



Fire Fighters Pension Board
11 November 2025 - 14.00 – 15.30
MS Teams
Meeting notes

Attendees:	
Glynn Luznyj, (GL), Chair	Nicola Daniels, (ND)
David Greensmith, (DG)	Irina Volka-Heath, (IVH)
James (Jim) Bywater, (JB)	Helen Scargill, (HS)
	Louise Clayton, (LC)
Apologies: Richard Mortimer, (RM)	

1. Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

2. Minutes and Actions Arising

Meetings were recorded as a true record of the meeting.

Action 63 – Items have been sent and checked with the Comms team, DG will continue to chase.
ONGOING

Action 65 – DG not aware of any issues or concerns, a communication will be sent out with iNews
ONGOING

3. Reports

HS stated that the new service manager has started and will be taking over from Laura. Acknowledgement will be sent to members once information has been sent; this will be done in date of receipt order and looking at ways of how the process could be sped up. DG expressed concerns around the backlog and how long it may take to clear it and expects the Matthews pensioners to be getting increase the volume of the delays. GL explained that there are several individuals who have not come forward and who may come forward at any time with their case, so it is important to be mindful of these.

HS stated that the active benefit statements are mostly out by August, there are some cohorts that haven't gone yet. The administrators are waiting for GAD to send out calculations for the divorces. Hopefully they will come, if not, West Yorkshire will have to do something. Scheme pays have been mainly dealt with and the ones that haven't been dealt with are sat with the claimant. Transfers in are still an issue which require further guidance. The 24/25 pension savings statement have been done before the 6th October 2025. Currently, the focus is on pensioners and looking at red and green cases. The Green cases have nearly all been calculated, so it should be soon that the greens are dealt with, and the calculations are continuing for the reds. GL questioned if the most recent statements

gave any information of the pension input amount. HS stated that this does not appear on any of the document

4. Governance

GL noted his attendance at the National Pension Board chairs group, which meets every month with representatives from the LGA and the Scheme Advisory Board and the purpose of that was to strengthen consistency regarding pension boards themselves and jointly resolve problems. Regarding the firefighter's pension scheme, it is challenging to get independent financial advice outside of us as an authority and this means Members are reporting that they find it difficult to go and seek advice externally.

6. Review of Risk Register

DG stated the failure of the third party to properly administer SFRS members pensions and failing to provide the remedy statements to Members in time is a risk that has been moved that up last time from a 12 to a 16. GL and board members agreed that this risk is still live, the service and WYPF have reported themselves to the pension regulator. so this risk should remain at 16.

7. Staffordshire Fire Update

With regards to Matthews, we still have 130 cases which are not completed. But out of these 64 cases are calculated and are awaiting responses from the claimants either for payment or providing information. GL noted this Staffordshire Fire update will become a standing item on local Pension matters.

8. Training and Development

GL and the board agreed that the previous training was recent, so the next training will be in 12 months' time.

9. AOB

Scheme manager wrote a letter to WYPF on the 1st April setting out Staffordshire's issues, however nothing formal came back and since then, steps have been taken to set up a group of representative from all WYPF clients – working with the LGA to better cooperate with WYPF on outstanding matters around remedy work and Matthews case progression.