred benefit illustration please contact us either by email, or at the address below, quoting a subject heading of "Deferred Annual Benefit Illustration 2016".



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Along with some useful information we have made a variety of forms available on our website to help reduce time and cost spent in correspondence.

www.yourpension.org.uk/Dorset

Alternatively you can contact the pension section and we will be happy to post you a hard copy. Some of these forms include:

- Expression of Wish form
- Notification of Cohabiting Partner form
- Divorce (cash equivalent transfer value request) form

More information can be found on the LGPS members website at:

www.lgpsmember.org

Further information and disclaimer

These calculations are based on the information available at the time and every care has been taken to ensure their accuracy. If you have any reason to believe that the calculations made are wrong or the information we have used is wrong (either to your benefit or detriment) you must notify us immediately. The Dorset County Pension Fund reserves the right to adjust the calculations if they are found to be incorrect or if circumstances change, and to change payments accordingly. This notice of your benefits does not confer any legal or contractual obligation on either you or the Dorset County Pension Fund, and is provided on that basis. The Dorset County Pension Fund will only be liable to pay those benefits to which you are lawfully entitled.