



Lambeth

Expression of Wish

Use this form to register or amend beneficiaries for the Death Grant
Please read the guidance notes overleaf before completing this form

Personal Details of Member (Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Surname Title

Forenames Date of Birth

NI Number

Address

Email

Telephone No

Partnership Status Single Married Civil Partnership Cohabiting Divorced Widow/er

Status Date Date of Marriage / Civil Partnership / Divorce / Death of spouse

Expression of Wish

I have read the notes overleaf and I request Lambeth Council in the exercise of its absolute discretion, to consider paying any lump sum death benefit due under the Local Government Pension Scheme to the following individual(s) and/or organisation(s) and (if more than one) in the following shares, in the event of my death:

	Name of beneficiary	Address of beneficiary	Relationship to you	Percentage (Total = 100%)
1				
2				
3				

(If additional beneficiaries are required enter their details on a separate sheet)

Signed by the member Date

When completed, this Expression of Wish form should be returned to:
Lambeth Pensions, PO Box 80771, London, SW2 9QQ
Or via email to pensions@lambeth.gov.uk

Notes on Completion of this Form

Please read the following notes carefully before completing the form overleaf

This form should only be completed if you are a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

A death grant **will** be payable if you die:

- a) whilst contributing to the Local Government Pension Scheme, or
- b) if you have deferred pension benefits in the Lambeth Pension Fund

A death grant **may** be payable if you die whilst receiving a pension, but this will depend on how long your pension has been paid for.

Lambeth Council has absolute discretion as to the distribution of any death grant. As a result of this discretion, any death grant paid should not be subject to inheritance tax.

Why make an “Expression of Wish”?

Completing an “Expression of Wish” form for someone to receive your death grant will assist Lambeth Council in exercising its discretion meaning we should be able to pay it quickly in the event of your death. It will mean that your death grant should not be subject for inheritance tax.

If no valid “expression of wish” form is in force at the date of death, any death grant may have to be paid to your estate.

Who can I name on the form?

You can name anyone you wish. You can put the name of one person or a number of people or a charity to have a share of it. If you nominate more than one person you must show how much of the grant each person is to receive, for example 40%, 60%. It must add up to 100%. If you wish to nominate someone under 18 years old, you should obtain independent legal advice and provide us with a letter telling us what arrangements you have put in place. If the person nominated dies before you then you will need to complete a new form to nominate your new beneficiary. If you have listed more than one person and any one of them dies you will also need to complete a new form.

Can I change my “expression of wish” once I’ve made it?

Yes, you can change your nomination as many times as you like, and at any time either by logging in to your online pension account using Member Self Service via pensions.lambeth.gov.uk or by downloading a form from our website lgpslambeth.org. If you make a new “expression of wish” it immediately replaces the previous one as soon as it has been received by Lambeth Pensions.

How much is my death grant?

For general guidelines either view your online pension account using Member Self Service via pensions.lambeth.gov.uk, check the website: <https://www.lgpsmember.org/> or contact Lambeth Pensions.

Important points to remember

This form is not a will. Although the Council will have the greatest regard to your wishes, it is not legally bound by them, because for the tax advantages to apply, it must retain absolute discretion as to the distribution of the death grant. If for any reason your wishes cannot be complied with, your death grant will be paid to your estate. This might make your death grant liable for inheritance tax.

If you put down the name of your spouse or civil partner but later divorce or legally dissolve your partnership, the “expression of wish” will automatically become invalid.