



**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

**Expression of Wish for Payment of Death Grant**

If you die in service while a member of the Pension Scheme or you are a deferred member, a lump sum called a Death Grant is payable to your estate. A Death Grant may also be payable if you have already retired depending on how long your pension has been in payment.

Death in Service

The death grant for someone who dies in service is equal to three times your final pay.

Death after Retirement

If you retired after 1 April 2009 a Death Grant is payable if you die within the first 10 years and you are under age 75 – the amount payable is equal to 10 years pension less any pension paid up to date of death. If you retired before 1 April 2009 the death grant is equal to five years pension less any pension paid up to date of death.

Death of a Deferred Member

If you are a deferred member and left employment after 1 April 2009 the death grant is equal to five years pension. If you left employment before 1 April 2009 the death grant would be equal to your Retirement Grant.

You can nominate a person(s) or organisation(s) to whom the money should be paid. This will help to speed up the payment of the death grant and where payment is not made to the member's estate will exempt the payment from inheritance tax.

Such a nomination is an **expression of wish** only. It is **not binding** on your administering authority, who have the discretion to pay the lump sum death grant to your nominee or executors or any person who appears, at any time, to have been your relative or dependent.

In the event of my death, I wish that any death grant, which may be payable under the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations to be paid to the following person(s) –

Please use BLOCK capitals:-

Full name	Relationship (if any)	Address	Proportion %

Please ensure that the proportion of death grant you have detailed equals 100%

I understand that Scottish Borders Council is not bound by this nomination.

I understand that any nomination form, which I submit to Scottish Borders Council in the future, will supersede this nomination.

**Signature** .....

**Date:** .....

**NAME** .....

**Employee No** .....

## **NOTES:**

- ❖ You can nominate more than one person or organisation but you must say how much money you want to go to whom. e.g. brother 60%, sister 40%( the total must be 100%)
- ❖ You can change or cancel your expression of wish at any time but you must do this by completing a new form. Scottish Borders Council will provide further forms on request.
- ❖ If you get married after making a nomination, you must fill in a new form to confirm or change the nomination.
- ❖ If Scottish Borders Council has been unable to pay the death grant to the nominees within 2 years of your death, it will be paid to your estate.
- ❖ The administrators of the scheme are not bound by any nomination made, however, they will have to take account of the member's wishes. In most cases it is expected that the wishes of the member would be followed.

**Please return this form to the Pensions Team, HR Shared Services, Scottish Borders Council, Old School Building, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 OSA (Tel: 01835 8265777 or 01835 825205)**