3.7 Pension Drawdown

- **Member access to drawdown their pension savings/investment fund will be aligned with State Pension arrangements (currently from age 66).**
- **On retirement members will be provided with access to their accumulated fund for use in accordance with prevailing pension and tax regulations (e.g. a lump sum (subject to regulated limits), an annuity or an Approved Retirement Fund (ARF).**
- **Members will be free to select a pension product from the open market, however the CPA may, if there is demand, tender for a set of pension drawdown options that it will make available to members.**

- It will take some time for members (at least 10 – 15 years) to accumulate pension pots of sufficient size to warrant the provision of CPA mediated pension drawdown products.

- Therefore, it is not intended, at least initially, that the CPA would arrange pension drawdown options. Instead, members who retire will be provided with a final fund value that they may take and invest in those regulated pension drawdown products available in the open market in accordance with prevailing pension regulations (e.g., annuities or approved retirement fund products).

- As the system matures, consideration will be given to developing a set of pension drawdown options to be made available via the CPA. If these options are developed, they will not be mandatory – members will still be free to take their fund and invest it in pension products in the open market.