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Dear

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Changes to Equitable Life Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) scheme

I am writing to inform you of the potential changes that will affect your AVC contract with Equitable Life.

Equitable life is proposing to transfer their AVC provision to Utmost Life and Pensions and change the way in which your AVC is invested. It is not yet confirmed that this will happen, it is currently a proposal and below are the relevant points of that proposal.

The proposal

Part one

- Increase With-Profits Policy Values with an immediate one-off uplift
- Remove investment guarantees (including any guaranteed increases and any with profits switching rights)
- Convert With-Profits Policies to Unit Linked Policies.

Part two

- Policy holders (such as the City of London Corporation) and Pension Trustees have been asked to vote on a decision to transfer or they can object if their pension scheme would be affected by the transfer. This is not legally required
- Approval by the High Court is legally required
- Transfer of Equitable Life business to Utmost Life and Pensions

The vote on the transfer must be completed by 1 November 2019 and a hearing is scheduled at the High Court for the 22 November 2019. If the proposal is successful it is intended for the transfer to take full effect on 1 January 2020.

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We will contact you again following the High Court hearing and share further information when we receive it. In the meantime should you have any questions please contact me on the details provided at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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