

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 25 February 2016**

Report submitted by: Director, Lancashire County Pension Fund

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None

Approval to enter into an arrangement for the discharge by the County Council of the functions of Newham London Borough Council in respect of pension administration

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Executive Summary

Following discussions with the Lancashire County Council, Newham London Borough Council is due to consider a proposal at its Full Council meeting on 18 February 2016 to enter into an arrangement under the Local Government Act 1972 for the discharge of functions by Lancashire County Council in respect of pension administration.

Recommendation

Subject to approval by Newham London Borough Council to enter into the arrangement, Full Council is asked to approve that the County Council enters into an arrangement under the Local Government Act 1972 for the discharge by the County Council of the functions of Newham London Borough Council in respect of pension administration from 1 April 2016.

The decision of Newham London Borough Council will be reported to the meeting of Full Council.

Background and Advice

Plans are progressing to form a jointly owned company in partnership with the London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA) to offer pensions administration to local authorities. Lancashire County Council, as joint owner of this newly formed 'Local Pensions

Partnership', will use this company as a delivery model for pension administration services from 1 April 2016.

Newham London Borough Council's current arrangement for the provision of pension administration services is with the London Pensions Fund Authority and this agreement is due to expire at the end of March 2016.

Newham London Borough Council is due to consider a proposal to enter into a new arrangement with Lancashire County Council to provide pensions administration services. If approved, budget will be transferred from Newham London Borough Council to Lancashire County Council. Both parties agree to investigate the potential for efficiencies and added value for money through these new arrangements.

The new arrangements are on the basis of the discharge by the County Council of the functions of Newham London Borough Council, in respect of pension administration, relying upon the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, allowing a local authority to arrange for the discharge of any of their functions by any other local authority.

There is further potential for the delegated arrangements with Lancashire County Council to be utilised across Newham London Borough Councils shared services organisation, which includes a number of other London Borough Councils, with the intention of securing further efficiencies going forward.

Financial

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

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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