## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007.

Article 3 inserts the word "percentage" to clarify the meaning of a provision amended by the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.I. 2012/162).

Article 4 amends the Scheme to provide a different rate for pension contributions payable by members of the Scheme which increase according to the amount of pensionable pay which the member receives. The contribution rates are specified in the Table.

In addition, a new band of pensionable pay has been created so that those firefighters who earn more than  $\pounds 15,000$  and up to and including  $\pounds 21,000$  will pay a lower rate than those earning more than  $\pounds 21,000$  and up to and including  $\pounds 30,000$ .