

COUNCIL
12 NOVEMBER 2015**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****(b) SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PENSIONS
COMMITTEE**

Pension Investment update

1. The Committee has noted the Independent Financial Adviser's fund performance summary and market background.
2. The Committee has noted the update position in relation to the Investment Managers placed 'on watch' by the Pension Investment Advisory Group, namely Nomura, Capital International and JP Morgan.

LGPS Collaborative Working

3. The Committee has noted an update regarding the wider national position in respect of collaboration within the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).
4. The Government is looking at proposals to change regulations to enable LGPS investment pooling. For a number of months the Fund has been in discussions with six other Administering Authorities about the possibility of a joint procurement of passive investment management. This work was started by the Cheshire and Staffordshire Funds and the seven Funds now involved appear to have sufficient 'critical mass' to be able to jointly procure passive investment management services at a cost that is significantly lower than the individual Funds are currently paying.
5. The Chief Financial Officer has been granted delegated authority to conclude the matter of a joint procurement of a passive investment manager with six other LGPS administering authorities.

Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15

6. The annual report is a key communications channel between the fund and a wide variety of stakeholders. The report contains information relating to fund investments, administration, governance, valuations, accounts and membership. The Committee has approved the Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15.

Administering Authority update

7. There is a push, particularly from the Pensions Minister, for greater collaboration between funds to make them more efficient and it is important that an analysis of the

strengths weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) is undertaken to find examples of best practice and understand the implications for this Fund.

8. Early attempts to recruit a project officer to undertake the research have been unsuccessful and the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development is continuing to follow up contacts to find a suitable qualified individual. In the meantime, contact has been made with Funds which are working in partnership, for example Bradford and Lincolnshire, and Lancashire and London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA).

9. The Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development is keen to explore potential collaboration on the administration side with surrounding funds and meetings are being arranged with key personnel over the autumn.

10. The Committee has noted the update on the research project on the future provision of the Administering Authority.

Pension Administration update

11. The Committee has noted the general update from the Administering Authority in relation to End of Year arrangements and Annual Benefit Statements, the 'Tell Us Once' process, the end of contracting out and national GMP reconciliation, member self service, and Shadow Pension Administration Advisory Forum.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda papers for the meeting of the Pensions Committee held on 30 September 2015.