

## **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

### **PENSIONS COMMITTEE**

**16 NOVEMBER 2010**

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

#### **STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES**

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

1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve a revised Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) for Merseyside Pension Fund incorporating changes in the strategic asset allocation and the letting of four new investment management mandates.

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

2.1 The Pensions Committee approved the previous edition of the SIP on 23 March 2010. The revised SIP incorporates, and states compliance with, the six updated Myners Principles in relation to investment decision making and governance.

2.2 The revised strategic asset allocation is outlined in a separate report which is being presented at this meeting for approval. Subject to approval by the Pensions Committee, the revised strategic asset allocation will be incorporated within the SIP.

2.3 The revised SIP will also incorporate the appointment of Black Rock and Maple Brown to manage Far Eastern Equities, the retention of Nomura to manage Japanese Equities, and the appointment of Amundi and M&G to manage Emerging Markets Equities.

2.4 Reports on the tendering and due diligence exercises relating to these investment mandates were presented to the Pensions Committee on 27 September 2010.

2.5 The revised SIP is attached as an appendix to this report.

##### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

##### **4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

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

5.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**6. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

**7. LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. There are no specific implications for any Member or Ward.

**8. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

**9. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

**10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1. Statement of Investment Principles - March 2010.

**11. RECOMMENDATION**

11.1 That Members approve the revised Statement of Investment Principles.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE