

# Strathclyde Pension Fund Office

## Commutation Election

### **COMMUTATION OF PENSION FOR LUMP SUM IS OPTIONAL**

You may elect to give up part of your pension for a larger lump sum. The **Benefit Options Conversion information** form attached gives details of the maximum amount of pension you may give up and the increased lump sum you will receive in return. You should contact us if you wish information on giving up less than the maximum amount of pension allowed and the additional lump sum that would provide.

To make an election, complete either option 1, 2 or 3 below. **If you do not return the form, or fail to return the form prior to the date of retirement, option 3 will automatically be applied.** This form must therefore be received by us prior to your date of retirement. An election to commute received outwith the permitted timescales cannot be accepted.

#### **Recycling Of Lump Sum**

You are not allowed to use any of your lump sum to contribute to another pension arrangement; this is known as recycling. If you recycle your lump sum in this way you will have to pay an unauthorised payment tax charge of 40% of your retirement lump sum. You must inform this office if you intend to use any part of your lump sum to contribute to another pension plan

Name:

NI No:

Pension No:

### **NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER, OPTION 1, OPTION 2 OR OPTION 3.**

#### **Option 1 – Maximum Conversion**

I wish to convert the maximum amount of my pension to provide a lower pension and an increased lump sum.

Signed

Date

**OR**

#### **Option 2 - Less Than Maximum Conversion**

I wish to convert £ 0 of my pension for a larger lump sum at a rate of an additional £12 .00 of lump sum for each £1.00 of pension converted .

Signed

Date

To give up less pension than the maximum allowed you should contact us to obtain details of the lump sum payable in return for the amount of pension you wish to convert. Our email is [spfo@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:spfo@glasgow.gov.uk) And our telephone number is 0345 890 8999.

**OR**

#### **Option 3 – No Conversion**

I do not wish to convert any part of my pension in return for a larger lump sum

Signed

Dated

#### **Important Notice**

**Giving up pension for a larger lump sum is optional and permanently reduces the level of your annual pension. It is recommended you seek financial advice when considering these options to ensure your remaining pension is sufficient to meet your needs in the future.**

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When completed please return immediately to Strathclyde Pension Fund Office, **PO Box 27001, Glasgow, G2 9EW**

## Protecting your data

The Strathclyde Pension Fund Office collects and holds certain information about you (personal data) which we need to administer the Local Government Pension Scheme. We have a responsibility to protect your information and would like to explain:

- what we do with it
- who we share it with
- how long we keep it for
- why we are allowed to collect it

We have summarised some of the key ways in which we deal with this information below. Further information can be found in the Full Privacy Notice at the following link:

<https://www.spfo.org.uk/Privacy-notice>

### **Who we are:**

When organisations offer their employees membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), you may become a member of Strathclyde Pension Fund. Strathclyde Pension Fund Office is a department of Glasgow City Council (GCC), as the LGPS Regulations require a local authority to be responsible for the local administration of pensions and other benefits payable under the LGPS regulations.

GCC's head office is located at City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU, United Kingdom. You can contact GCC's Data Protection Officer by post at that address or by email at [dataprotection@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@glasgow.gov.uk) or by telephone on 0141 287 1055.

### **Why do we need your personal information and what do we do with it?**

You are giving us your personal information to allow us to handle all matters relating to the LGPS. For example, we need to process your data to contact you by post, email or telephone; to maintain our records; calculate and provide you with benefits (and, if you are a member of the Fund, your beneficiaries if you die); for statistical and financial modelling and for reference purposes (for example, when we assess how much money is needed to provide members' benefits and how that money should be invested); and to comply with our legal obligations.

We obtain personal data directly from you. We may also obtain data from your employer (for example, salary information) and from other sources including public databases.

