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Dear Mr Test

Local Government Pension Scheme Retirement Benefits

I write to inform you that on your retirement from your employment with the City of London Corporation on *DATE* you have become entitled to an award of preserved retirement benefits payable from age 65. The value of these benefits is as follows:-

(Please note, all figures within this letter are fictional)

Annual Pension	£	23,685.30
Lump Sum Retirement Grant	£	48,091.04
Spouses Pension (payable upon death)	£	10,683.07

Alternatively, you may elect to receive immediate payment of reduced benefits from *DATE*. The value of these benefits would be as follows:-

Annual Pension	£	20,470.01
Lump Sum Retirement Grant	£	45,836.77
Spouses Pension (payable upon death)	£	10,683.07

Calculation of Final Salary Pension benefits

Your pension benefits up to *DATE* are based on your membership and your final pay on leaving. Your final pay is usually the pensionable pay in respect of your final year of scheme membership or one of the two previous years' if this is higher. If you were working part-time your final pay is the pay that you would have received had you worked whole-time.

These benefits have been calculated using a pensionable pay of £47,086.43. This relates to the period *DATE1* to *DATE2* and is the highest of the final three years.

If your pay was reduced or increases to your pay were restricted in your last 10 years of continuous employment because you downgraded or moved to a job with less responsibility, or as a result of a job evaluation/equal pay exercise, or because of a change to what is specified as pensionable pay in your contract **you have the option to have your final pay calculated as the average of any 3 consecutive years' pay in the last 13 years** (ending on a 31 March). If you wish to take up this option please notify me in writing immediately.

Your benefits are increased in the line with the cost of living, both while they are preserved, and after they come into payment. Where a previous year's pay has been used these increases apply from the end of the pay period used.

If you receive arrears of salary after leaving the LGPS (e.g. due to a backdated pay award or a bonus paid in respect of an earlier period) your pension benefits will be re-calculated accordingly; where a previous year's pay has been used to calculate your pension benefits the re-calculation may result in the final year being higher and consequently pension increases will apply from a later date. **As a result there may be a reduction in the pensions increase amount and a reduction to the total pension benefit payable.**

Calculation of Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) benefits

From *DATE* your pension is calculated each year by taking 1/49th of your pensionable pay in that year and adding it to your Pension Account. The amount of pension in your Pension Account at the end of each scheme year will be adjusted in line with the cost of living.

Exchanging annual pension for lump sum

You have an option to convert some of your pension into extra lump sum retirement grant. Such conversion would be within Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) limits. For every £ 1.00 of annual pension converted, you would receive an additional lump sum retirement grant of £ 12.00.

If you elect to take immediate payment of reduced benefits the maximum you are allowed to convert is £4,855.18 which would then provide you with an additional lump sum retirement grant of £58,262.13.

You can choose to convert any amount of pension up to the maximum amount shown above. The options available to you are detailed on the attached 'Lump Sum Option form'. Should you elect to convert pension to provide for a larger lump sum but wish to convert an amount less than the permitted maximum you should select Option C and specify the amount of additional lump sum you wish to receive.

Prudential AVC

If you elect to convert the maximum pension, as shown above, you will not be able to take your entire Prudential AVC fund as tax free cash. Prudential estimate that the current value of your AVC fund is £19,748.07 which you can elect to receive as a tax-free lump sum.

As mentioned previously, you have an option to convert some of your pension into extra lump sum retirement grant.

If you wish to take your entire AVC fund as tax free cash the maximum you would be permitted to convert is £3,797.25 which would then provide you with an additional lump sum retirement grant of £45,566.98.

Please note that if you reduce your pension, your spouse's and dependants' pensions would not be affected.

Please also complete the attached 'personal details following retirement' and 'lifetime allowance statement' forms and return them to the pensions office enclosing any relevant certificates.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Anita Higginson on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

Charlie Partridge
Pensions Manager

City of London
Local Government Pension Scheme

Payment of Benefits Form

Please tick the appropriate option

Option 1

I wish to take a reduced pension and lump sum from ****. I have completed and enclosed:

- Lump Sum Option Form
- Bank details Form
- Lifetime allowance Form

Option 2

I wish to take an un-reduced pension and lump sum from ****.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name: _____

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Lump Sum Option Form

NB: Only complete this form if you have elected to take reduced pension benefits (Option 1).

Option A- Maximum Permitted Pension Converted to Lump Sum

An annual pension of £****
Plus a tax free Lump Sum of £****
Percentage of Lifetime Allowance ****%

Option B- Standard Pension Benefits

An annual pension of £****
Plus a tax free Lump Sum of £****
Percentage of Lifetime Allowance ****%

Option C- Pension Converted to Lump Sum

Please state the amount of lump sum required
between £**** and £****. £ _____

The annual pension and percentage of lifetime allowance will be calculated and detailed to you.

I wish to take my benefits as shown in Option _____ (please state which letter option you wish to take).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name: _____

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