

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSION BOARD

16 MARCH 2017

SUBJECT:	BUSINESS PLANNING
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an outline of current and future legislative changes affecting MPF and the Pension Fund's key activities and projects in response to them.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The purpose of the Board is to assist the Administering Authority in its role as a scheme manager of the Scheme. Such assistance is to:
- a) secure compliance with the Regulations , any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the Scheme, and requirements imposed by the Pension Regulator in relation to the Scheme and;
 - b) ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of Merseyside Pension Fund.
 - c) provide the Scheme Manager with such information as it requires ensuring that any member of the Pension Board or person to be appointed to the Board does not have a conflict of interest.
- 2.2 To assist the Pension Board in directing its future activities, MPF's key activities and projects are set out in the appendix to this report to enable Board members to identify and develop its work and training programme.

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 None

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 Provision for Board member training and development is included in the Fund's annual operating 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 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 Board members note the report.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The purpose of the Board is to assist the Administering Authority in its role as scheme manager

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Business plan

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

APPENDIX 1

FUNCTION	ACTIVITY	
Pensions administration	Administration of Fund's statutory LGPS pensions administrative responsibilities	
Management of Investments	Management of Fund's assets and liabilities	
Financial Management & Control	Production of annual report and accounts; budgets; custody and performance data	
IT & Communications	Fund's systems and communications	
LEGISLATIVE CHANGE/PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMPLETION DATE
Pooling consultation	Implement pooling arrangements as agreed with DCLG in accordance with timetable	Apr 18
Triennial valuation	Valuation date 31/3/16. Assessment of funding position will lead to review and update of Funding Strategy Statement and	Jul 17

	Investment Strategy Statement.	
Investment strategy and performance	Review of investment strategy in conjunction with triennial valuation exercise.	Jul 17
Review of employer covenants; bonds/guarantees review	Post triennial valuation an assessment of covenants and financial strength will be undertaken and bond requirements will be reassessed.	Dec 17
Bespoke investment/derisking strategies for employers	Develop and implement lower and medium risk asset allocation strategies for employers	Mar 18
Introduction of regulations capping exit payments	Develop policies and procedures	Dec 17
Trivial Commutation exercise	Communication exercise with eligible members	Mar 18
Reconciliation of GMPs	As a consequence of the ending of contracting out, requirement to reconcile member records with HMRC records by 2019.	Mar 18
Reporting of split pension fund transactions for GAD LGPS cost control calculations.	Develop and implement interfaces between Admin/payroll and accounting system for income/expenditure splits pre/post 14	Apr 17
Review options to mitigate MPF's carbon risk	Produce options paper with costings	Jun 17
Update of Pensions Administration Strategy	Draft document to be consulted with employers	Jun 17