

# **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

## **PENSIONS COMMITTEE**

**22 SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

#### **TRUSTEE TRAINING FUNDAMENTALS**

##### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The fundamentals course is run on an annual basis and provides an insight into Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) “trusteeship” for newly Elected Committee Members. The course is of three days duration, spread over a number of months.

##### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Fundamentals is an A-Z bespoke LGPS training course for Elected Members. The 2009 event will incorporate the recent changes to the LGPS and all sections of the course are being refreshed to keep them up-to-date, relevant and interesting.

- 2.2 The aim is to deliver a single training course covering all aspects of the LGPS including both “benefits” and “fund” administration, as well as, investments.

- 2.3 The course is being delivered in Leeds on the following days

Day 1	29 October
Day 2	26 November
Day 3	15 December

or in Cardiff on the following days

Day 1	20 October
Day 2	18 November
Day 3	08 December

It is possible to attend the course by visiting different locations should delegates diaries not allow attendance on all three days at a particular location.

### **3 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

- 3.1 Attendees at all three sessions will receive an attendance certificate signed on behalf of the Local Government Pensions Committee. It is believed that attendance at all three days of the course will satisfy at least the minimum requirement of training required to satisfy the first CIPFA principle "Effective decision-making".

### **4. FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The delegate rate for each session, inclusive of lunch, refreshments and all delegate materials is £199, making the cost of the three-day course £597. In addition there would be travel and may be accommodation costs.

### **5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. There are none arising from this report.

### **6. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. There are none arising from this report.

### **7. LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. This report has no particular implications for any Members or wards.

### **8. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. There are none arising from this report.

### **9. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. There are none arising from this report.

### **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 None were used in the preparation of this report.

### **11. RECOMMENDATION**

- 11.1 That new Members of the Committee consider whether they wish to avail themselves of this training opportunity.

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