

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**  
**PENSIONS COMMITTEE**  
**16 SEPTEMBER 2013**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	<b>NO</b>

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs Members of the arrangements for the annual Employers' Conference to be held on Thursday 28 November 2013.

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 2.1 The 2013 conference will be held at Aintree Racecourse on Thursday 28 November.
- 2.2 In addition to the annual reports on investment performance and the administration of the Pension Fund over the previous year, a presentation will be given by Paul Middleman from Mercer, the Fund Actuary summarising the triennial valuation.
- 2.3 The draft programme commences with Coffee and Registration at 9.30am, with a start time of 10am. There will be an open forum for questions and an anticipated finish time of 1.30pm. Lunch will be provided for delegates.
- 2.4 Members are invited to attend the Conference and further details will be circulated to all Members of this Committee as soon as arrangements are finalised.

**3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 There are none rising directly from this report.

**4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 No other options have been considered.

**5.0 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 An online survey was taken of previous delegates in 2012 and 92% rated Aintree Racecourse as an excellent or very good venue. The location, public transport links and overall quality of Aintree Racecourse was commended.
- 5.2 Feedback in previous years has supported the choice of Aintree Racecourse as being a venue that provides good facilities and free car parking.

## **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 holding the Conference is estimated at £5,000; provision for which is contained within the 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?

Yes - Access for delegates with limited mobility has been assessed; appropriate emergency arrangements in place. A hearing loop and relay screens will be provided for people with sensory impairments.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None arising from this report

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 None arising from this report

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

12.1 That Members note the report.

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

13.1 The value of holding an annual conference was recognised following the successful re-introduction of this event in November 1997.

13.2 Feedback from attendees has consistently demonstrated the value that employers place in the opportunity to hear presentations on topical issues and receive reports on current Fund activity and performance.

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## APPENDICES

### REFERENCE MATERIAL

#### SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE	18 SEPTEMBER 2012
ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE	19 SEPTEMBER 2011
ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE	27 SEPTEMBER 2010