## WARWICKSHIRE

# pension fund

#### **December Employer Newsletter**

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#### Employer training event

Just a reminder in case you missed it in the last newsletter, we are holding a face-to-face training event for employers in February 2023. You should soon receive a questionnaire from us, asking what topics you would like us to cover, and for any other feedback from you that you think would help to make the training more useful for you.

The session will be held at Northgate House in Warwick on February 10th

More details will follow on this soon

#### **Annual Report**

The Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) has been made aware that some pension fund audits will be delayed this year due to issues auditing the host authority's accounts. All Administering Authorities have a statutory duty to publish their annual report on or before the 1st December.

The SAB has urged administering authorities to publish their 2021/22 annual reports based on the best data available to them by the statutory deadline. Ideally, the report would be based on audited data. But if that is likely to result in a significant delay, the SAB asks funds to produce and publish reports based on unaudited data (labelled as draft), and to re-publish an amended annual report with the external auditor's opinion and revised data after audit, where necessary.

Warwickshire Pension Fund did publish a draft version of its annual report on its website before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. A final version will be available when the accounts are formally approved.

#### Regulators issue scam warning to pension schemes and savers

The Pensions Regulator (TPR) joined forces with the Financial Conduct Authority and the Money and Pensions Service to issue a scam warning to pension schemes and savers on 11 November 2022. The statement warns of an increased risk from scammers because of the current economic uncertainty.

The warning urges savers to:

- contact MoneyHelper for free, impartial advice before making any hasty decisions
- check that they are dealing with a legitimate firm by visiting the ScamSmart website
- know how to spot pension scams and avoid them

A link to the TPR website for more information about this is here

#### Christmas opening hours for the pensions office

Over the Christmas period our office may be a little quieter than usual but we are still open over the following times

23rd December 8.30 to 5pm

26th December closed

27th December closed

28th December closed

29<sup>th</sup> December 8.30pm to 5pm

30<sup>th</sup> December 8.30pm to 5pm

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 Closed

3<sup>rd</sup> January back to normal office hours

And if your employers have any queries about their pensions over this period they can also log on to member self service to check any details regarding their pension

https://warwickshirepensionfund.org.uk/scheme/members-self-service-portal

#### **WPF Contact details**

 $General\ enquiries-\underline{pensions@warwickshire.gov.uk}$ 

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Website - <a href="https://warwickshirepensionfund.org.uk">https://warwickshirepensionfund.org.uk</a>

### And finally, we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas from everyone at Warwickshire Pension Fund

