

Pension Fund Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 2 December 2016

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions)

Matters Arising

Temporary delisting of the Lancashire County Pension Fund as a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code.

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report refers to a decision taken by the Chair of the Committee in consultation with the Head of Fund in connection with the UK Stewardship Code.

Recommendation

That the decision by the Chair to approve the Lancashire County Council Pension Fund being temporarily delisted as a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code for a period of 6 months pending the Fund's development of an Investment Strategy Statement is noted

Background and Advice

At the last meeting the Committee agreed to authorise the Chair, in consultation with the Head of Fund, to approve a revised statement of compliance with the UK Stewardship Code.

At that time the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) had introduced the public tiering of signatories to the Stewardship Code and set a deadline of 30th September 2016 for current signatories to refresh current statements in order to achieve Tier 1 status and fully meet the reporting expectations in relation to stewardship activities.

However, following the Committee feedback from the FRC in response to dialogue with them by LPPI's Responsible Investment Officer, resulted a change of circumstances which led to the Chair approving the Fund being temporarily delisted as a signatory to the Stewardship Code until it had developed and published its first ISS.

A copy of the signed decision by the Chair is attached as Appendix 'A'.

Following the decision all Members of the Committee were informed by email on the 30th September, 2016

The Committee should note that a report is presented elsewhere on the agenda regarding the approval under the urgent business procedure of the Investment Strategy Statement.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risks associated with this report

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Pension Fund Committee Agenda and Minutes	15 th September 2016	Mike Neville 01772 533431
Pension Fund Committee Chairs decision	29 th September 2016	Mike Neville 01772 533431

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A