

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2013

SUBJECT:	NAPF LOCAL AUTHORITY CONFERENCE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
KEY DECISION? <i>(Defined in paragraph 13.3 of Article 13 'Decision Making' in the Council's Constitution.)</i>	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests nominations to attend the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) Local Authority Conference 2013 to be held in Gloucester from 20 May to 22 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 party spokespersons.
- 2.3 Accommodation will be required for the nights of 20 and 21 May 2012.
- 2.4 Conference costs including accommodation are £310 plus VAT per person, with travel an additional cost.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The Fund is required to demonstrate that Members of 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 £310 per delegate plus VAT, excluding travel which can be met from the existing 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/S

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/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 The conference forms a part of the Members' development plan approved by Committee in January 2013.

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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