

Employer	Eastbourne Borough Council
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Date of Policy Statement	1 September 2020
Date for Review	1 September 2022

Discretions under the Local Government Pension Scheme 1995

Applicable to members who ceased active membership before 1 April 1995

These discretions are Employer discretions under The Local Government Pension Scheme 1995 on which Employers are **required** to formulate and publish a policy.

Regulation	Discretion	Employer's Policy on the exercise of this discretion
D11(2)(C)	Whether to grant applications for the early payment of deferred pension benefits on or after age 50 and before NRD on compassionate grounds ¹ .	<p>Eastbourne BC will not have a general policy of exercising this employer discretion; however will consider requests on a case by case basis. This discretion will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>This discretion will only be exercised on the agreement of the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Corporate Management Team (CMT), the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee.</p>

¹ It should be noted that benefits paid on or after age 50 and before age 55 will be subject to an unauthorised payments charge under the Finance Act 2004 and, where applicable, an unauthorised payments surcharge under that Act, but there would be no Scheme sanction charge.