

The Local Government Pensions Committee
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CIRCULAR

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PENSIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

Purpose of this circular

1. In 2004 the LGPC conducted a survey of pension provision for councillors in England (see Circular 149 of February 2004), the results of which were reported in Circular 155 of April 2004.
2. In July 2008 the LGPC conducted a further survey, but this time covering the pension provision for councillors in England, Wales and Scotland (see Circular 214). The results of the July 2008 survey are attached at annex 1. We hope this will be of interest to authorities.

Actions for administering authorities

3. Administering authorities may wish copy this Circular to relevant employers in their Fund or bring the Circular to the attention of relevant employers by directing them to the [Circular on the LGE website](#).

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COUNCILLOR PENSIONS - SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES 2008/2009

	LB's	ENGLISH CC	ENGLISH DC	ENGLISH MET AUTH	ENGLISH UNI AUTH	WELSH CC	WELSH CBC	SCOTTISH COUNCIL	TOTAL of previous columns
Overall number of responses	10	13	70	13	18	4	4	18	150
English authorities only:									
Recommendation of Independent Remuneration Panel									
Councillors should not be offered membership of the LGPS		3	25	2	1				31
Some eligible councillors should be offered membership of the LGPS			2		1				3
All eligible councillors should be offered membership of the LGPS	9	10	37	11	15				82
Basic allowance only should be pensionable			1						1
Special responsibility allowance only should be pensionable									
Basic and special responsibility allowance should be pensionable	9	9	36	11	16				81
English authorities only:									
Decision of the Council									
Councillors should not be offered membership of the LGPS	3	4	31	3	2				43
Some eligible councillors should be offered membership of the LGPS									
All eligible councillors should be offered membership of the LGPS	7	9	37	10	16				79
If only some eligible councillors are offered membership, what percentage of all councillors does this represent?									
Basic allowance only should be pensionable			1						1
Special responsibility allowance only should be pensionable		1							1
Basic and special responsibility allowance should be pensionable	6	9	34	9	16				74
English authorities only:									
Decisions by councillors offered membership of the LGPS									
How many current councillors under age 75 have been offered membership?	400	564	1534	679	885				4062
How many of the councillors who were offered membership have opted to join the LGPS?	192	198	293	180	227				1090

Welsh authorities only:									
Decision of the Council									
Councillors should not be offered membership of the LGPS									
Some eligible councillors should be offered membership of the LGPS									
All eligible councillors should be offered membership of the LGPS						4	4		8
If only some eligible councillors are offered membership, what percentage of all councillors does this represent?%									
Welsh authorities only:									
Decisions by councillors offered membership of the LGPS									
How many current councillors under age 75 have been offered membership?						260	199		459
How many of the councillors who were offered membership have opted to join the LGPS?						138	55		193
Scottish authorities only:									
Decisions by councillors who are eligible for membership of the LGPS									
How many current councillors are under age 75 and thus eligible for membership?								750	750
How many of the councillors who are eligible for membership have opted to join the LGPS?								463	463

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