



## **The Surrey Local Pension Board 12 November 2020**

### **Review of Internal Dispute Resolution cases in 2020/21 (Quarter Two)**

#### **Recommendation**

1. The Board is asked to note the content of this report.

#### **Detail:**

#### **Introduction**

2. Pursuant to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations) each scheme employer and administering authority must appoint an adjudicator to consider applications regarding the first instance decisions made by the scheme employer or where relevant the administering authority.
3. Under the Scheme of Delegation relating to section 106 agreements, the following officers are nominated to hear stage one and stage two Internal Dispute Resolution (IDRP) appeals:
  - The Acting Section 151 Officer.
  - The Director of Legal and Democratic Services.
  - The Director of People and Development.
  - The Head of Pensions (Pension Fund and Treasury).

#### **Summary of the appeals in 2020/21 (quarter Two)**

#### **Stage 1 – determined**

4. A member asked to amend their retirement date after they had requested payment. The appeal was dismissed.
5. A member argued that their employer had placed them in the wrong pension scheme. The case was referred back to the employer for further consideration and the member was offered a payment in respect of inconvenience and distress.

6. A widow believed that her pension had been calculated incorrectly based on an estimate provided to her late husband. The estimate was opaquely worded, but fundamentally correct and the widow was awarded a payment for inconvenience and distress.
7. A member argued that their employer had placed them in the wrong pension scheme. Their appeal was dismissed but they were offered a payment in respect of inconvenience and distress.

**Stage 2 – determined**

8. A member asked to amend their retirement date after they had requested payment. The appeal was dismissed.

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**Sources/background papers:** The LGPS Regulations 2013