

Under the scheme of delegations to officers, the Chief has a general authority to **exercise all the powers of the Authority under relevant legislation**, and specifically in relation to pensions “in consultation with the Treasurer and to the extent that the functions may lawfully be delegated to an officer, **to discharge the functions of the Authority**, including the exerciser of any discretions, under the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme, the Local Government Pension Scheme and any predecessors to these schemes.

The exercise of those powers is subject to the requirement that any decisions or actions shall comply with relevant resolutions, orders and directions of the Authority and of its appointed Panels.

The Authority has the power under the Pension Schemes and Equality Act to make appropriate pension payments. The power to make pension payments can be delegated to an officer. As yet, there are no relevant resolutions, orders or directions from the Authority about how the powers are to be applied in Immediate Detriment cases. That being the case, Dawn does have the power to authorise the payment to [REDACTED] - if she chooses to exercise that power.

Going forward, I think it will be appropriate to get a Fire Authority or Panel determination about how future cases are to be treated.