

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

20 MARCH 2012

SUBJECT:	<i>NAPF CONFERENCE</i>
WARD/S AFFECTED:	<i>ALL</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</i>
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests any nominations to attend the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) Local Authority Conference 2012 “Paving the way forward”, to be held in Gloucester from 21 May to 23 May 2012.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Merseyside Pension Fund is a member of the NAPF which represents some 10 million employees in pension schemes. The NAPF seeks to make effective representation to encourage provision as well as sound stewardship of pension fund assets.
- 2.2 MPF has been represented at all previous NAPF Local Authority Conferences usually by the Chair of Pensions Committee and an officer.
- 2.3 Accommodation will be required for the nights of 21 and 22 May 2012

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 MPF is required to demonstrate that the Members of the Pensions Committee have been adequately trained. This conference is a recognised training opportunity.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 No other options have been considered

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising out of this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 6.1 There are none arising from this report.

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

- 7.1 The cost of attendance plus two nights' accommodation will be about £300 per delegate plus VAT, excluding travel which can be met from the Pension Fund budget.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are none arising from this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

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

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 That Committee considers if it wishes to send a delegation to attend this conference and, if so, to determine the number and allocation of places.

13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

13.1 To decide whether the Committee wishes to be represented at a conference.

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APPENDICES

NONE

REFERENCE MATERIAL

NONE

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Pensions Committee	29 March 2011
Pensions Committee	23 March 2010
Pensions Committee	6 April 2009