
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 177

**Local Government Pension Scheme
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

Part J

Decisions and Appeals

Notice of decision from the Committee

J9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Committee shall issue to the complainant or, where applicable, his representative, a notice in writing of its decision on the matters raised under regulation J8 within two months from the date on which the particulars specified in regulation J8(2) or J8(4) are received by it.

(2) The notice shall include—

- (a) a statement of the decision and an explanation as to whether and, if so, to what extent that decision either confirms or replaces the decision made under regulation J7;
- (b) a reference to any legislation relied upon;
- (c) a reference to such parts of these regulations as were relied upon and, where a discretion has been exercised, a reference to such parts of these regulations by which such discretion is conferred;
- (d) a statement that OPAS (the Pensions Advisory Service) is available to assist members and beneficiaries of the Scheme in connection with any difficulty with the Scheme which remains unresolved and the address at which OPAS may be contacted; and
- (e) a statement that the Pensions Ombudsman appointed under section 145(2) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993⁽¹⁾ may investigate and determine any complaint or dispute of fact or law in relation to the Scheme made or referred in accordance with that Act and the address at which he may be contacted.

(3) If, in any case, written notice of a decision under this regulation is not issued within two months from the date on which particulars of the disagreement were received under regulation J8, an interim reply must immediately be sent to the complainant or, where applicable, his representative setting out the reasons for the delay and an expected date for issuing the decision.