

Pension Fund Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 16 September 2022

Electoral Division affected: None;

Feedback from members of the Committee on pension related training.

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Brief Summary

An update on pension related training involving members of the Committee since the last meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the report and any feedback from individual members given at the meeting in relation to training they have received.

Detail

The Training Plan sets out the approach to supporting the learning/development needs of individuals with responsibility for the strategic direction, governance, and oversight of the Fund through their membership of the Pension Fund Committee or the Lancashire Local Pension Board. Since the last meeting members of the Committee have attended the following pension related conference/events.

29 June 2022 Internal workshop - LCPF Project PACE & administration Update

Participants – County Councillors M Clifford, F De Molfetta, A Gardiner, E Pope and Co-opted member Mr P Crewe.

15th July 2022 Online briefing for new members of Pension Fund Committee

Participant – Co-opted Member Ms S Roylance.

20th July 2022 Internal workshop – Cyber Security

Participants - County Councillors M Clifford, F De Molfetta, A Gardiner, E Pope, A Schofield, and D Westley together with Co-opted members Councillor D Borrow and Ms S Roylance.

2nd September 2022 Internal Workshop – Lancashire County Pension Fund Accounts and Annual Report.

Participants – County Councillors M Brown, M Clifford, F De Molfetta, A Gardiner, E Pope, A Schofield, M Tomlinson with Co-opted Members, Councillor M Dad, Mr P Crewe, and Ms S Roylance.

Individual members of the Committee are invited to provide feedback on their experiences at the meeting.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Without the required knowledge and skills, those charged with governance and decision making may be ill-equipped to make informed decisions regarding the direction and operation of the Pension Fund.

The Training Policy seeks to apply best practice and to ensure compliance with guidance from CIPFA and the Pensions Regulator. Failing to implement an adequate Training Policy and Framework and to regularly review the effectiveness of training arrangements would place the County Council (as Administering Authority) at risk of non-compliance with the Pensions Regulator's Code of Practice No. 14 (Governance and administration of public service pension schemes) and the legislative requirements that this Code interprets.

Financial

Decisions made by the Pension Fund Committee have direct financial implications for the Fund. The Fund's Training Policy forms part of its governance and risk management arrangements which seek to ensure that the members of the Pension Fund Committee and the Lancashire Local Pension Board are well-informed, confident, and knowledgeable participants who work effectively and consistently in the best interests of the Fund and its stakeholders.

The cost of attendance at external events, together with associated travel and subsistence costs, were met by the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Attendance sheet for internal pension related workshop.	29 th June 15 th and 20 th July and 2 nd September 2022	Mike Neville (01772) 533431

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A