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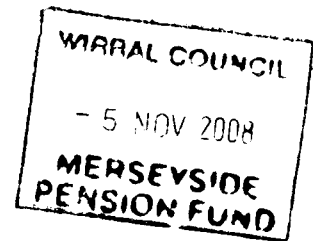
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Our ref: DW/NDC

Date: 4th November, 2008

Dear Sirs

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME
POLICY AS TO EXERCISE OF PENSION DISCRETIONS



I write to notify you of the Authority's policy in respect of its pension discretions as required under the Local Government Pension Regulations.

In this respect I confirm that the Authority has adopted the policy as set out in the attached Appendix.

Yours sincerely,

DAVE WRIGHT
EXEC. DIRECTOR OF LAW & HR



2004-2005
Services for Older People



2006-2007
Early Intervention
(Children at Risk)

POLICY STATEMENT – MERSEYFIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME
EXERCISE OF PENSION DISCRETIONS

1. The Authority has discretions under the Local Government Pension Scheme in relation to :-
 - (a) the power of the employer to increase total membership of active members;
 - (b) the power of the employer to award additional pension;
 - (c) flexible retirement;
 - (d) early payment of pensions;
 - (e) the power of the employer to increase the time limit of active members to pay voluntary contributions;
 - (f) membership aggregation;
 - (g) forfeiture of pension rights;
 - (h) transfer of pension rights;
 - (i) Members' contribution rates.
2. The Authority's policy in relation to the exercise of any of the above discretions is that it will treat each case on its merits and will not be bound by usual practice.
3. This policy shall apply with effect from 1st December, 2008 and shall be reviewed by 1st December, 2013.

