

Pension Fund Committee

Meeting to be held on 10 June 2016

Electoral Division affected: None

Lancashire County Pension Fund - Revised Governance Policy Statement (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Funds within the Local Government Pension Scheme are required to produce, and keep updated, a Governance Policy Statement which, essentially, is a form of constitutional document setting out the responsibilities and delegated authorities of those parties involved in the running of the Fund.

The recent changes to the governance of the Fund and the establishment of the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL), has necessitated changes to the terms of reference of the Committee; the Investment Panel and the various delegations to County Council officers. In light of these, it is appropriate to update the Policy Statement and the document at Appendix 'A' sets out a revised Policy Statement for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to approve the updated Governance Policy Statement set out at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

The statutory framework within which the Fund operates requires the production of a Governance Policy Statement setting out the overall responsibilities and arrangements for decision making within the Fund. This policy statement needs to be regularly reviewed and updated when changes occur.

The revised statement at Appendix 'A' has been updated to reflect the changes to the terms of reference of the Pension Fund Committee; the Investment Panel and the functions to be exercised by the County Council's officers under the Scheme of Delegation. These changes were approved by Full Council on 24 March 2016 as part of the establishment of the LPPL.

The remainder of the Statement is largely unchanged from the previous version approved in March 2015 which reflected changes to the County Council's organisational structure and the establishment of a Local Pension Board.

The Governance Policy Statement will be reviewed again within the next 12 months once LPPL is fully operational to ensure that these governance arrangements are fit for purpose in the light of the new arrangements. Since approval by Full Council on 24 March 2016, the documents have been amended under the Urgent Business Procedure to ensure that the County Council's role as an employer and as an administering authority are kept separate.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

A clear and transparent set of constitutional arrangements is part of an effective risk management approach.

Legal

The regular review of this Policy Statement, and updating it to reflect changes in the wider organisation, ensures compliance with the relevant regulations.

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

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A