

2017/18 employee contribution bands

As confirmed in bulletin 26, under the LGPS Regulations 2013 the contribution bandings are updated each year in accordance with the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971.

Although the appropriate order is not expected to be laid before Parliament until mid March, HM Treasury have released the spreadsheet with the cumulative PI multipliers relevant to this year's PI Review.

An updated employee contribution table for 2017/18 is below and this is applicable from **1 April 2017**:

Contribution table 2017/18			
Band	Actual pensionable pay for an employment	Contribution rate for that employment	
		Main section	50/50 section
1	Up to £13,700	5.5%	2.75%
2	£13,701 to £21,400	5.8%	2.9%
3	£21,401 to £34,700	6.5%	3.25%
4	£34,701 to £43,900	6.8%	3.4%
5	£43,901 to £61,300	8.5%	4.25%
6	£61,301 to £86,800	9.9%	4.95%
7	£86,801 to £102,200	10.5%	5.25%
8	£102,201 to £153,300	11.4%	5.7%
9	£153,301 or more	12.5%	6.25%

2017 Pensions Increase (for information only)

HM Treasury have published details of the 2017 Pensions Increase and multiplier tables on their website. This is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-service-pensions-increase-2017>

The Pensions Increase taking effect from 10 April 2017 is 1.0% and this is applied to scheme members who have deferred benefits or pension benefits in payment with the LGPS.

Affinity Pre-Retirement workshops

The East Riding Pension Fund (ERPF) has an arrangement with Affinity Connect, one of the largest providers of retirement and redundancy services to the public sector to offer pre- retirement workshops to Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) members to help them prepare for the significant changes which take place at retirement.

The workshops provide information on a comprehensive range of topics raising awareness of issues to be considered and decisions that need to be made before retirement and are available **free of charge** should you wish your staff to benefit from this professional service.

Workshops are pre-booked throughout the year and the dates currently available are provided below. If you are agreeable to allowing your staff to use them it would be appreciated if you could ensure that staff are made aware of the workshops.

For further information or to book a place staff should contact: Bookings@affinityconnect.org or call Freephone 0800 0196076 and select option 1 – training.

Course Date	Employer	Venue	Location	Duration
6 March 2017	North Lincolnshire Council	Civic Centre	Scunthorpe	1.00 – 4.15pm
30 March 2017	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Leisure Complex	Beverley	1.00 – 4.15pm
24 May 2017	North Lincolnshire Council	Civic Centre	Scunthorpe	1.00 – 4.15pm
14 June 2017	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Leisure Complex	Beverley	1.00 – 4.15pm
26 July 2017	North East Lincolnshire Council	Doughty Learning Centre	Grimsby	1.00 – 4.15pm
16 August 2017	North Lincolnshire Council	Civic Centre	Scunthorpe	1.00 – 4.15pm
20 September 2017	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Leisure Complex	Beverley	1.00 – 4.15pm
26 October 2017	North Lincolnshire Council	Civic Centre	Scunthorpe	1.00 – 4.15pm
6 November 2017	North East Lincolnshire Council	Doughty Learning Centre	Grimsby	1.00 – 4.15pm
13 December 2017	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Leisure Complex	Beverley	1.00 – 4.15pm
30 January 2018	North East Lincolnshire Council	Doughty Learning Centre	Grimsby	1.00 – 4.15pm
20 February 2018	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Leisure Complex	Beverley	1.00 – 4.15pm
12 March 2018	North Lincolnshire Council	Civic Centre	Scunthorpe	1.00 – 4.15pm

Workshops can also be booked direct by yourself if you prefer to host these internally by contacting Affinity Connect on 0800 019 6076 or emailing bookings@affinityconnect.org and quoting East Riding Pension Fund. For further information about Affinity Connect you may wish to visit their website at www.affinityconnect.org.