



## **LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD**

**8 JULY 2022**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND BUDGET OUT-TURN 2021/22 AND FINAL BUDGET 2022/23</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Board Members with a copy of the Pension Fund budget report recently taken to Pensions Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Pension Board be recommended to note the out-turn for 2021/22 and the finalised budget for 2022/23.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 The approval of the budget and annual report for Merseyside Pension Fund by Pensions Committee forms part of the governance arrangements of Merseyside Pension Fund. There is a requirement for Members of the Board to be kept up to date with legislative developments as part of their role in supporting the Scheme Manager.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Not relevant for this report.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The report provides Board Members with details of the Pension Fund budget report recently taken to Committee. Highlights include:
- The out-turn for the financial year 2021/22.
  - The finalised budget for the financial year 2022/23.

The actual out-turn for 2021/22 is £24.8m, lower than the original budget approved 22 June 2021 of £25.5m. The underspend is largely due to planned projects and areas of work being deferred to 2022/23 as a result of the pandemic, and the assumptions used for staffing. The actual out-turn is higher than the projected out-turn reported at Pensions Committee on 23 February 2022.

The 2022/23 budget reported in February has been reviewed with departmental & central charges and actuary fees updated, the finalised 2021/22 budget is £25.0m.

The budget for 2022/23 is lower at £25.0m than £25.5m in 2021/22 primarily due to lower investment management fees being forecast.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Set out in the accompanying report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING; ICT AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 Set out in the accompanying report.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 7.1 Set out in the accompanying report.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Not relevant for this report.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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## **APPENDICES**

The report and budget for 2022/23 including the out-turn for 2021/22 is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

The original appendix as reported to Members on 24 February 2022 is attached as appendix 2 to this report for information.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

CIPFA: the guide for local pension boards

Set out in the appendix.

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Pensions Committee:</b>	<b>22 June 2022</b>
	<b>22 June 2021</b>
<b>Pension Fund Budget</b>	<b>29 March 2021</b>
	<b>3 February 2020</b>