

WIRRAL COUNCIL
PENSIONS COMMITTEE
4 JULY 2016

SUBJECT:	NAPF ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR TRANSFORMATION & RESOURCES
KEY DECISION	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report requests nominations for members to attend the Pensions & Lifetime Savings Association (PLSA) formerly National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) Annual Conference & Exhibition 2016 to be held in Liverpool from 19 October to 21 October 2016.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The PLSA Annual Conference provides a helpful insight to developments in the broader pensions industry. The Conference venue alternates between Liverpool and Manchester. The agenda is attached as an appendix to this report.

2.2 Merseyside Pension Fund MPF is a member of the PLSA and its annual conference provides a forum for topical issues affecting public and private pension funds to be discussed and addressed.

2.3 Attendance would be beneficial to Members in fulfilling the Committee's Knowledge and Skills objectives as set out by CIPFA.

2.4 MPF has been represented at all previous PLSA Annual Conferences. Whilst not all topics and presentations are necessarily relevant to Members, there are a number of useful subjects on the agenda. The Thursday of the conference has a focus on "freedom and choice" which is topical following the changes to pensions introduced in April of this year.

2.5 Members must be registered for the event in order to attend. Although the event is complimentary for PLSA members, a charge is made for non-attendance.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There are none arising from this report.

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 from 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 As MPF is a member of the PLSA, attendance is free. However, a charge is levied if registrants do not attend. The costs of travel 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 no carbon usage implications, nor any other relevant environmental issues 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 Attendance at this conference is a part of the development programme approved by Members in January 2016.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 and 1(a). Conference Agenda

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date