

REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES

PENSIONS BOARD WORK PLAN 2020-21 Pensions Board 18th November 2020	Classification PUBLIC	Enclosures None
	Ward(s) affected ALL	AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an indicative work plan for the Pension Board meetings for 2020-21

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Pension Board is recommended to agree the indicative work plan for the Board for 2020-21

3. RELATED DECISIONS

- Pensions Committee (30 September 2020)) – Pension Fund Business Plan 2020-2023

4. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES

- 4.1 The Pensions Board's role is to assist the Administering Authority in ensuring compliance with the regulations. The work plan as set out in the appendix to this report ensures that the Pensions Board is able to cover key areas of work in line with regulatory requirements. There are no immediate financial implications attached to this report, although it is recognised that the Board are able to ask for additional information or resourcing in order to help them to fulfil their statutory duties.

5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

- 5.1 The Pensions Board has been established in accordance with the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and in accordance with the Local Government Pensions Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2014. Consideration of a schedule of work for the Pension Board helps to demonstrate that the Board is meeting its Terms of Reference in assisting the Administering Authority to comply with regulations.
- 5.2 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. BACKGROUND/TEXT OF THE REPORT

- 6.1 Under the regulations, responsibility for decision-making with regards to the management of the Fund remains with the Pensions Committee; the Pensions Board is not a decision-making body. The Board does, however, have a broad remit

to review the decision-making process of the Pensions Committee in matters of scheme administration and governance. As such, members of the Pensions Board will be provided with the final reports, minutes and agendas relating to all Pensions Committees and may attend Committee meetings as observers.

- 6.2 The Pensions Board is scheduled to meet a minimum of 2 times per municipal year with the scope for additional meetings as required. The meetings will be recorded and copies provided to the Pensions Committee.
- 6.3 The Board may make reports or recommendations to the Pensions Committee; these must be provided at least 15 days in advance of the next Committee meeting. Additionally, the Chair of the Pension Board will prepare an annual report, which will be distributed to the Pensions Committee, the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Group Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, the Director, Financial Management and the Director, Legal. In the event that the Board considers that a matter brought to the attention of the relevant Directors and the Pensions Committee has not been acted upon within a reasonable period of time, it may also provide a report to Council.
- 6.4 An indicative work plan for the year 2020-21 has been drawn up and is set out in section 7 below. It is subject to amendment and will depend on a number of circumstances including the work undertaken by the Pensions Committee, any key changes to wider regulations or pension related issues and any further guidance or direction from the Pensions Regulator. The Pensions Board may also consider that other issues may increase in importance and will require additional work or review, particularly after embarking on a training programme.

7. INDICATIVE WORK PLAN 2020/21

7.1 The indicative work plan for the current municipal year is as follows

7.2 Pensions Board Agenda – 18th November 2020

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
- 4. Staff Changes
- 5. Review of Pensions Committee Work - April – Sept 2020
- 6. Data Improvement Update
- 7. Major Projects Update - McCloud/GMP
- 8. Pensions Admin Strategy

7.3 Pensions Board Agenda – 17th March 2021

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
- 4. Training – TBC
- 5. Risk Register Review
- 6. Review of Pensions Committee Work - October 2020 – March 2021

7. Compliance with Code of Practice
8. Major Projects Update - McCloud/GMP
9. PF Administration Annual Report
10. Member and Employer Communications
11. Business Planning and Budgeting

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