

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSION COMMITTEE

19 SEPTEMBER 2016

SUBJECT:	ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Members of the arrangements for the annual Employers' Conference to be held on Tuesday 29 November 2016.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The 2016 conference will be held at Aintree Racecourse on **Tuesday 29 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 Mercer, the Fund Actuary summarising the triennial valuation; and there will be a review of the Pension Board's activities.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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 £7,500; 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 The event provides a forum for officers, advisors and the Local Pension Board to report to employers and key stakeholders on the progress of the Fund.

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

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Pensions Committee	14 September 2015
Pensions Committee	15 September 2014
Pensions Committee	16 September 2013