

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## PENSION COMMITTEE

15 SEPTEMBER 2014

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES</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 27 November 2014.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The 2014 conference will be held at Aintree Racecourse on Thursday 27 November.
- 2.2 The draft programme commences with Coffee and Registration from 9.15am, with a start time of 10am. There will be an open forum for questions and an anticipated finish time of 1pm. Lunch will be provided for delegates.
- 2.3 Officers will deliver presentations on the investment performance and administration of the Pension Fund over the previous year. External speakers are yet to be confirmed.
- 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 The location, public transport links and overall quality of the venue has been consistently commended by delegates as an excellent or very good venue.

## **6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS**

6.1 None associated with the subject matter.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

7.1 There are none arising from this report

## **8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

8.1 The cost of holding the Conference is estimated at £6,500; provision for which is contained within the budget.

## **9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are none arising from this report

## **10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 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.

## **11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising from this report

## **12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 There are none arising from this report

## **13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

13.1 That Members note the report.

## **14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

14.1 Best practice guidance issued by DCLG recommends that “administering authorities who do not include lay members in their formal governance arrangements provide a forum outside of those arrangements by which the interests of key stakeholders can be represented”.

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

14.3 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**

None

**BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL**

None

**BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY**

<b>Briefing Note</b>	<b>Date</b>

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>16 September 2013</b>
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>18 September 2012</b>
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>19 September 2011</b>