





### McCloud Remedy

Your pension is protected by the underpin under the McCloud remedy. It was not possible for us to reflect your protection in this year's statement, however, we will include any relevant underpin figures in future years' statements.

### **FAQs**

#### 1. What's this about?

We're working with our suppliers to improve our pensions software to allow for the changes required by the McCloud Remedy. This also means future proofing our processes so they better serve you in the long run. Our primary goal is to make sure your benefits aren't impacted.

### 2. What's the McCloud Remedy?

The McCloud Remedy was implemented in 2015 to remove age discrimination across public sector schemes. It came into effect from 1 October 2023 and work has been ongoing since then to make the necessary changes to our systems and processes. Please visit the LGPS website to find out more www.lgpsmember.org/mccloud-remedy

### 3. Why are there delays?

The delays are due to the size of the exercise to roll out the McCloud Remedy as it not only affects the Fund but many other public sector pension schemes too. We're all in the process of working with our system providers to implement recommendations from the Government to validate service history information on all protected members' records relating to the McCloud Remedy. The Fund is also bringing in some improvements at the same time including future proofing our processes to better serve members of the Fund in the long run.

# 4. When are the timescales for completing the implementation?

Although this exercise dates back to 2014 when the Fund changed from a final salary pension scheme to a career average scheme, the LGPS rules changed for the McCloud remedy on 1 October 2023. (For those with underpin protection, benefits are protected between 2014-2022).

Implementation guidelines on how to apply the McCloud Remedy were received by public sector schemes including the Fund in January 2024 with an update in April 2024. Work has been ongoing since then to implement the changes required and to roll out improvements.

We are testing our system's calculations but this will take a while. We aim to include any relevant underpin figures in future years' statements. No one will be negatively impacted as a result of the delays.

We'll continue to provide regular updates on the Fund website as we progress through this exercise.

Please refer to www.nottspf.org.uk/ members/mccloud-judgement for the latest on the McCloud Remedy.

## 5. What does this mean if I want to retire or am due to retire?

Please be assured, if you want or are due to retire while work is ongoing to roll out the McCloud Remedy, you can still claim your pension benefits and should continue to complete your application forms. Any retirement benefits payable from the Fund will be prioritised for payment.

Like many other public sector pension schemes, we're in the process of implementing recommendations from the Government to validate service history information on all protected members' records relating to the McCloud Remedy. We're working hard to update our systems to meet these changes. Rest assured your benefits will not be negatively

impacted as a result of delays incurred due to LGPS implementing the McCloud Remedy. Once our systems have been updated, there may be a small number of members who are due additional benefits following calculations, although any additional amount is likely to be small. If you are one of these members, you do not need to contact us, we will write to all affected members as soon as we can.

We'll continue to provide updates on the Fund website as we progress through this exercise. Please refer to www.nottspf.org.uk/members/mccloud-judgement for the latest on the McCloud Remedy.

### 6. Can I update my contact details while the McCloud Remedy is being implemented?

You can still update your contact details should you need to during this time. Please visit www.nottspf.org.uk/contact

#### 7. What happens next?

Please visit www.nottspf.org.uk/ members/mccloud-judgement for the latest on the McCloud Remedy. We'll update this Q&A from time to time as and when more is known.

### Contact us

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