## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Local Government Superannuation Regulations 1986.

The Regulations abolish the requirement that part-time employees must work at least 15 hours a week in order to qualify for membership of the local authority superannuation scheme. The change comes into force on 17th August 1993 but persons employed on that date may calculate their service from the date on which they became an employee or 1st January 1993 whichever is the later.

The Regulations also make provision for the exclusion of part-time firemen who would otherwise have been eligible for entry to the scheme as a result of the abolition of the minimum hours requirement.

The Regulations further provide for a part-time employee's pension enhancement for ill health to include reckonable service purchased by additional contributions or a lump sum paid on or after 17th September 1990. The enabling provision for the retrospective effect is section 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972.

A saving is included to allow persons over 50 who do not opt into the scheme a right to be considered for gratuities paid under the 1986 Regulations but other than from the superannuation fund.