

Pension Fund Committee

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 July 2018

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

LCPF Pension Administration Strategy Statement

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Following consultation with Fund employers a revised draft Pension Administration Strategy Statement (PASS) is attached at Appendix 'A' for consideration by the Committee.

These changes are intended to ensure best practice and compliance with the standards set by The Pension Regulator specifically in terms of data quality and the timely receipt of data.

Recommendation

The Pension Fund Committee is asked to approve the changes to the PASS as set out at Appendix 'A' in order that the Fund can formerly publish this revised statement later this year.

Background and Advice

At the Pension Fund Committee held on Friday, 23rd March 2018 it was agreed that a revised PASS should be forwarded for consideration in a consultation with our Fund Employers.

The draft PASS extended the number of employer and fund performance standards to be measured and introduced charges to be levied on a scheme employer whose performance falls short of the employer performance standards.

The primary purpose of the statement is to facilitate the improvement of administrative processes in compliance with regulatory provisions and the Code of Practice No 14 as issued by the Pension Regulator.

In the main the consultation responses received recognised that the revisions in the statement will help to ensure that best practice and compliance with the standards set by the Pension Regulator, specifically in terms of data quality and the timely receipt of that data.

A number of comments sought clarity in relation to the measures under which we were proposing to introduce charges to be levied on a scheme employer, whose performance falls short of the employer performance standards.

These have been addressed and are included and highlighted in the revised draft PASS attached at Appendix 'A'.

In addition minor amendments have been made to reflect procedural changes in relation to data collection processes.

As a result of the recent introduction of a new operating model for the pension administration business by the Local Pensions Partnership (LPP) it is proposed that the PASS will be formerly published and notified to our Fund employers later this year. In this way we can be sure that any new processes that have been introduced by LPP have bedded in, are fully able to measure our employer's performance standards and that there is the appropriate level of support and assistance in place to assist employers in meeting their standards.

Consultations

In relation to the revised PASS the Fund is required to consult its employers. This was done following the recommendation agreed at the Pension Fund Committee on the 23rd March 2018.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

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		