

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

PENSION BOARD

11 July 2016

PENSION SECTION SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE FIREFIGHTERS'
PENSION SCHEMES MEMBERSHIP AS AT 31ST MAY 2016**

Scheme	Actives	Deferred	Pensioners (Including Dependants)
1992	458	225	2,486
2006	10	124	2
2015	893	4	
Modified	3		3

2. **ANNUAL ACTIVITY LEVELS**

2.1 During the last twelve months (1/6/2015 to 31/5/2016) the following levels of activity have been experienced:-

Age Related Retirements	71
Ill Health Retirements	6
Opt outs	12
Other leavers	16
New Joiners	32
Applications to Transfer in/out	11
Inter-brigade Transfer Requests processed	7
Cash Transfer Payments made	3
Transferred not completed	1

- 2.2 The section has also processed the requests shown in the table below and achieved the levels of performance shown.

Request type	Received	Responded to	Average Response time (days)
Benefit Estimate	161	116	112
CETV for Divorce	19	7	78
General Information	81	20	92

3. **RISK REGISTER**

No updates have been made to the risk register since the last Pension Board meeting.

4. **ANNUAL BENEFIT STATEMENTS**

- 4.1 It is still the intention for Annual Benefit Statements to be issued to all members prior to the statutory deadline of 31st August 2016.

5. **INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE (IDRP)**

There are no disputes currently unresolved.

6. **OPT OUT LEVELS AND REASONS**

West Midlands Fire Service has experienced the levels of Opt outs shown in the following table during the period 1st June 2015 to 31st May 2016.

Month	1992 Scheme	2006 Scheme	2015 Scheme	Total	Primary Reason
June	1			1	Costs of living due to personal circumstances
July				0	
August		1	2	3	Costs
September	1			1	Government Changes
October			1	1	Costs
November				0	
December			1	1	Not Known
January					
February			2	2	Not Known
March			1	1	Not Known
April			1	1	Not Known
May			1	1	Not Known

Of those opting out of the 2015 scheme none were new recruits.

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