

**Lancashire Local Pension Board**  
Meeting to be held on 18 January 2016

Electoral Division affected: None
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**Preparation for the 2016 Actuarial Valuation**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

The Board has previously received a report on the framework of assumptions that the Fund is minded to use in the 2016 actuarial valuation. This report provides additional information on the wider range of preparations that are being undertaken in order to ensure the smooth delivery of the overall process.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the preparations being made for the 2016 Actuarial Valuation of the Fund and identify any specific issues that it would like either the Pension Fund Committee or Fund Officers to consider.

**Background and Advice**

The detailed report at Appendix 'A' sets out details of the preparations being made for the 2016 valuation of the Fund which will result in new employer contribution rates from April 2017.

The basic approach of the Fund to this valuation has been to raise awareness of the broad issues at an early stage and propose a framework for the valuation which seeks to address those issues, where possible. This is then reflected in the detailed timetable and process.

The timetable set out in Appendix 'A' provides the opportunity for significant dialogue with employers about their particular circumstances and how to address them as the expectation, borne out by some initial modelling is that there is the potential for there to be a spread of results around the overall fund level position. This process is important for a number of reasons and will also allow particular employer related risks to be addressed through dialogue, which is the preferable course of action.

## **Consultations**

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## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

A properly planned and transparent valuation process aims to reduce the risks facing the Fund, while at the same time achieving a balance with employer interests.

## **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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