

Access and Protections Consultation

As a scheme employer in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), we wanted to bring to your attention the consultation which the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has launched on changes to the LGPS in England and Wales. This consultation builds on the 'Access and Fairness' consultation that closed in August of this year.

The consultation sets out proposals across four key areas that relate to access to the Scheme and its benefits and cover:

- the normal minimum pension age
- LGPS access for mayors and councillors
- academies in the LGPS
- new Fair Deal protections

Alongside this consultation, MHCLG has published draft statutory instruments on pension access for mayors and councillors as well as new Fair Deal:

[Draft statutory instrument – Mayors and Councillors](#)

[Draft statutory instrument – New Fair Deal](#)

You can view the full consultation documents on the [Gov.uk website](#).

All members of the public are invited to respond, however this is most relevant to scheme members and employers. **The consultation closes on 22 December 2025.**

You can [respond to the consultation online](#) or you can email memberbenefitsconsultation@communities.gov.uk.