An Chomhairle Pinsean
The Pensions Council

The Pensions Council and its Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty 2025

The Pensions Council's sole function is to advise the Minister for Social Protection, either on its own initiative or at the Minister's request, on matters relating to pensions generally. The Pensions Council seeks to represent and protect the consumer interest in the course of its work to help to ensure that the pension system has a stronger consumer focus. The Pensions Council does not have any staff, nor does it provide services directly to the public.

The Pensions Council does not have any statutory obligation to publish an annual report or a strategic plan or any such equivalent documents. This document is produced in order to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty as set out in Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 in so far as that duty applies to the functions of the Pensions Council.

The Pensions Council is committed to ensuring that it meets its obligations to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of its members and those it engages it with in carrying out its functions, as required under section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014.

In 2025, the Pensions Council met on eight occasions and, following changes to its membership, considered a range of potential projects and research topics to shape its future work programme. In conducting these activities, the Pensions Council had regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and treatment and protect the human rights of our members and those the Pensions Council engages with when performing its functions.