Title: Pension Fund Accounts 2016/17

Report of the Chief Operating Officer

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Wards Affected: None | Key Decision: No

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Summary:

This report presents the Pension Panel with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2017 and includes the 2016/17 Audited Pension Fund Accounts.

The Annual Report is available on the Council's website at:

Recommendations

The Panel is asked to consider and note the Pension Fund Annual Report for 2016/17.

1. Introduction and Background

1.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (No. 239) requires each administering authority to prepare an annual report for the pension fund. The regulations prescribe that the following should be included in the annual report:

- a report on the management and financial performance of the fund during the year;
- an explanation of the investment policy;
- a report on the administrative arrangements for the fund;
- a statement from the actuary on the latest funding level;
• the current version of the governance compliance statement;
• the fund account and net asset statement with supporting notes and disclosures;
• the extent to which the fund has achieved its required performance levels; and
• the current version of the funding strategy statement, the statement of investment principles and communications policy and any other information the authority considers appropriate.

1.2 The Annual Report of the Pension Fund has been prepared and subjected to audit by KPMG prior to being released for publication. Several additional disclosures are now required to assist with the production of the LGPS annual report. The additional reporting includes:

i. Fund Age Distribution as at 31 March 2017;
ii. Pension Fund Three Year Budget;
iii. An analysis of fund assets as at 31 March 2017;
iv. An analysis of investment income as at 31 March 2017; and
v. A separately reported Pension Board section.

1.3 The Panel is recommended to note the Pension Fund Annual Report for 2016/17.

2. Consultation

2.1 Council’s Pension Fund governance arrangements involve continuous dialogue and consultation between finance staff and external advisers.

The Chief Operating Officer and the Fund's Chair have been informed of the commentary in this report.

3. Financial Implications

*Implications completed by: Kathy Freeman, Director of Finance*

3.1 The Pension Fund is a statutory requirement to provide a defined benefit pension to scheme members. The Pension Panel is responsible for agreeing and monitoring the investment strategy and formally reviewing the Fund’s governance and administration of the Fund. This paper forms part of the strategy and governance reviewing process.

4. Legal Implications

*Implications completed by: Paul Feild, Senior Governance Solicitor*

4.1 As observed in the main body of the report The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (No. 239) requires each administering authority to prepare an annual report for the pension fund. This report serves that purpose.
5. **Other Implications**

5.1 There are no other immediate implications arising from this report.

**Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:**

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (No. 239)

**List of appendices:**

None