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Dear Colleagues

### **LGPS Consultation: Access and Fairness**

A very short Bulletin this month

A reminder that on 15 May 2025, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) launched a consultation on some proposed changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in England and Wales.

The proposals include suggested amendments to

- Survivor benefits and death grants
- Gender pensions gap benefits and reporting
- Reporting of Opt Outs
- Regulations regarding the McCloud remedy and the abolition of the Life Time Allowance

Other changes include

- Allowing small pot payments to be made to members who left the LGPS before 1 April 2008
- Allowing deferred members who left before 1 April 2008 to buy additional pension with in-house AVC pots.
- Allowing for the payment of refunds beyond the 5-year limit
- Other miscellaneous changes.

The full consultation can be found [here](#) and closes on 7 August 2025. I would welcome any comments that members may have on the proposals by no later than Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

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