

Death Grant Expression of Wish

For members of the Local Government Pension Scheme



Please read carefully the 'Important Notes for Members' overleaf.

Please print in **BLOCK** capitals using **BLACK** ink

Member Details

Surname		Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other (please specify)	
Forename(s)		Date of Birth	
Employer or former Employer		National Insurance No.	
Address			
	Post Code		
Email (Home or Work)		Telephone	

I wish Fife Council Pension Fund, in the exercise of its absolute discretion, to consider paying any lump sum death benefit under the Local Government Pension Scheme, to the following individual(s) or organisation(s) and, if more than one, in the following shares.

Beneficiary Details

Name and Address	Relationship (if any)	Date of Birth (if under 18)	Share of Benefit (%)
		TOTAL	100%

(Please use additional sheets if necessary)

(Please ensure that beneficiaries' addresses are kept up to date)

I certify that the above details are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Member's Signature

Date

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Please send the completed form to:

HR/Payroll and Pensions Transaction Team, Finance and Corporate Services,
Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, KY7 5LT

Important Notes for Members

1. If you die whilst you are an active member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), a tax free lump sum death grant of three times your assumed pensionable pay at your date of death is paid, no matter how long you have been a member of the Scheme, providing you are under age 75 at the date of death.
2. If you have a deferred benefit and/or a pension in payment from a previous period of membership of the LGPS in Scotland, the lump sum death grant will be any lump sum payable in respect of those benefits or the death in service lump sum death grant of three times your assumed pensionable pay, whichever is the greater.
3. The advantage of nominating is that a death grant will be paid quickly without waiting possibly for several months for your Estate to be settled. A death grant is paid at the discretion of the Fund and does not form part of your Estate and, therefore, is NOT subject to any Court fees or Inheritance Tax or applying for Confirmation of Estate.
4. You can nominate one or more individuals, whether related or not related to you and/or an unincorporated body or incorporated body, to receive a share of your death grant. In the absence of a valid nomination, the payment would normally be made to your spouse, Registered Civil Partner or personal representatives.
5. If a child is nominated who is under the age of 18 at the time of the member's death, any death grant may be required to be paid into a Trust Fund set up by a legal guardian.
6. Although Fife Council Pension Fund has the greatest regards to your wishes, it is not legally bound by them. The Fund has absolute discretion to pay the death grant to or for the benefit of the member's nominee, personal representatives or any person who appears to have been a relative or dependant. Where a valid nomination does not exist the Fund will pay the grant, as it sees fit, to such persons who appear to have been a relative/dependant at the time of the member's death.
7. A death grant is usually paid to whoever you have nominated but nominations will be treated by the Fund as not being in force at the time of the member's death if:
 - The nominated beneficiary has died
 - The Fund is of the opinion that payment to the nominated beneficiary is not reasonably practicable in all the circumstances
 - The nominated beneficiary is a former spouse from whom you have since divorced or a former Registered Civil Partner where the partnership has been dissolved (if you wish to nominate a former spouse or Registered Civil Partner, complete a new nomination form which is dated after the date of divorce or dissolution).
8. In the event of both you and your spouse/partner/beneficiary dying at the same time, you could make provision overleaf by clearly stating who you would like to nominate should that unlikely event occur.
9. You must remember to revise your expression of wish whenever your circumstances change. Forms are available from Fife Council Pension Fund or www.fifedirect.org.uk/lgps or from Fife Council Intranet site FISH.
10. The Fund will acknowledge receipt of your expression of wish as soon as possible.

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