

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

PENSION BOARD

2 November 2023

IDRP UPDATE

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. If a scheme member, prospective member, dependant, or other person with an interest in the firefighter pension scheme, is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Scheme Manager, or the failure to make a decision, they have the right to appeal through the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure.

2. RECENT IDRPs

- 2.1. There have been two FFPS IDRPs received since May 2023. In addition, one further proposed IDRP received, however, this was not accepted or addressed as an IDRP case.
 - A. Individual had opted out of the 1992 pension scheme based on external advice that they had received. They were asking to be put back into the pension scheme. IDRP was not founded, and the individual was advised to address the issue with the company/individual that had provided the original advice.
 - B. The lump sum option form provided outlined two possible alternative options for the members' choice of lump sum. The first option – despite it detailing the correct annual figure – the monthly figure was incorrect. The IDRP was not founded as the correct annual figure was shown and this is what the choice was made on.
- 2.2. Both responses were sent in July and there has been no further action, at this point.

3. ACTIVE IDRPs

- 3.1. There are currently no active IDRPs being considered by the Scheme Manager at Stage 1 or by the Fire Authority Appeals Committee at Stage 2.

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