STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 123 (C. 4)

PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS

The Public Service Pensions (2014 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - - 28th April 2014

The Department of Finance and Personnel, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 37(2) and (3) of the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(**1**), makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) — This Order may be cited as the Public Service Pensions (2014 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section or Schedule is a reference to the section of or Schedule to the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Provisions of the Act coming into force on 28th April 2014

2.—(1) 28th April 2014 is the day appointed for the coming into force of—

(a) section 1 (schemes for persons in public service) and Schedule 1 (persons in public service: definitions);

(b) section 2 (responsible authority for schemes) and Schedule 2 (responsible authorities);

(c) section 3 (scheme regulations) and Schedule 3 (scope of scheme regulations: supplementary matters);

(d) section 8 (types of scheme);

(e) section 9(1), (2), (3), (4)(b), (5) and (6) (revaluation);

(f) section 10 (pension age);

(g) section 14 (information about benefits);

(h) sections 17(2) to (5) (regulatory oversight);

(i) section 18 (restriction of existing pension schemes) and Schedule 5 (existing pension schemes);

(j) section 19 (closure of existing injury and compensation schemes) and Schedule 6 (existing injury and compensation schemes);

(**1**) 2014 c.2(N.I)

(k) section 20 (final salary link) and Schedule 7 (final salary link);

(l) section 21 (consultation);

(m) section 22 (procedure for protected elements);

(n) section 23 (procedure for retrospective provision);

(o) section 24 (other procedure);

(p) section 25 (extension of schemes);

(q) section 26 (non-scheme benefits); and

(r) section 27 of the Act (consequential and minor amendments) and Schedule 8 (consequential and minor amendments).

(2) The requirement in subsection (2) of section 21 to publish a statement does not apply to any consultation which started before the coming into force of that section.

Commencement of governance provisions

3.—(1) 28th April 2014 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions identified in paragraph (2) for all purposes except for those referred to in paragraphs (3) and (4).

(2) The provisions are –

(a) section 4 (scheme manager);

(b) section 5 (pension board);

(c) section 6 (pension board: information); and

(d) section 7 (scheme advisory board).

(3) The purpose of making scheme regulations to establish schemes for the payment of pensions and other benefits to or in respect of local government workers.

(4) The purpose of making scheme regulations to establish schemes for the payment of pensions and other benefits to or in respect of fire and rescue workers.

Provisions of the Act coming into force on 28th April 2014 for certain purposes

4. 28th April 2014 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions for the purposes specified in this article—

(a) section 11(2), (3) and (4) (valuations), for the purpose of making Department of Finance and Personnel directions under section 11(2);

(b) section 12(2), (3), (4), (5), (8) and (9) (employer cost cap), for the purpose of making Department of Finance and Personnel directions under section 11(2), section 11(3), and section 12(3) and Department of Finance and Personnel regulations under section 11(6) and section 12(5);

(c) section 16 (records), for the purpose of making regulations;

(d) section 17(1) (regulatory oversight), for the purpose of introducing paragraphs 1, 2, 14 to 16, and 18 of Schedule 4 (regulatory oversight); and

(e) paragraphs 1, 2, 14 to 16, and 18 of Schedule 4 (regulatory oversight), for all purposes.

Commencement of provisions relating to existing local government pension scheme

5. 1st April 2015 is the day appointed for the coming into force of section 28 (existing local government scheme) for all purposes.