



LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

REPORT TITLE:	MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND BUDGET OUT-TURN 2020/21 AND FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Board Members with a copy of the Pension Fund budget report recently taken to Pensions Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Pension Board be recommended to note the out-turn for 2020/21 and the finalised budget for 2021/22.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The approval of the budget and annual report for Merseyside Pension Fund by Pensions Committee forms part of the governance arrangements of Merseyside Pension Fund. There is a requirement for Members of the Board to be kept up to date with legislative developments as part of their role in supporting the Scheme Manager.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 Not relevant for this report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The report provides Board Members with details of the Pension Fund budget report recently taken to Committee. Highlights include:

- The out-turn for the financial year 2020/21.
- The finalised budget for the financial year 2021/22.

The actual out-turn for 2020/21 is £21.5m, lower than the original budget approved 3 February 2020 of £23.0m and lower than the projected out-turn of £22.0m as reported at Pensions Committee on 29 March 2021. The underspend is largely due to planned

projects and areas of work being deferred to 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, and the assumptions used for staffing.

The 2021/22 budget reported in March has been reviewed and remains the same as reported and approved in March, the finalised 2021/22 budget is £25.5m.

The budget for 2021/22 is higher at £25.5m than £23.0 in 2020/21 primarily due to higher investment management fees, principally, as a consequence of outperformance by external investment managers during the pandemic induced market volatility.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING; ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 Set out in the accompanying report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Not relevant for this report.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no carbon usage implications, nor any other relevant environmental issues arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

The report and budget for 2021/22 including the out-turn for 2020/21 is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

The original appendix as reported to Members on 29 March 2021 is attached as appendix 2 to this report for information.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

As set out in the Committee paper.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Pensions Committee:	29 March 2021
Pension Fund Budget	3 February 2020
	16 July 2019
	21 January 2019