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Pension Problems update

Still no response from the Scheme Manager (Councillor Miks) to Trefor Jones' email.

Tom Embury (WMFRA deputy clerk) has responded and has now made available the contact details for the "employee representatives" of the Local Pension Board on the WMFRA CMIS site.

Contact with employee reps has been made by NARF Coventry & Solihull sub-branch Chairman Trefor Jones by email.

In terms of Ms Wagstaff's investigation. That has been completed and the initial report shared with the Scheme Manager. The report will be formally shared (i.e. as a matter of public record) with the Pension Board and the full Fire Authority ahead of their next meetings in June.

The latest error of the Pension & Payrolls department to accurately award over 2,400 pensioners their April increase correctly, has now been rectified by additional payments.

The latest error with the April pension payment has been notified to The Pension Regulator as well as to the Scheme Manager and discussed at length by the Pensions Board.

As Ms Wagstaff's investigation has concluded it will not be possible to include within her report, the latest error of the April pension payment, but a report from the Pensions Board has already been submitted to the Scheme Manager on the matter and will be included within the formal Pension Board report to the Scheme Manager at their next meeting.

Trial of Oracle is ongoing. So pensioners still do not have online access to their payments or P60's (unlike current serving staff).