

Report of the Pension Fund Committee - Matters for Information

The following matters were considered by the Pension Fund Committee at its meeting on 10 June 2016.

Part I

5. External Audit - Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan 2015/16

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the Lancashire County Pension Fund's Audit Plan for 2015/16.

Decision taken:

That:

- (i) The External Audit Plan for Lancashire County Pension Fund 2015/16, and the associated fees, as set out in the report, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) Karen Murray be thanked for her attendance.

Part II

7. Local Pensions Partnership Limited - Progress Report

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information)

The Committee considered a report setting out progress on the Local Pensions Partnership, which had gone live on 8 April 2016.

Decision taken:

That:

- (i) The report, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) The submission to the DCLG due by 15 July 2016 be circulated to members of the Committee at the earliest opportunity;
- (iii) A briefing session on the implications of the pooling process be held in due course.

8. Fund Performance Report

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information).

The Committee considered a presentation and report on the performance of the Fund as at 31 March 2016.

Decision taken:

That the report, now presented, be noted.

9. Investment Panel Report

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information).

The Committee considered a report from the Investment Panel setting out the work of the Panel since the last meeting of the Committee.

Decision taken:

That the report, now presented, be noted.

10. Appointment of Interim Independent Advisor

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information).

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals for the appointment of an interim independent advisor.

Decision taken:

That:

- (i) The proposed interim appointment of Elizabeth Carey for a period of up to six months on the same terms as the current independent advisors to the Fund be approved;
- (ii) Aoifinn Devitt be congratulated on her temporary appointment as Chief Investment Officer of the Chicago Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund.

11. Lancashire County Pension Fund Revised Governance Policy Statement

The Committee considered a report setting out details of a revised Governance Policy Statement for the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Decision taken:

That the updated Lancashire County Pension Fund Governance Policy Statement, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.

12. Lancashire County Pension Fund - Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 for the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Decision taken:

That the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 for the Lancashire County Pension Fund be approved for signature by the Chair and the Interim Head of Fund.

13. Tracing Missing Members Procedure

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals for amendments to the Lancashire County Pension's Fund existing Tracing Missing Members Procedure.

Decision taken:

That:

- (i) A missing member tracing exercise be undertaken every three years in line with the actuarial valuation process, as set out in the report, now presented;
- (ii) Such an exercise be carried out by the most cost effective means possible;
- (iii) The Fund's Communications Policy Statement be amended to reflect this additional communications exercise;
- (iv) The Interim Head of Fund be authorised to amend the Communications Policy Statement as set out in (iii) above.

14. Your Pension Service - Annual Administration Report 2015/16

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the Your Pension Service Annual Administration Report for 2015/16.

Decision taken:

That the Your Pension Service - Annual Administration Report 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be noted.

15. Local Pensions Partnership Limited - Non Executive Director Pay Policy

The Committee considered a report setting out a Non-Executive Director Pay Policy for the Local Pensions Partnership.

Decision taken:

That the Pay Policy for the Local Pensions Partnership, together with the proposed principle in relation to payments to the Shareholder Non-Executive Directors, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

16. Internal Audit Service Annual Report 2015/16 and Plan 2016/17

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the Internal Audit Service's Annual Report 2015/16 and Plan 2016/17 for the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Decision taken:

That:

- (i) The Internal Audit Service annual report for 2015/16 as set out in the report, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) The outline annual workplan for 2016/17 be approved;
- (iii) That the Head of Service, Internal Audit, and colleagues be thanked for the work undertaken.

17. Framework for the 2016 Valuation - Employer Responses to Consultation

The Committee considered a report setting out details of the employer responses to the consultation on the framework for the 2016 Valuation.

Decision taken:

That:

- (i) The results of consultation with employers on the valuation framework, as set out in the report, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) The process proposed for managing the valuation process and engaging with employers throughout the process, as set out in the report, now presented, be noted;
- (iii) Existing, and any future, Multi-Academy Trusts with more than one school within the Fund, be offered a common contribution rate;
- (iv) The Fund's current policy in relation to not allowing reductions in contribution rates for employers who continue to have a deficit within the Fund, be continued.

18. Responsible Investment

The Committee considered a report setting out the quarterly update on Responsible Investment matters.

Decision taken:

That the report, now presented, be noted.

19. Feedback on Attendance at Training and Conferences

The Committee considered a report setting out details of attendance by Committee Members at recent conferences, events and external training sessions.

Decision taken:

That the report and feedback, now presented, be noted.