



LOCAL PENSION BOARD

23 FEBRUARY 2022

REPORT TITLE:	MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND BUDGET FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides Board Members with a copy of the budget report recently taken to Pensions Committee.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Local Pension Board notes the report and considers the implications for Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.0 The approval of the budget for Merseyside Pension Fund by Pensions Committee forms part of the governance arrangements of Merseyside Pension Fund. It is important that Members of the Board to be kept up to date with developments as part of their role in supporting the Scheme Manager.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This is the most appropriate option for informing the Local Pension Board of developments at the Fund.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The headline figures are that, during the financial year 2022/23, we are estimating that MPF will pay £382m in pension benefits and receive £164m in contributions from employers and employees. The Fund has a value of £10.9bn at 31 December 2021. The proposed administration costs of £24.8m including £16.5m of investment management charges to external managers represent a cost of £177.55 per member of the scheme or 0.23% of assets under management. Taken separately the external investment management costs are approximately £117.60 per member or 0.15% of assets under management.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none directly arising from this report. The accompanying report sets out the financial implications for MPF.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 As set out in the accompanying report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.0 There are none directly arising from this report. The Local Pension Board assists the administering authority in its role as Scheme Manager in the scrutiny of the performance of Fund's various functions and activities.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 A failure to provide the Board with information on the Fund's financial arrangements could hinder the Board in the discharge of its activities.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.0 The relevant consultations are set out in the accompanying report.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The content and/or recommendation contained within this report have no direct implications for equality.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none directly arising from this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none directly arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – MPF Budget report

Appendix 2 – The budget for 2022/23 including the probable out-turn for 2021/22 is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CIPFA – Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Local Pensions Board	23 June 2021
	30 March 2021
	4 February 2020
	17 July 2019