

Lancashire Local Pension Board
Meeting to be held on 19 October 2015

Electoral Division affected: None

Update on Board Policies
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

An update on progress on the approval and adoption of a Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy, and the development of a Reporting of Breaches Policy for the Board.

Recommendation

The Board is recommended to:

- (i) Note the updates as set out in the report;
- (ii) Note, subject to approval of the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy by Full Council on 22 October 2015, the requirement to submit a new declaration.

Background and Advice

At its inaugural meeting on 8 July 2015, the Board considered a report setting out the requirement for the Board to have in place a Code of Conduct, including a Conflict of Interests Policy. The Board also considered a report on the Terms of Reference for the Board which included the requirement for a Reporting of Breaches Policy.

Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy

At that time, a draft Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy was presented to the Board and, as required, Board Members made declarations in advance of the first meeting having regard to the draft document. Since then work has been undertaken to finalise the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy and it is the intention that the final draft (Appendix 'A' refers) will be submitted to the County Council's Full Council for approval at its next meeting on 22 October 2015. Subject to that approval, Board Members will then be asked to submit a new declaration to ensure that they are fully compliant with the final approved Code of Conduct.

Reporting of Breaches Policy

The Terms of Reference of the Board sets out the requirement that any breach, whether potential or actual, should be brought to the attention of the Board, and that such breaches should be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set out in a separate policy document.

Work has now commenced to develop a Reporting of Breaches Policy for the Board and Board Members will be invited to consider a draft policy and procedure at the earliest opportunity.

In the interests of expediency, Full Council will be asked, at its meeting on 22 October, to authorise the Board to approve the final policy and procedure. It is proposed that any breach of the policy, together with the action taken, would be reported, for information, to the next available meeting of the Full Council.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risk management implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Report to the Lancashire Local Pension Board - 'Draft Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interests Policy'	8 July 2015	Dave Gorman, (01772) 534261
Report to the Lancashire Local Pension Board - 'Appointment of Chair, Membership and Terms of Reference'	8 July 2015	Dave Gorman, (01772) 534261

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A