

WIRRAL COUNCIL
PENSION COMMITTEE
16 JULY 2018

SUBJECT:	LGPS TRUSTEE 'FUNDAMENTALS' TRAINING
WARD/S AFFECTED:	NONE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report recommends the Committee to approve participation by Members in the LGPS Trustee Training 'Fundamentals XVII' organised by the Local Government Pensions Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Fundamentals is an A-Z bespoke Local Government Pension Scheme training course, originally aimed at elected members serving on pension committees/panels, and has been attended by over 1,400 delegates since 2002. Not limited solely to elected members, past delegates have included trades union representatives, member and employer representatives, a variety of officers who attend/support committees and some private sector organisations who provide services to administering authorities.

In 2015, with the advent of Pension Boards whose role it is to assist the administering authority in its role as scheme manager, the material was modified so it would also be suitable for Board members who had identified a need to upscale their knowledge and understanding in some areas.

- 2.2 The course is of three days duration, spread over a number of months at three locations around the UK. As identical material is delivered at each location, it is possible to attend the course by visiting different locations should delegates' diaries not allow attendance on all three days at a particular location.
- 2.3 The aim of the LGPC remains unaltered; that is to deliver a single training course covering all aspects of the Scheme, including both 'Benefits' and 'Fund' administration, as well as 'Investments'. so that attendees can receive educational material in line with CIPFA's Pensions Knowledge and Skills Framework.
- 2.4 Attendance is likely to be of most benefit to newer members of Committee and Board providing a useful grounding in all aspects of local government pensions.

2.5 Dates and venues:

Cardiff	Day 1	23 October 2018
	Day 2	13 November 2018
	Day 3	11 December 2018
Leeds	Day 1	2 October 2018
	Day 2	6 November 2018
	Day 3	5 December 2018
London	Day 1	10 October 2018
	Day 2	30 October 2018
	Day 3	11 December 2018

2.6 It is believed that attendance at all three days of the course will satisfy at least the minimum of training required to satisfy the first of the six CIPFA principles. Attendees at all three sessions will receive a certificate of 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 The delegate rate for each session, inclusive of lunch, refreshments and all delegate materials is £260 plus VAT. Travelling costs and accommodation, where required, will be an additional expense. These costs can be met from existing budgets.

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 attendance by Members on the 'Fundamentals training' be approved.

13.2 That Members wishing to take advantage of this opportunity notify the Director of Pensions to enable the necessary registration and administration to be undertaken.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 Attendance is likely to be of most benefit to newer members of Committee providing a useful grounding in all aspects of local government pensions.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
A report on this training opportunity is brought to this Committee annually	