

St Leger Homes of Doncaster

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION
SCHEME REGULATIONS 2014**

**EMPLOYER DISCRETIONS
POLICY STATEMENT**

Discretions of the Employing Authority

COMPULSORY DISCRETIONS		
Main Purpose of Regulation	Regulation	Discretion Exercised
Funding of Additional Pension through a Shared Cost Additional Pension Contribution - Where an active Scheme member wishes to purchase extra annual pension up to the maximum by making Additional Pension Contributions (APCs), the employer may choose to (voluntarily) contribute towards the cost of purchasing that extra pension via a Shared Cost Additional Pension Contribution (SCAPC).	Regulation 16 (2)(e) and/or 16 (4)(d)	Shared Cost Additional Pension Contributions Schemes (SCAPC's) are not currently offered to any St Leger Homes employee and at present requests for SCAPC's will not be considered.
Flexible Retirement - This regulation allows the employer to consent to the early release of all, or part, of a member's LGPS benefits provided they have also consented to the reduction of hours worked or grade in which the member is employed. The member must be aged 55 or over.	Flexible retirement, Regulation 30 (6)	All requests assessed on a case by case basis against decision making criteria set out in the Scheme.
Waiving of actuarial reduction - This regulation allows the employer to consent to the early	Regulation 30 (8)	Not routinely exercised by St Leger Homes.

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release of all, or part, of a member's LGPS benefits provided they have also consented to the reduction of hours worked or grade in which the member is employed. The member must be aged 55 or over.		Where exceptional, organisational circumstances arise, and after seeking approval by the Executive Management Team, St Leger Homes reserves the right to operate outside of their policy framework on a one off basis, and exercise its discretionary power to waive the reduction, in full or in part.
Switching on the 85-year rule for members voluntarily drawing benefits on or after age 55 and before age 60 - Whilst the 85-year rule does not automatically apply in full if the employee decides to voluntarily draw benefits on or after age 55 and before age 60, this regulation allows the employer to switch the rule back on. If the employer switches on the 85-year rule they will pick up any strain on Fund cost.	Schedule 2 of the Transitional Regulations.	Not routinely exercised by St Leger Homes. Reserves the right to operate on a one off basis and exercise its discretionary power to switch on the 85 year rule, where exceptional organisational circumstances arise.
The power of employing authority to award additional pension - this regulation allows an employer to resolve to award a member an	Regulation 31	Additional Pension is not currently offered to any employee, and requests will not be considered.

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amount of additional pension, up to the LGPS maximum, to an active scheme member or within 6 months of leaving to a member whose employment was terminated on the grounds of redundancy or business efficiency.		

OPTIONAL DISCRETIONS		
Main Purpose of Regulation	Regulation	Discretion Exercised
Whether to waive any actuarial reduction for a member voluntarily drawing benefits before normal pension age other than on the grounds of flexible retirement (where the member has both pre 1/4/14 and post 31/3/14 membership) a) on compassionate grounds (pre 1/4/14 membership) and / or, in whole or in part on any grounds (post 31/3/14 membership) if the member was not in the Scheme before 1/10/06, b) on compassionate grounds (pre 1/4/14	TP3(1), TPSch 2, para 2(1) & B30(5) & B30A(5)	

membership) and / or, in whole or in part on any grounds (post 31/3/14 membership) if the member was in the Scheme before 1/10/06, will not be 60 by 31/3/16 and will not attain 60 between 1/4/16 and 31/3/20 inclusive c) on compassionate grounds (pre 1/4/16 membership) and / or, in whole or in part on any grounds (post 31/3/16 membership) if the member was in the Scheme before 1/10/06 and will be 60 by 31/3/16 d) on compassionate grounds (pre 1/4/20 membership) and / or, in whole or in part on any grounds (post 31/3/20 membership) if the member was in the Scheme before 1/10/06, will not be 60 by 31/3/16 and will attain 60 between 1/4/16 and 31/3/20 inclusive		
Whether to waive, on compassionate grounds, the actuarial reduction applied to deferred benefits paid early under B30 (member)	B30(5), TPSch 2, para 2(1)	
Whether to waive, on compassionate grounds, the actuarial reduction applied to benefits paid early under B30A (pensioner member with	B30A(5), TPSch 2, para 2(1)	

deferred benefits, i.e. a suspended tier 3 ill health pensioner)		
Grant application for early payment of deferred benefits on or after age 50 and before age 55	L31(2)	
Waive, on compassionate grounds, the actuarial reduction applied to deferred benefits paid early	L31(5) & TPSch 2, para 2(1)	
Whether to “switch on” the 85 year rule for a member with deferred benefits voluntarily drawing benefits on or after age 55 and before age 60	TPSch 2, para 1(2) & 1(1)(f) & R60	
Grant application for early payment of deferred benefits on or after age 50 on compassionate grounds	TP3(5A)(vi) TL4 & L106(1) & D11(2)(c)	

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