

Would you like to get involved in the running of Cumbria Pension Fund?

Cumbria Pension Fund provides a Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for over 65,000 scheme members and on behalf of 120 employers within Cumbria. The Fund invests assets with a value in excess of £3.4 billion to ensure that pensions can be paid now and into the future.

The oversight of the Cumbria Pension Fund ('the Fund') is provided by two bodies appointed by Westmorland and Furness Council ('the Council'). These are the Cumbria Pensions Committee, who are responsible for carrying out the Council's functions as the delegated decision-making body, and the Cumbria Local Pension Board, who are responsible for assisting the Council to comply with all relevant legislative requirements and to ensure the effective governance and administration of the pension scheme.

The membership of Cumbria Local Pension Board comprises of an Independent Chair (non-voting), three Scheme Member Representatives and three Scheme Employer Representatives. All Scheme Member and Employer Representatives have equal voting rights. The Board also has Reserve Scheme Member and Employer Representatives to attend meetings where substantive members are unable to attend.

Cumbria Pension Fund is currently seeking applications to join the Local Pension Board for the following roles:

- 1 x Scheme Member Representative
- 3 x Reserve Scheme Member Representatives.

As a Scheme Member Representative, you will support the Fund and help to ensure that your pension scheme is being run properly with all scheme members receiving the best possible service.

Meetings of Cumbria Local Pension Board are held quarterly. These are usually in person meetings held within the Westmorland and Furness area (normally Kendal or Penrith).

The Fund will provide training opportunities for all Board Members to gain and maintain the skills, knowledge and understanding required to undertake their role. As a general guide it can be expected that this training may equate to 4 days per year. All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Essential Criteria:

- You are a member of the Cumbria LGPS.
- You should have an understanding of the LGPS and the capacity to extend this knowledge through training.
- You are required to commit to a term of membership of four years.
- You should be able to attend quarterly in person meetings held within the Westmorland and Furness area (usually Kendal or Penrith).

Would you like to know more?

For more information on the operation of the Cumbria Pension Fund, please see the Fund's Annual Report (due to be published 1st December 2024) available on the website at: https://cumbriapensionfund.org/.

For the Terms of Reference for Cumbria Local Pension Board, please see: https://www.cumbriapensionfund.org/fund-information/local-pensions-board/.

Would you like to apply?

If would like to register your interest in becoming a Scheme Member Representative, please complete the Expression of Interest form using the link below:

https://www.cumbriapensionfund.org/media/5affrpia/cumbria-local-pension-board-expression-of-interest-form.docx

Forms should be returned via email to pensions@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk no later than **24th December 2024**.

Applications will be assessed to ensure that applicants meet the relevant criteria. If the number of applications exceeds the number required, then a selection process to appoint may be held.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

Cumbria Pension Fund and Westmorland and Furness Council are committed to improving diversity to ensure we reflect the communities and scheme membership that we serve. We welcome applications from everyone and work to promote an inclusive, supportive culture that values and celebrates our differences.