

## **Pension Fund Administration Sub-Committee**

Meeting to be held on 12 March 2014

Electoral Division affected: None
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### **Changes to the County Council's partnership with BT - Your Pension Service**

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report is to inform the Sub-Committee of the decision by the County Council to make changes to its Strategic Partnership arrangements with BT which result in the return of Your Pension Service, amongst a range of other services to the County Council.

#### **Recommendation**

The Sub-Committee is asked to note the decision by the County Council to return Your Pension Service to the County Council following changes to the Council's partnership with BT.

#### **Background and Advice**

Following a strategic review of the County Councils partnership with BT a proposal to restructure the partnership was agreed at a Cabinet meeting held on 24 January 2014.

The new partnership will become a wholly owned BT company and will focus on improving the efficiency and quality of information and communication technology (ICT), revenue, benefits and payroll services. As a result a number of services currently delivered by the partnership will return to being delivered within the County Council, including Your Pension Service.

Revising the partnership in this way will help to deliver improvements in services for communities across Lancashire and in those that are delivered internally. Cabinet concluded that those services returning in-house, including Your Pension Service, will sit better within the council's own structure whilst the partnership places emphasis on using the technological capability provided by BT's involvement to help with the council's transformation of services and the delivery of its savings plans.

Your Pension Service, along with the other returning services, will come under the umbrella of the Office of the Chief Executive (OCE) for the foreseeable future as they become part of the Council's overall plans to reshape the organisation to meet the significant financial challenges faced by the Council.

The Sub Committee is asked to note the decision to return Your Pension Service to the County Council following the transformation to the Council's partnership with BT.

The change will be effective from 1 April 2014.

**Consultations**

N/A

**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**

	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Paper		

N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A