

**Contribution Flexibility – Option to pay less
Election to Opt into the LGPS 50/50 Section**

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You can elect to move from the LGPS Main section to the 50/50 option at any time, pay half your normal contributions and build up half your normal pension. The 50/50 section is designed to be a short-term option for when times are tough financially. Joining the 50/50 section does not affect the level of your life assurance cover in the LGPS.

However, if you are paying additional contributions or considering paying additional contributions in the future please contact the Pensions Helpline on tel. 0191 424 4141 to discuss this matter as moving to the 50/50 section may have an impact on this. Further information on the LGPS is also available on the LGPS 2014 website, www.lgps2014.org

Your Personal Details (please complete this form in block capitals using **black ink**)

Surname:

First Name(s):

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other (please specify)

National Insurance Number:

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Post Code:

Contact Telephone No:

E-Mail:

Your Employment Details

If you are electing to move to the LGPS 50/50 section in more than three posts or in posts with different employers then additional forms will need to be completed and returned to the appropriate employer.

Name of Employer:

Name of post(s) in which you wish to opt into LGPS 50/50 Section:

Title of Post 1:

Payroll no. (if known):

Title of Post 2:

Payroll no. (if known):

Title of Post 3:

Payroll no. (if known):

Important: Please read the information on the next page before you sign and date the form.

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Election to Join the LGPS 50/50 Section

How does 50/50 work?

There are two sections in the LGPS from 1 April 2014 – the Main section and the 50/50 section. The Main section is where you pay normal contributions and get the normal pension build up. In the 50/50 section members pay half contributions and build up half of the normal pension. A member can elect to move from the Main section to the 50/50 section at any time. An election to join this section must be made in writing to your employer. This form can be used as your election.

If you have more than one employment you can elect for the 50/50 option in one, some or all your employments. Regardless of the section you are in, you get full life assurance cover.

How long can you remain in the 50/50 section?

The 50/50 section is designed to be a short-term option for when times are tough financially. Because of this your employer is required to re-enrol you back into the Main section of the scheme every three years. This will be carried out in line with your employer's automatic re-enrolment date. Your employer will tell you when this is if you are in the 50/50 section of the scheme. If you wish to continue in the 50/50 section at that point you would need to make another election to remain in that section.

If you go onto no pay due to sickness or injury, you will be moved back into the Main section by your employer. On your return to work you can make a further 50/50 election, if you wish, to move back to the 50/50 section.

You can choose to revert back to the Main section of the scheme at any time by informing your employer in writing and you will then start to build up full benefits in the Main section from your next available pay period.

Example: Comparison of the Main Section v 50/50 Option

*Based on an employee earning £18,375 a year paying a contribution rate of 5.8%

Main Section	50/50 Section
Gross Contribution in the main Scheme (for 1 year) 5.8% = £1,065.75	Gross Contribution in the 50/50 option (for 1 year) 2.90% = £532.88
Pension build up before revaluation in the main Scheme (for 1 year) £375.00 for each year in Retirement	Pension build up before revaluation in the 50/50 option (for 1 year) £187.50 for each year in Retirement
Lump Sum Life Assurance Cover £55,125 (3 x £18,375)	Lump Sum Life Assurance Cover £55,125 (3 x £18,375)

I understand that:

- I will pay half the contributions that I would have paid if I had remained in the Main section of the LGPS and build up half the normal pension that I would have accrued in the Main section.
- I can opt back into the Main section by informing my employer in writing. I will then start to build up full benefits in the Main section from the next available pay period.
- My employer will re-enrol me back into the Main section of the LGPS every three years due to automatic enrolment requirements.

Declaration: Having read the above information I wish to join the 50/50 section of the LGPS from the next available pay period.

Print Name

Signature

Date:

Once completed please return this form to your employer. Do not return it to the Pensions Office as this may delay your form being processed.