

# Getting an accrued pension rights valuation for divorce/dissolution purposes

# **Background**

As part of divorce proceedings, a member will be required to apply for a valuation of his/her pension rights under the Local Government Pension Scheme. This is because the divorcing couple are required to disclose to each other and to the Court all their financial interests. This will include details of those benefits under the Scheme which are shareable rights. This note details the process for obtaining a valuation.

# The process

## 1. Applies to all

In order that East Sussex Pension Fund (ESPF) can provide you with the information you require we will need form PSO2 completed and returned. This will give ESPF your written authority to provide you (and your solicitor if you so wish) with all the pensions information necessary for matrimonial proceedings.

Access form PS02 (Please note that although you have the choice of completing most of the information online, we still need your original signature).

## 2. Additional information needed for active (contributing) members

If you are still paying contributions, we also need form LG30 completed. This form allows members to obtain their pensionable pay information from their employer (this is needed to obtain an estimate of pension benefits).

Part I needs completing by you with parts 2,3 and 4 completed by your payroll department.

#### **Access form LGPS 30**

## 3. Administration charges

Some processes the Fund performs as a result of divorce/dissolution are chargeable – see page 3 and 4 of the PS02 Form mentioned above for details.

## 4. Important note for members who are already receiving their pension

As your pension is already in payment, you will need to pay £272.00 plus VAT as per the charges schedule mentioned in 3. above, before we can provide you with the information requested. Please contact us for an invoice.

Please note that under the Pensions on Divorce etc. (Provision of Information) Regulations 2000, ESPF may also be required to provide similar information directly to the Court if so ordered and certain information (excluding a valuation of your pension benefits) to your spouse/civil partner if requested to do so.

# **Further support**

The Fund provides detailed divorce guides for members explaining the impact of divorce on your Local Government Pension Scheme benefits.

<u>Divorce Guide - for members who left the Scheme prior to | April 2014</u>

Divorce Guide - for members of the Scheme from | April 2014

We appreciate that there is a lot to think about, so please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further support.

#### Contact us

To speak to us please call: 0300 200 1022 (lines open from 9 am until 4 pm)

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