

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

24 MARCH 2015

SUBJECT:	ANNUAL LGPS TRUSTEES CONFERENCE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR TRANSFORMATION & RESOURCES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report requests nominations to attend the twelfth Annual LGPS Trustees' conference organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee from 25-26 June 2015.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The LGPC trustees' conferences are specifically aimed at elected members with responsibility for the Local Government Pension Scheme but is open to officers and other scheme member representatives who support pensions committees or hold pension fund investment or administration responsibilities.

2.2 The programme for this year's conference "Know your onions" has yet to be finalised but topics likely to be included are:

- Freedom & Choice, impact for the LGPS
- Active vs Passive, that new chestnut
- Cessation of contracting-out, impact for employers
- Investment opportunities round-up
- Legal update, the pensions world has moved on
- Local Pension Boards, the early days

The event is to be held in the Marriott Hotel, Cardiff and will have its popular lunchtime-to-lunchtime format commencing on Thursday 25th and concluding on Friday 26th June 2015.

2.3 MPF has been represented at previous LGPC Conferences with a general invitation to Committee members.

2.5 Accommodation will be required for the night of 25 June 2015.

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 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 N/A

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 actual cost of attendance plus a night's accommodation is not yet known but is expected to be around £500 per delegate plus VAT, excluding travel, which can be met from the existing Pension Fund 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?

(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION 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 Committee considers if it wishes to send a delegation to attend this conference and, if so, to determine the number and allocation of places.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The conference forms a part of the Members' development plan approved by Committee in January 2015.

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APPENDICES

NONE

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

NONE

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date