

**TAYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD****REPORT BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND TREASURER****11 MAY 2009**

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**FIREFIGHTERS PENSION SCHEME – INCREASE IN PENSION PAYMENTS****Abstract**

It is recommended that Members note the increase in pension payments for eligible members of the Firefighters Pension Scheme.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members note the increase in pension payments for eligible members of the Firefighters Pension Scheme which has been agreed nationally to cover the period from 6 April 2009 to 5 April 2010.

**2 BACKGROUND**

Tayside Fire and Rescue has recently received Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Circular 4/2009 from the Scottish Public Pensions Agency. This Circular provides details of The Pension Increase (Review) Order 2009 made in accordance with the Social Security Administration Act. The increase to be applied to pension payments to those eligible members of the Firefighters Pension Scheme is 5.0% and is payable from 6 April 2009.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A provision was made during the 2009/10 budget setting process of 4.0%, to allow for this increase. The financial implication of a 5.0% increase is that an estimated £52,980 will require to be paid out in monthly pensions payments in addition to the sums contained within the budget. As the revenue budget was prepared on a needs basis it may be difficult to contain this increase within the approved budget. Members will be kept informed of the implications, through the quarterly expenditure monitoring reports presented to the Board.

**4 CONSULTATION**

The Clerk has been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

**5 CONCLUSION**

The pay award is 1% higher than budgeted for. As the budget was prepared on a needs basis it may be difficult to contain this increase within the approved budget. Members will be kept informed of the implications, through the quarterly expenditure monitoring reports presented to the Board.

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Chief Fire Officer

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Treasurer

Background Papers

No background papers, as defined in Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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