

SCHEDULE 2

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Options for active members of the 1992 Scheme

- 2.—(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies in relation to each person who—
- (a) was a member of the 1992 Scheme both before 6th April 2006 and immediately before the coming into force of this Order, and
 - (b) was not at any time before the coming into force of this Order in receipt of a pension or entitled to a deferred pension under that Scheme.
- (2) A fire and rescue authority shall, not later than 31st January 2007, give to each person to whom this sub-paragraph applies a written statement—
- (a) of the pensionable service that the authority would treat the person as having accrued in the new scheme (calculated in accordance with paragraph 3) if he were to elect to transfer his accrued rights under the 1992 Scheme to the new scheme, and
 - (b) that, if he wishes to make that election, he must do so by written notice to the authority not later than 31st March 2007.
- (3) A person's notice under sub-paragraph (2)(b) must state—
- (a) the date, which may be either 6th April 2006 or such later date as he specifies in the notice, on which he wishes to be treated as becoming a member of the new scheme, and
 - (b) whether he wishes—
 - (i) to retain his accrued rights in the 1992 Scheme. or
 - (ii) to transfer those rights, subject to paragraph 3, to the new scheme.
- (4) A fire and rescue authority must not accept a person's election to transfer his accrued rights if the aggregate of—
- (a) his pensionable service treated as accrued as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a), and
 - (b) his prospective pensionable service, on the assumption that he continues to be a member of the new scheme until he reaches the age of 60,
- would exceed 45 years by the time of his 60th birthday.
- (5) Where a fire and rescue authority accept a person's election to transfer his accrued rights, they shall—
- (a) within 28 days after the date on which they receive his notice under sub-paragraph (2)(b), make all the arrangements necessary to give effect to that election, and
 - (b) within 28 days of making those arrangements, supply him with a written statement of the pensionable service credited in the new scheme in consequence of the transfer of his accrued rights.
- (6) A person whose election to transfer his accrued rights has been accepted shall be treated—
- (a) where 6th April 2006 is specified in his notice under sub-paragraph (2)(b), as having ceased to be a member of the 1992 Scheme on 5th April 2006,
 - (b) where a date later than 6th April 2006 is specified in his notice under sub-paragraph (2)(b), as having ceased to be a member of the 1992 Scheme on the day before that later date, and
 - (c) as having become a member of the new scheme on the day after that on which he is treated as having ceased to be a member of the 1992 Scheme.
- (7) Where a person is treated as becoming a member of the new scheme on 6th April 2006—

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- (a) pensionable service that he accrued in the 1992 Scheme on and after that date shall be disregarded for the purposes of the 1992 Scheme,
 - (b) his pensionable and qualifying service on and after that date shall be treated as having accrued in the new scheme, and
 - (c) the authority shall refund to him the amount of the difference between the pension contributions—
 - (i) that he made, as a member of the 1992 Scheme, in respect of the period beginning on 6th April 2006 and ending on the date on which all necessary arrangements to give effect to his election have been made, and
 - (ii) that he would have made, as a member of the new scheme, in respect of that period.
- (8) In the case of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (6)(b) who specifies in his notice under sub-paragraph (2)(b) a date later than 6th April 2006, sub-paragraph (7) shall apply as if—
- (a) references to 6th April 2006 (in whatever terms) were references to that later date; and
 - (b) where that later date is on or after the coming into force of this Order, paragraph (c) were omitted.
- (9) Where a person in relation to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies had elected under rule G6 of the 1992 Scheme to purchase increased benefits—
- (a) his election under that rule shall, notwithstanding paragraph (5)(b) of that rule, be treated as revoked with effect from 6th April 2006 or, where he specifies a later date in his notice under paragraph (2)(b), that later date,
 - (b) nothing in paragraph (a) shall affect his entitlement to make an election under rule 6 of Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the new scheme (election to purchase additional service), and
 - (c) for the purposes of rule 5(4) of that Chapter, the calculation under sub-paragraph (a) or, as the case may be, the determination under sub-paragraph (b), shall be made on the basis of his age at the time of his election under rule G6 of the 1992 Scheme.