### **Legal basis for using your information:**

Our legal basis for processing your personal information is because it is necessary to carry out our function for administering the Local Government Pension Scheme and managing Strathclyde Pension Fund. Our role is set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018. In data protection legislation, this is known as processing information because it is 'necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority'. You can find more details of our role on our website at [www.spfo.org.uk](http://www.spfo.org.uk)

Where we obtain information concerning certain "special categories" of particularly sensitive data, such as health information to administer an ill health retirement, extra protections apply under data protection legislation. We will only process this type of data with your consent, unless we can lawfully process this data for another reason permitted by that legislation. You have the right to withdraw your consent to the processing special categories of personal data at any time by notifying us in writing. However, if you do not give consent, or subsequently withdraw it, we may not be able to pay certain LGPS benefits.

### **Who do we share your information with?**

We are legally obliged to safeguard public funds. So we are required to verify and check your details internally for fraud prevention. We may share this information with other public bodies (and also receive information from these other bodies) for fraud checking purposes. We are also legally obliged to share certain data with other public bodies, such as HMRC and will do so where the law requires this. We will also generally comply with requests for specific information from other regulatory and law enforcement bodies where this is necessary and appropriate. Your information is also analysed internally to help us improve our services. This data sharing is in accordance with our Information Use and Privacy Policy and covered in our full privacy notice on our website. It also forms part of our requirements in line with our Records Management Plan approved in terms of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2012.

From time to time we will share your personal data with third parties, including our contractors, advisors, government bodies and dispute resolution and law enforcement agencies in order to comply with our

obligations under law, and in connection with the provision of services that help us carry out our duties, rights and discretions in relation to the Fund. These organisations are listed in the Full Privacy Notice. In some cases these recipients may be outside the UK. If this occurs, we will make sure that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect your data in accordance with applicable laws. Please use the contact details below if you want more information in connection with this.

### **How long do we keep your information for?**

We only keep your personal information for the minimum period of time necessary. Sometimes this time period is set out in the law, but in most cases it is based on business need. GCC maintains a records retention and disposal schedule which sets out how long we hold different types of information for at <https://www.spfo.org.uk/Privacy-notice> or you can request a hard copy from GCC's contact address stated above.

### **Your rights under data protection law:**

- **access to your information** – you have the right to request a copy of the personal information that we hold about you
- **correcting your information** – we want to make sure that your personal information is accurate, complete and up to date. Therefore you may ask us to correct any personal information about you that you believe does not meet these standards
- **deletion of your information** – you have the right to ask us to delete personal information about you where:
  1. you think that we no longer need to hold the information for the purposes for which it was originally obtained
  2. we are using that information with your consent and you have withdrawn your consent – where we use your personal information with your consent you may withdraw that consent at any time and we will stop using your personal information for the purpose(s) for which consent was given
  3. you have a genuine objection to our use of your personal information
  4. our use of your personal information is contrary to law or our other legal obligations
- **restricting how we may use your information** – in some cases, you may ask us to restrict how we use your personal information. This right might apply, for example, where we are checking the accuracy of personal information that we hold about you or we are assessing the objection you have made to our use of your information. This right might also apply if we no longer have a basis for using your personal information, but you don't want us to delete the data.
- **withdrawing consent to use your information** – where we use your personal information with your consent (for example, for the purposes of administering an ill-health retirement) you may withdraw that consent at any time and we will stop using your personal information for the purpose(s) for which consent was given. However, if you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to pay certain LGPS benefits.

Please contact us if you wish to exercise any of these rights.

### **Information you have given us about other people:**

If you have provided anyone else's details on this form, please make sure that you have told them that you have given their information to Glasgow City Council. We will only use this information for the purposes set out in this privacy notice. If they want any more information on how we will use their information they can visit our website at

<https://www.spfo.org.uk/Privacy-notice> or email [dataprotection@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@glasgow.gov.uk)

### **Complaints:**

We aim to directly resolve all complaints about how we handle personal information. However, you also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, who can be contacted by post at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. By phone on 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745. You can visit their website for more information at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>

### **More information:**

For more details on how we process your personal information visit

<https://www.spfo.org.uk/Privacy-notice>

If you do not have access to the internet you can contact us via telephone to request hard copies of our documents.

Ref: GDPR privacy notice, dated 03 05 2018