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## Message from the Pension Fund Team

With Covid-19 continuing to impact on our lives, 2021 has been a challenging year for all of us.

We would like to start by thanking our employers who have continued throughout 2021 to submit data and pension contribution payments on time each month. Maintaining those important parts of your role as an LGPS employer enables our Fund to continue to provide a good quality pension service to your employees in the LGPS.

This year we have continued to develop electronic solutions to improve the Fund's services for both scheme members and employers. To date, the employer [i-Connect](#) secure data transmission service has been rolled out to 201 employers and we are currently working with a number of other employers towards implementation. The service brings a number of time-saving and efficiency-improving benefits for employers including removing the requirement to submit a year-end return.

We'll be contacting employers who haven't yet started to implement i-Connect early in the new year.

We also launched our member self-service website [My Pension Online](#) and are delighted that over 20% of our active membership have already registered on this platform. We'll be asking for your help again in early 2022 to encourage more of your employees in the LGPS to register for the service and take the opportunity to view their pension details online.

### The year ahead

Areas of focus over the next year will include:

- the LGPS McCloud remedy
- the ongoing challenge of climate change
- preparing our data for the Pensions Dashboard which is due to launch in 2023 and provide a central hub for every individual's pension scheme membership
- the 2022 actuarial valuation

The actuarial valuation will determine each employer's funding position at 31 March 2022 and contribution rate from April 2023. As incomplete data or missing payments can result in higher contribution rates, please continue to submit your data and payments on time each month.

We wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year from all of us at Derbyshire Pension Fund.

The Derbyshire Pension Fund Team

## Christmas and New Year opening hours

You can continue to submit data and enquiries to us over the festive period to the email addresses shown in each of our newsletters. However, please note that our telephone helpline will be open as follows;

Thursday 23 December 2021 – 10am to 3pm

Friday 24 December 2021 - 10am to 1pm

Monday 27 December 2021 - closed

Tuesday 28 December 2021 - closed

Wednesday 29 December 2021 - 10am to 3pm

Thursday 30 December 2021 - 10am to 3pm

Friday 31 December 2021 – 10am to 1pm

Monday 3 January 2022 - closed

Tuesday 4 January 2022 – 10am to 3pm



## Employee details changes

It's important that you let us know as soon as possible when an employee's details change, for example, title, name, address. This helps us to minimise the risk of data breaches occurring.

If you're not using i-Connect yet, please remember to notify us using the C1 Form when any of your LGPS members change their personal and contact details. The C1 Form is available on the [Forms for employers](#) section of our website.

## Email addresses

A quick reminder of our email addresses and what they should be used for:

[dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:dpf.employers@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For submitting member notification forms such as the S1,L1, C1 and estimate requests. [All found here](#).

[pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For submitting contribution returns (CR1), data and payment queries.

[pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For queries relating to LGPS regulations, employer training, events and communications.

[pensions@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions@derbyshire.gov.uk) - For queries and requests from members of the LGPS.

[pensions.icconnect@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.icconnect@derbyshire.gov.uk) – For employer queries about i-Connect.

**If you have any queries about the information provided in this Newsletter, or about the LGPS in general, please contact us at:**

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Email: [pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Website: [www.derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk)

