

## Appendix A

## Firefighters Pension Schemes Discretionary Policy Statement amendment – Rule C9 “Reinstatement of Widow’s pension”

**The Firefighters' Pension Scheme 1992**

Regulation	Explanation	NW Decision	Comments
Rule C9 - Reinstatement of Widow’s pension	Under the 1992 Scheme a person entitled to a widow's pension who marries, remarries, forms a civil partnership or a subsequent civil partnership is not entitled to receive any payment on account of the pension in respect of any subsequent period; but if the marriage or civil partnership is dissolved or the other party to it dies, the Fire and Rescue Authority may pay the whole or any part of the pension for such period after the dissolution or death as they deem reasonable.	It is unlikely that the Authority will reinstate an ex-spouse’s pension at the end of a new remarriage or civil partnership or cohabitation; however, each case will be considered on an individual basis by the Authority, should an application from a previous beneficiary be made.	This discretion is in line with the amendments made in 2017 and retrospectively apply back to April 2015.