

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## PENSIONS COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2013

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MONITORING/TRAINING AND GIFTS &amp; HOSPITALITY RETURNS</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR TRANSFORMATION &amp; RESOURCES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides Members with a summary of monitoring/training events attended by officers of the Fund and details of gifts and hospitality received over the past 12 months.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 In November 2012, this Committee approved new guidance in relation to the declaration of gifts and hospitality received by officers and those members of Committee that are not otherwise subject to personal conduct arrangements.

2.2 The guidance is reflected by Wirral in its overall governance arrangements and is set out in the Fund's Compliance Manual, reflecting the practicalities of the Pension Fund's business needs.

2.3 Appendix 1 provides a schedule of declarations from December 2012 to September 2013.

### 3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 It is important that the Fund has clear guidelines and that officers' activities are subject to review by Committee.

3.2 A failure to recognise and allow for the differences of the Fund's business activities may inhibit the Fund's training and monitoring arrangements and incur additional cost.

### 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 There are none arising from this report.

## **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 notes the report.

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

13.1 It is important that the Fund has clear guidelines and that officers' activities are subject to review by Committee to ensure transparency.

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## **APPENDICES**

APPENDIX 1

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

NONE

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>24 June 2013</b>
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>20 November 2012</b>



