

Pension Fund Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 1 December 2017

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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LCPF Strategic Plan 2018/19 to 20/21

Appendix 'A' refers

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Executive Summary

The Strategic Plan defines the key objectives of the Fund. Given the dependence of the Fund on the three yearly actuarial valuation cycle as a driver for much of its activity, the strategic plan looks at specific objectives over this time period. The management of the Fund is broken down into four areas, namely:

- Governance
- Asset and Liability Management
- Administration
- Communication

The draft plan is attached at Appendix A

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to approve the draft Lancashire County Pension Fund Strategic Plan – 2018/19 – 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

The need for the Pension Fund to have a clear strategic planning framework was identified and reported in the annual governance statement in June 2014. Therefore a strategic plan to cover the three years up to 2017/18 was developed and approved. A new plan is now required to cover the period 2018/19 to 2020/21.

It is considered that the areas of activity around which the existing Plan was constructed are still valid and therefore the proposed Plan is built around:

- Governance – Ensuring the effective operation of the framework of control and the understanding and addressing of the risks to which the Fund is exposed.

- Asset and Liability Management – The design and delivery of investment strategies aimed at meeting specific investment objectives, whether in terms of growing the asset base or offsetting movements in liabilities.
- Administration – Processes for maintaining member contribution records and for the accurate and timely calculation and payment of benefits.
- Communication – Processes for communicating both with scheme members and employers and promoting the benefits of participation in the scheme.

A draft three year Strategy is attached as Appendix 'A' for approval

Consultations

The Plan is derived from potential regulatory changes or issues that have been discussed with the Pension Fund Committee or the Local Pension Board. No further consultation has been undertaken.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The Strategic Plan has been developed in line with the risk register. Having a strategic plan will assist in the management of those risks faced by the Fund.

Financial

There are no direct financial consequences of adopting the Plan.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
N/A		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		