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## Pensions – 2009 Annual Update

Please find enclosed the latest updated information from the West Midlands Pension Fund. This information usually accompanies your annual benefits statement; however, we are unable to provide you with an annual benefits statement this year as the annual benefits statement process has identified that the record we hold for you may be incomplete.

There are several reasons that may have led to us identifying that the record we hold may be incomplete and these may include any or a combination of the following: changing patterns in contributions made, the contractual hours are believed to have changed, you may have left employment recently etc.

Your employer should be in the process of informing us of the relevant details in order that we can amend the record held. However, if you are aware that a change in your personal circumstances may have led to the Fund to query your record with your employer, and you believe that this may have been some time ago, you may wish to inform us of the details in order that we can ask your employer to confirm this direct. This will avoid any unnecessary delays that can be encountered between the employing department and the payroll/pension section and the Fund.

If you have left the LGPS and you stopped contributing to the LGPS more than 12 months ago, you should contact the Fund immediately in order that we can raise this issue as a matter of some urgency with your employer. The Fund will then, after receiving the relevant information from your employer, issue you with details of your LGPS benefit entitlement.

The Fund would like to inform you that there is no problem with the contributions that you may have paid in relation to your LGPS membership. Difficulties do arise from time to time with employers being unable to meet the deadlines, imposed by the Fund, to produce the annual statements and the Fund is working with employers to alleviate any problems that may exist in meeting the necessary deadlines.

The ability to produce an annual statement does not reflect on the benefits you have accrued or the contributions that you have paid into the LGPS in the last financial year.



**Brian Bailey**

Director of Pensions, West Midlands Pension Fund



**IMPORTANT:** Remember – this statement contains personal information which should be kept safe. In view of the length of time which may elapse before your benefits are brought into payment, you should notify us of any change of address or marital status.

### West Midlands Pension Fund

Visits can be made to the Fund's offices on the 5th Floor, Mander House, Wolverhampton  
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5.00pm  
Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm



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