

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Pension Board

Approved Minutes of the meeting of the Pension Board held on Tuesday 29 July 2025

PRESENT:

Employer Representatives: Jonathan DYSON – Chief Fire Officer (Chair)
Louise Branford-White – Head of Finance

Member Representatives: - James MANNING - FOA Representative

Advisors in attendance: Leanne Patterson -
Helen SCARGILL - WYPF (West Yorkshire Pension Fund)

The agenda, reports and minutes for this meeting are on NYFRS's website.

Minute Number	ITEM OF BUSINES	To be actioned by: -
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / REPRESENTAION AT MEETINGS	
	Apologies received from Marc Warren and Sarah Mekins. It was noted there were no apologies or employee attendees from the Fire Brigade Union. The Chair understood quorum had not been met without an employee's representative, and their continued lack of attendance meant the meeting had to proceed. No points were raised for consideration from the FBU.	
2.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The minutes from the last meeting on 24 April were agreed.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS	
	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
4	ACTION / DECISION LOG REVIEW	
	The action Log was reviewed and updated.	

	The Board discussed potential for claims by FBU members to the Ombudsmen for compensation for distress following the breach, Helen confirmed she had not heard of any Services intending to pay compensation for the breach.	
5.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	<p>Local Pension Board Update – Louise provided an update on various topics, including the position of Sergeant for the remedy of firefighters, Matthews, and the readiness of the pensions dashboard. She also mentioned the new workplace pension re-enrolment date and formal complaints.</p> <p>Louise mentioned the new workplace pension re-enrolment date, which is now set for 1st November 2026.</p> <p>Formal Complaints: Louise addressed formal complaints received and the actions taken to resolve them, ensuring transparency and accountability.</p> <p>Annual Benefit Statements: Helen provided an update on the status of the annual benefit statements. 182 statements have been sent out, leaving 57 still to be sent. The team will continue working on this for another couple of weeks before production of the 2024 statements would be closed.</p> <p>James asked if those who did not receive their 2024 statement would receive priority going forward and Helen confirmed that these would not, Helen explained that these cases are complex due to issues like transfers, divorce, and scheme pays, and often require data from outside agencies which is outside the control of WYPF.</p> <p>The Board discussed reporting the need to report a further breach, Helen confirmed this was not necessary and it was agreed the Team would email with an account of the final position for documentary/audit purposes.</p>	
6.	WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND UPDATE Report of the Pension Provider	
	Helen gave an update on behalf of WYPF, the recent reports have been circulated to Board members	
7.	RISK REGISTER	
	<p>Louise highlighted the risks being monitored, including communications, governance arrangements, and the annual benefit statement. She mentioned that the target risk remains red as it is outside their control.</p> <p>The team will continue to update the risk register and monitor these risks closely to ensure they are managed effectively.</p>	

8.	BREACH REGISTER	
	Louise confirmed that there are no new breaches to report. The team will send an email to update the pension regulator on the current status.	
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	Helen reported that the issue with transfers in, divorce, and scheme pays is a national issue and not specific to West Yorkshire Pension Fund. All other pension administrators are in the same position.	
10.	DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS	
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