

WIRRAL COUNCIL

PENSIONS COMMITTEE

22 JANUARY 2018

SUBJECT:	CONTRACTS TIMETABLE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the Fund's contracts which are due for review and/or retender and seeks approval for the timetable proposed.
- 1.2 The appendix to this report contains exempt information. This is by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972 i.e. information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Fund holds a number of contracts relating to the provision of pension and investment services from third parties. These are tendered regularly in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 2.2 In anticipation of Pooling and the uncertainty of likely future requirements, a number of imminent tenders were put on hold until there was more clarity around Pooling arrangements. In parallel with this, the Fund has been engaging with the LGPS National Frameworks initiative and is a founder member on several of the frameworks now in place which has enabled it to shape the framework specifications to ensure they meet its requirements.
- 2.3 With governance arrangements for the Northern Pool now taking shape, the Fund has reviewed its contracts in the light of likely future requirements and a proposed timetable is set out in the appendix. There are still areas where decisions are yet to be made by the Pool. Where necessary, transitional contractual arrangements will need to be agreed with the Council's Corporate Procurement team.
- 2.4 In addition, the Fund's actuary has recommended that the potential use of protection strategies is evaluated by the Fund as a strategy for managing the risk of excessive volatility of its funding position. It is important that this is undertaken and completed promptly. With the proposed increase in internally managed

assets, it is also appropriate to undertake a review of the Fund's strategic asset allocation. This will assist in informing the way in which future investment mandates are specified.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 In support of its internal resources, the Fund makes extensive use of third party services to monitor, manage and maintain its systems and assets. Continuity of service provision is essential to ensure there is no interruption to these arrangements.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options have been considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Fund liaises with the administering authority's corporate procurement team in relation to contract management.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 There are no previously approved actions outstanding.

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 There are none arising directly from this report. Work that can be undertaken in house will be undertaken in house but some of the tenders will require the support of specialists in the areas involved. The costs of those specialists will be managed by use of the LGPS National Frameworks but a budget provision of £500,000 is proposed.

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 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 Members note the report and approve the contract timetable and related expenditure.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The Fund is subject to the EU's public procurement regulations and the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules.

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APPENDICES

Contract timetable – EXEMPT.

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date