**Specimen Letter IHR09**

**Tier 3 – stop after 3 years**

Dear **<Name of Member>**

**Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Tier 3 Ill Health Benefits**

I write to advise you that you will have been in receipt of your LGPS Tier 3 ill health benefits for three years on **<date of leaving + 3 years>**. As you were advised when you were awarded the Tier 3 benefits, the LGPS Regulations require **<Name of Scheme Employer>** to discontinue payment after three years.

I have instructed Avon Pension Fund to stop the payment of your LGPS benefits from **<date of leaving + 3 years>** and you will then be a Pensioner Member of the LGPS with deferred benefits. Your pension will be put back into payment when you reach the LGPS normal retirement age of 65 or you can claim it from age 60, although a reduction may apply.

You have the right to initiate a formal appeal in respect of **<Name of Scheme Employer’s>** determination, under Avon Pension Fund’s ‘Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure’ (IDRP). Any appeal under IDRP must be made in writing to **<Scheme Employer Appeals Officer Job Title>** at **<Appeals Officer Address>** outlining your reason(s), such as new or unused medical evidence, within 6 months of the date of this letter.

If there is anything you do not understand, or you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact **<me/Scheme Employer Contact>** on direct line telephone number **<Direct Phone Number>**, or you can write to **<me/Scheme Employer Contact>** at **<Contact Address>**.

Your sincerely,

**<Name of Authorised Officer>**

**<Post of Authorised Officer>**

**<Name of Scheme Employer>**

**<Contact Details>**

1. Statutory Instrument 2007 No. 1166 (as amended) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)