

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

23 JANUARY 2017

SUBJECT:	POOLING UPDATE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DELIVERY
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on pooling arrangements relating to MPF and the Northern Pool.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 At Pensions Committee on 15 November, Members were advised that the Minister for Local Government wished to meet representatives of each pool separately over the next month or so to respond to their final proposals and to set out his expectations for the rest of the programme. A meeting between the Minister and the Northern Pool took place on 19 December at which the Chair and Director of Pensions were present. A formal response from DCLG, following the meeting, is awaited.
- 2.2 Since November's report, MPF has completed its due diligence and has formally joined the GLIL infrastructure LLP. The Fund's officers continue to work with pooling partners, particularly in relation to collaboration on Alternative investments.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 Pooling will result in fundamental changes to oversight and management of LGPS assets. It is essential that appropriate governance arrangements are put in place to ensure that Pensions Committee can exercise its responsibilities in accordance with the Council's constitution.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 No other options have been considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Pooling consultation has been discussed with the Merseyside Directors of Finance and stakeholders have been kept informed of the pooling consultation and its implications.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

- 6.1 There are no previously approved actions outstanding.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 There are none arising directly from this report. The anticipated financial costs of establishing pooling arrangements and the projected savings over the long-term are set out in the Fund's pooling submission of 15 July 2016.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no carbon usage implications, nor any other relevant environmental issues arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are none arising from this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 That Members note the report.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 14.1 Pooling will result in fundamental changes to oversight and management of LGPS assets.

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APPENDICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
An update report is brought to each Pensions Committee	