

Previous Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Membership

If you have previous LGPS membership then you may need to make a decision about whether it is combined with your new membership.

Deferred refund

If you have a deferred refund (which means that your previous LGPS membership finished after 1 April 2014, was more than 3 months but less than 2 years in total, and you have not yet received a refund of contributions) then this will be automatically added to your new LGPS active pension account.

Deferred (frozen) benefit

If you have a deferred benefit (which means that either your previous LGPS membership was over 3 months and all before 31 March 2014, or was over 2 years if it was after 1 April 2014) then you can choose whether or not to add it to your new LGPS active pension account.

If you do not make a decision within 12 months of re-joining the LGPS, then your deferred benefit will be automatically added to your new LGPS active pension account.

5 year break

The new regulations mean that the treatment of your previous LGPS membership depends on whether or not you have had a break in public sector pension scheme membership of more than 5 years.

If you have had less than a 5 year break, and your deferred benefit includes pre 1 April 2014 membership, then you will retain the final salary link on this membership if you combine your benefits. The final salary will be the final salary in your new employment. If you are re-joining the LGPS after more than 5 years, and your deferred benefit relates to pre 1 April 2014 membership then we will calculate a transfer value and this will buy you pension under the new scheme – rather than transferring in service. This means that all of your pensionable service will be based under April 2014 regulations and you will lose the final salary link to your pre April 2014 service.

Death Grant

If you elect to keep your periods of membership separate, your beneficiaries will only be entitled to receive one death grant based on the higher value of the death grant due from your deferred pension or from your active pension. If you would like to nominate a beneficiary, please complete a *Death Grant – Expression of Wish* form, which you can find on our website :

<http://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Pensions-IWC/Forms-and-leaflets>

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Please read and complete all sections of this form and return to your employer or payroll team. If you are eligible for membership of the Isle of Wight Council Pension Fund in more than one employment, please complete a separate form for each one.

Personal details (in Capitals)	
Full Name	
NI Number	
Date of birth	
Pay ref	
Employer	
Start date	

Previous Local Government Pension Scheme membership		
<p>You can choose to keep previous LGPS membership separate from your new membership. If you do not request this in writing within your first 12 months of employment, any other pensionable membership will be combined with your current pension record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please list any previous LGPS membership that you have. • Put a tick next to any that you wish to keep separate from your new membership. <p>Please give the details of any previous periods of LGPS membership (to which you are no longer paying contributions but for which you are not yet receiving a pension).</p> <p>Please tick the 'Keep separate?' box for membership you wish to keep separate from membership in your current job. Leave the box blank if you wish to join it with your new LGPS. (If needed, please continue on a separate sheet clearly marked with your NI number)</p>		
Employer's name and address	Dates Worked (from and to)	Keep separate?
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Do you elect to keep previous LGPS membership separate from your new membership?</p>		
<p>YES, I wish to keep previous membership separate from my current membership. Go straight to Declaration and authority section.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>NO, I wish to combine my previous membership to my current membership. Please complete the following election.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Election for pre April 2014 membership to be covered by transitional regulations

If it has been less than five years since re-joining the LGPS, and you are not choosing to keep your previous LGPS membership separate, you can elect to be treated as a transitional member. This means that your pre 01 April benefits will retain the final salary link, although should be noted this will be the final salary in your new membership.

I was a member of the LGPS before 31 March 2014, and have re-joined the LGPS after 1 April 2014 with less than a 5 year gap, and I understand that I can choose for your membership to be treated as if I had transitioned into the new scheme

YES, I wish to be treated as a transitional member

NO, I do not wish to be treated as a transitional member

Declaration and authority

Please read the statement below, then sign and date the form. We can only accept forms that are signed and dated on or after the date your employer enrolled you into the scheme.

The details in this form are correct to the best of my knowledge.

I have read and understood the guidance notes on not combining previous LGPS benefits. Where I have previous LGPS membership, I authorise my former fund to provide the Isle of Wight Council Pension Fund with any relevant information.

If I hold previous LGPS membership and I have not requested to keep these separate, I ask the Isle of Wight Council Pension Fund to notify the other fund and I ask the other fund to treat this form as a formal election to combine membership.

Signature		Date	
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Please return the completed form to: Pensions Team, Shared Service Centre, Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1UD