Registering a Cohabiting Partner for a Survivor's Pension

If you have paid into the LGPS on or after 1 April 2008 you can register a cohabiting partner to receive a Survivor's Pension in the event of your death, by completing and returning this form to the Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund (the Fund).

Please note that:
- If you are married or are in a registered civil partnership then your spouse / civil partner will automatically be covered for a survivor's pension in the event of your death.
- A Survivor's Pension for a cohabiting partner is only based on any LGPS membership you may have after 6 April 1988.

What you need to know

In order for your cohabiting partner to be eligible to receive a Survivor's Pension, the Fund must be satisfied that the following conditions have been met for a continuous period of at least 2 years on the date you die:

You were able to marry your cohabiting partner, or form a civil partnership with them;

- You have been living with your cohabiting partner as if you were husband and wife, or as if your were civil partners;

- Your cohabiting partner is financially dependent on you, or you are financially dependent on each other.

In the event of your death, a Survivor's Pension will be payable to your cohabiting partner if the Fund is satisfied that:

- These conditions apply at the date of your death and there has not been a change in your circumstances;

- Your cohabiting partner can prove that the conditions listed above have been met for a continuous period of at least 2 years immediately before your death.

- For example: confirmation that you lived in a shared household with shared household spending; or that you had a bank account or mortgage in joint names.

In the event that the Fund decided not to pay a Survivor's Pension, and your cohabiting partner believed that they were entitled, then they would have the right to appeal.

Your declaration

	LGPS Member	Cohabiting Partner
Full Name		
Date of Birth		
NI Number		
LGPS Employer		
Home Address		
Email Address		

We confirm that all of the following apply and we will notify the fund if our circumstances change:

- *We are free to marry each other, or enter into a civil partnership with each other;*
- *We live together as if we were husband and wife, or registered civil partners;*
- *Neither of us are living with someone else as if we were husband and wife, or civil partners;*
- *We are financially dependent on each other, or the cohabiting partner is financially dependent upon the LGPS member.*

Member's Signature		**Date**	
Partner's Signature		**Date**	

- Please attach a scanned copy, or photocopy, of your Cohabiting Partner's **Birth Certificate** with this document (or their Passport or Driving Licence, if their Birth Certificate is not available)
- It is important to let us know if there is a change in your partnership, or if you wish to amend this registration.

Please return your completed *'Registering a Cohabiting Partner for a Survivor's Pension'* form by:

- Uploading them to your My Pension Online account
- Emailing them to pensions@torfaen.gov.uk
- Posting them to:
  The Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund
  Torfaen County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6YB

- When we receive your completed form, we will record your partner's details on your pension record and send confirmation to you, either by letter or by email.