

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## PENSIONS COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2013

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>LGPS TRUSTEES CONFERENCE AND CIPFA ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b> <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 Tenth Annual LGPS 'Trustees' Conference 2013 to be held in Sheffield from 27 to 28 June 2013.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval for the Chair of Pensions Committee to attend the Annual CIPFA Conference 2013 to be held in London from 9 to 11 July 2013.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Attendance at the Trustees Conference has traditionally been open to all Members of Committee.
- 2.2 With the introduction of LGPS 2014 looming, the 2013 Conference may be of particular interest to pension managers who very soon will be faced with both managing and communicating the transitions to the scheme membership. In addition, as the Public Service Pensions Bill makes its way through Parliament, all those persons managing the LGPS throughout the UK would also benefit.
- 2.3 Accommodation will be required for the night of June 27.
- 2.4 The theme of CIPFA's annual conference is "Beyond austerity: designing the future state". MPF has been represented at all previous CIPFA Conferences by the Chair of Pensions Committee and an officer.

- 2.3 Accommodation will be required for the nights of 9 and 10 July 2012.

### 3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The Fund is required to demonstrate that Members of Pensions Committee have been adequately trained. These conferences are recognised training opportunities.

### 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 For the Trustees conference, all meals from arrival to departure, accommodation and delegate materials are included in the conference fee of £475 plus VAT. Travel is an additional cost.

7.2 For the CIPFA conference, cost of attendance plus two nights' accommodation will be £675 per delegate plus VAT. Travel and accommodation is an additional cost.

7.3 These costs can be met from the existing Pension Fund training 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 the Trustees conference and, if so, to determine the number and allocation of places.

12.2 That Committee approves attendance at the CIPFA conference by the Chair.

## **13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

13.1 The conferences form 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)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>

