### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2000 No. 177

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

## Part J

#### Decisions and Appeals

#### Decisions as to benefits

J3.—(1) Any question as to whether a person is entitled to a benefit under these regulations is to be decided by the Committee.

(2) Where a person is or may become entitled to a benefit payable out of the fund, the Committee shall decide the amount of the benefit.

(3) In this regulation "benefit" includes a return of contributions and a benefit specified in regulation F6(11) or (14) of the 1992 regulations.

(4) The decision under paragraph (1) shall be made as soon as is reasonably practicable after the cessation of the employment or, as the case may be, the death of the employee and that under paragraph (2) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the occurrence of the event by virtue of which the entitlement arises or may arise.