

# **DfC Report for LGPS Technical Working Group – 10 December 2020**

## **McCloud**

- The consultation on proposals to remove the unlawful discrimination found in the McCloud and Sargeant cases launched on 11 November and will run until 31 January. The consultation includes draft regulations designed to implement the proposed changes. The proposed remedy is fundamentally the same as that proposed by LGPS E&W and the LGPS in Scotland.

## **Cost control**

- GAD are beginning work for the 2020 cost control process and data collection is ongoing.
- The implications of the unpausing of the 2016 valuation are being considered. It is currently unclear whether our previous breach will be removed or reduced, and we are awaiting the finalisation of the Directions.
- We are keen to see LGPS specific issues considered in the review of the cost control mechanism and will be working with GAD and the other devolved administrations in this area.

## **Survivor benefits**

- We are considering the implications of the Goodwin ruling. There is a NI specific issue regarding the retrospection of any amendments; the Walker v Innospec amendments for NI were introduced through Westminster legislation which was not retrospective and they therefore only date from Jan 2020. Following legal advice, we feel that the best way forward is to make the amendments for both Walker v Innospec and Goodwin retrospective to 2005 and we are likely to consult on that basis.