



Avon Pension Fund
Administered by Bath & North East Somerset Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME REGULATIONS 1997

STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING EXERCISE OF DISCRETIONARY FUNCTIONS

ORGANISATION BRISTOL ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND
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Regulation 31 Elections for early payment of benefits (Members leaving between the ages of 50 and 60)

An election by a member aged 50 or over but under 60 to receive early payment of benefits is not effective without the consent of the employer or former employer.

If the age and total membership of the member do not satisfy the 'Rule of 85, the benefits are subject to actuarial reduction.

An employer may determine on compassionate grounds that unreduced benefits should be paid.

Details of Policy Concerning Resolution

Applications for early release of benefits from employees between the ages of 50-59 inclusive will only be accepted in cases where it can be demonstrated as being in the Society's best interests, or where there are compassionate grounds for early release of pension benefits. All applications will be considered by the Society's Finance & General Purposes Committee and by the Executive Committee (Trustees).

In such cases where the early release of pension benefits is approved, actuarial abatement will be applied to the pension benefits if the sum of the employee's age and pensionable service is less than 85 years.

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Regulations 52 & 143 Increase of the total membership of a member leaving employment at or after the age of 50

An employer may resolve to increase the total membership of a member who leaves employment at or after reaching the age of 50.

A resolution may only be passed during the period of one month before the date of leaving or 6 months after that date.

If benefits have been awarded under the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996 or ill health enhancement has been awarded membership cannot be increased under this Regulation.

An employer may resolve to convert a period of service credited under the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996 to increased membership.

Details of Policy Concerning Resolution

The Society notes the new discretion to augment an employee's pension benefits on retirement but has no intention to make general use of this discretionary power but may wish to consider its use in exceptional cases in the future.

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Regulation 53 Increase of the total membership of a new member

An employer may resolve to increase a new member's total membership, but such a resolution may only be passed within 6 months of the date he/she became a member.

Details of Policy Concerning Resolution

The Society has no intention to make general use of the discretionary power to augment an employee's service within six months of joining the scheme but may wish to consider its use in exceptional circumstances in the future.

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Regulation 67 Establishment of shared cost AVC schemes

An employer may resolve to establish such an arrangement (SCAVC)

The resolution must specify who is and who is not eligible to participate in the SCAVC.

It must also specify whether the SCAVC may be used to provide death benefits.

The employer must also specify amount of the contributions which he will contribute to the SCAVC.

Details of Policy Concerning Resolution

The Society does not intend to set up a Shared Cost AVC scheme foreseeable future.

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