

WIRRAL COUNCIL
PENSION COMMITTEE

29 OCTOBER 2018

SUBJECT:	ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' CONFERENCE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
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 Thursday 29 November 2018.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The 2018 conference will be held at Aintree Racecourse on **Thursday 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 recent interim valuation and an outline of next year's triennial valuation.

2.3 The Fund also welcomes the attendance of Bob Holloway, Pensions Secretary for the Scheme Advisory Board. Mr Holloway has presented at our conferences in the past, when he worked for the former Department of Communities & Local Government. This year, he will be updating delegates on the numerous workstreams currently being undertaken by the Scheme Advisory Board.

2.4 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.

2.5 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 Not relevant for this report.

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 None associated with the subject matter.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 The cost of holding the Conference is estimated at £8,000; provision for which is contained within the budget.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10 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

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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BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date