

Police Pensioners' Newsletter



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Police Pensions Board

The Board meets three times a year. The Board members are as follows:

Employer Representatives

Alderman Ian Luder (Chairman)
Alexander Barr
Helen Isaac

Member Representatives

Mike Reed
Timothy Parsons
John Todd (Deputy Chairman)

Minutes and agendas of the meetings are posted to:

<http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1206>

Pay Day Schedule for remainder of 2020

October 2020	6 th October 2020
November 2020	6 th November 2020
December 2020	7 th December 2020

COVID-19

This year has obviously been a difficult time for everyone and we appreciate your understanding with the changes our team have had to make as detailed below.

Lockdown

The Pensions team have all been working from home as the Guildhall complex has been closed.

Correspondence

Lockdown has meant that the majority of our correspondence has been and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, via email. If you are contacting us by email, it is unlikely we have your email address. Please, therefore, attach a copy of your passport, driver's licence or similar document so that we may verify who we are talking to.

Looking after your information is one of our main priorities along with paying your pension. If we are unable to verify who we are talking to and where we have been asked to send information to, we will not send any information.

We appreciate not everyone has email accounts though and suggest that if email is an issue and you need to contact us, please phone us and we will work with you to find a solution.

Payslips

Having to work from home has also meant that we were unable to send out the March, April and May 2020 payslips as we usually do and any subsequent payslips where the difference in pay from the previous pay period was £2 or more.

As the latest government guidelines cover the next six months, we will not provide payslips automatically. They can, however, be emailed to you should you need one but only for a specific purpose, for example a mortgage application. Should you need one, please email verification in the form of a photo of your driver's licence, passport or birth certificate. We have been able to send out P60s and newsletters using an independent printing firm. Unfortunately, we are not able to use this method to send out the payslips.

Phones

A further change due to working from home is that the Pensions Payroll team is only available on the phone between the hours of 2pm and 5pm each working day. Should you call outside of these hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you the following working day.

Life Certificates 2020

Many thanks to those people living abroad that have returned their life certificates this year.

Should you have not managed to do so as yet, we would be grateful if you could as soon as you are able to. Any problems with doing so, please email our team and we will help to find a solution.

NARPO – written by David Smith, Secretary

As a recipient of a Police Pension, if you have not already done so, you are entitled to join the National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO) so, why not join us. For the past hundred years NARPO has been safeguarding members' rights, well-being and pensions.

As a Member of our Association you and your dependants will have access, whenever needed, to FREE useful advice / guidance on a wide range of issues including Police Pensions, State Pensions, State Benefits, Taxation and a range of Financial or Insurance Services (In particular car, home, health and travel insurance). We also have access to a great range of member- exclusives from discounts on holidays and weekend breaks to special deals on cars and other products. In addition, as a Member of NARPO you will receive our quarterly magazine, NARPO News and our e-newsletter. City of London Branch of NARPO organise a number of social events throughout the year at venues that are reserved for our exclusive use, FREE to Members and a guest, where you can re connect with old friends and colleagues.

A subscription to City of London Branch NARPO will cost you £21.12 per annum payable at £1.76 per month direct from your Police Pension. Should you decide to join City of London NARPO just go online at <http://signup.narpo.org>.

Or if need any help contact me at:-
smithdavid291@btinternet.com or 07598 120798

David Smith, Secretary City of London Branch NARPO

City of London Police Pensioners Association

The City of London Police Pensioners Association offers retired officers help and advice. If you feel you would like to contact them, please find their details below:

Belinda Harding 07956 214710 belinda464harding@yahoo.co.uk

Or

Jenny George 07873 268174 jagg315@hotmail.com

National Fraud Initiative – 2020

The City is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided to us for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. For further information visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/NFI

Income Tax 2020/2021

Rates

Personal Allowance 0%	Up to £12,500
Basic Rate 20%	£12,501 to £50,000
Higher Rate 40%	£50,001 to £150,000
Additional Rate 45%	£150,001 and above

Please note that Scottish tax rates vary from the above.

For further information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk>

Tax Reference

The Police Pensions PAYE reference is 951/CO862B.

Data Protection Act 18 (DPA18) Privacy Notice

From 25/05/2018, new rules regarding data protection were introduced.


The City holds pensioners' data. We share the data with other organisations e.g. the Pensioners' Association (see above), scheme actuaries and HMRC and therefore these new rules apply.

The privacy statement can be found on the website:


www.cityoflondonpensions.org

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