

National Pensions Framework Contracting Authorities Update (Fire) 7th October 2025



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Introduction

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Pensions Framework Background

Northamptonshire OPFCC are currently managing the 2nd gen Pensions Framework which is available to Police and Fire authorities.

During the current Framework period Pension Administrators have:

- Implemented McCloud/Sergeant Remedy affecting all public sector pension members in service between 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2022
- Implemented Matthews Remedy for retained Firefighters in service between 1st July 2000 – 5th April 2006
- Currently working on delivery of Pensions Dashboards – staging date for public sector pensions is 31st October 2025.

This has been, and continues to be, challenging for Pensions Administrators and Pension Software suppliers due to the complexity of the requirements, delayed guidance and data required from Forces/Services to facilitate the above.

New Framework Activity

We conducted Preliminary market engagement with Contracting Authorities Suppliers and other key stakeholders (e.g. LGA) with a view to having two lots:

Lot 1 – Pensions Administration

Lot 2 – Pensions Software

Having completed the engagement exercise it has been decided that the **new** National Framework in Partnership with BlueLight Commercial will have just one lot.

- Provision of Pension Administration Services for any UK Force, NCA, Fire and Rescue Service and LGPS

How the Framework can help Fire and Rescue Services

- Route to market through the Framework reduces procurement timescales
- Suppliers are pre-checked for financial standing, hosting, data handling and vetting requirements
- The Framework is on the national radar with several working groups and committees
- Joint working with BLC and other key stakeholders e.g. LGA/NPCC drives progress with providers to meet key deliverables

Process and Key Dates

- Preliminary Market Engagement – COMPLETE
- Specification, KPIs and SLAs going out to review with small working group made up of Police/Fire and other key stakeholders w/c 6th October
- Hosting and Data Handling Requirements in progress
- Tender document preparation in progress
- Open Procedure under the Procurement Act 2023 – tender live planned date 31/10/2025 (subject to change)
- Framework live planned date 18/06/2026

Questions or comments?

- We'd be delighted to hear from you if you would like further detail, have comments or would like to help us shape the specification, KPIs or SLAs.
- Please contact:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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