

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Payment of Police Pensions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Nottinghamshire County Council administers the payment of police pensions for Nottinghamshire Police; is the administering body for the LGPS in Nottinghamshire and, until April 2013, administered payment of pensions for Notts Fire and Rescue service.

An audit undertaken by Leicestershire County Council on transferring the administration of the Notts Fire Service scheme to Nottinghamshire County Council has identified a number of discrepancies in the payment of the post 1988 GMP to those who have reached state retirement age.

Impact on payment of Police Pensions – Due to the fact that the same payroll system was used to pay Police pensions, a similar exercise has been undertaken for police pensioner's payroll and has identified the same issue. The issue appears to have occurred around 2005 possibly following a Notts County Council system upgrade.

This means that there has been a total overpayment of £52,000 towards police officer pensions. It is suggested that the approach to rectifying this situation is for Nottinghamshire County Council to reclaim the £52,000 of overpayment back from the police pensioner's future payments.

This will involve correcting the annual pensions. Then applying 2.7% (annual increase) to the correct pension figure and identifying the difference to the amount currently paid – this is then an increase to their pension for 2014. For all those affected except 1 person this will still result in an increase to their pension for 2014. For this individual the difference is a deficit of 12 pence that will be manually adjusted. Nottinghamshire County Council Pensions department will write to all pensioners to confirm what they have done and explain why. This is the same approach taken with the Fire Service Pensioners.

Impact on Home Office funding - The return to the Home Office regarding Home Office funding will be adjust to account for the overpayment in the 2013/14 return and the recovery in 2014/15 financial year.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g. report or business case)

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or

Yes

No

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confidential information**?				
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**:				

DECISION:

For the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner to approve the approach to reclaim the overpayment of police pension from future police pensioner payments, April 2014 pension payroll and agree for Nottinghamshire County Council pension department to write to all pensioners affected to explain what they have done and why.

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Date:

14/3/14

OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:



Chief Executive

Date:

14th March 2014.

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