

# STOP PRESS - Special bulletin 277 - Councillors and mayors

Dear Employer

Following our recent STOP PRESS, the Local Government Association (LGA) have now published [special bulletin 277](#). The bulletin provides commentary for administering authorities and employers in England on the introduction of England councillors and mayors (referred to as 'elected members') to the LGPS by the [LGPS \(Amendment\) \(Elected Member Pensions\) Regulations 2026](#).

The bulletin sets out the differences between elected members and non-elected members in the LGPS, as well as a detailed overview of relevant topics for elected members.

Alongside this bulletin the following templates have also been published:

- a short introductory leaflet for elected members
- a double-sided promotional leaflet
- an elected member LGPS opt in form.

You can find them on the [Employers guides and documents page](#) of [www.lgpsregs.org](http://www.lgpsregs.org).

It is recommended that either the promotional leaflet or the introductory leaflet is included with welcome packs for incoming councillors and mayors and targeted communications for existing councillors and mayors. All the templates are provided as word documents to be adapted and printed by employers

## **Further updates/resources**

The LGA are currently preparing a brief guide to the Scheme for elected members, as well as making updates to the member website, the timeline regulations and the technical guides which are impacted by these changes.

Hampshire Pension Services will also be working on updating our website and guides. We will also follow up with information on how employers should notify us of new starters into the scheme for elected members.

More information and updates will follow as this becomes available.

In the meantime, if you have any queries about the changes, please email [pensions.employer@hants.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.employer@hants.gov.uk)

Kind regards

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