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Dear Mr Worth

## EMPLOYER DISCRETIONS

Please find enclosed Yate Town Council policies regarding the Discretions available under the new Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations. These discretions were ratified at the Annual Town Council meeting dated 12 May 1998.

All Yate Town Council employees who are members of the pension scheme will be notified of these discretions by the end of June. The early retirement, augmentation and SCAVC'S policies will be reviewed annually.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk.



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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME REGULATIONS 1997**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING EXERCISE OF DISCRETIONARY FUNCTIONS**

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**Regulation 15 Employer's discretion to reduce member's contribution rate**

*If a member has at least 40 years total membership in local government employment an employer may grant the employee a contributions holiday or a reduction in contributions.*

**Details of Policy Concerning Resolution**

The Council should waive an employee's pension contributions when he/she has achieved 40 years local government membership of the local government pension scheme and is unable to accrue additional pensionable service, however should the employee continue in employment beyond the age of 60, contributions would be reinstated where further service could be accrued to a maximum of 45 years at age 65.

Date 18 May 98

Certified by Stephanie Davison

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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 to 59 inclusive will only be accepted in cases where it can be demonstrated as being in the best interest of Yate Town Council; or

where there are compassionate grounds for the early release of pension benefits.

Other than applications on compassionate grounds (where the responsibility for agreement is delegated jointly to the Town Clerk and the RFO), then all applications will be considered by the Council.

In such cases where 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.

Date .. 16 May '98 ..

Certified by Stevanice Davies

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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 Council 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 Council has no intention to make general use of the discretionary power to augment an employee's service within 6 months of joining the scheme.

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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 Council does not intend to set up a Shared Cost AVC scheme in the foreseeable future.

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22 May 1998

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## EMPLOYEES DISCRETIONS

Further to your telephone conversation with Mrs Stephanie Davies. I am writing to confirm that the resolution recognising pre 1988 service for the purposes of a Widower's Pension, was ratified at the Annual Town Council meeting dated 12 May 1998.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk