



## **PENSIONS COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 29 March 2021**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>PROPERTY PORTFOLIO RENT ARREARS AND WRITE OFFS</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PENSIONS</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to request that Members agree to the write off of £592,846.07 of unrecoverable rent arrears from the Fund's property portfolio. The annual property rental income for 2019/20 was £30.9 million.

Appendix 1 to the report, (A report from CBRE detailing property rent arrears), contains exempt information. This is by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, i.e. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That Pensions Committee approves the write-off of uncollectable property rental income of £592,846.07.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 CBRE considers these rental arrears to be irrecoverable. The approval of the write off of irrecoverable rent arrears by Pensions Committee forms part of the governance arrangements of Merseyside Pension Fund.

#### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

2.1 CBRE considers a number of actions for the recovery of rental arrears before any write off is recommended.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 As Members will be aware, CBRE are the managing agents for the Fund's property portfolio. Amongst other functions, they have responsibility for the collection of rent and management of arrears. On an annual basis they produce a report on uncollectable arrears which is attached as an appendix to this report. Members will be aware that the pandemic has had a significant effect on high street retailers which is reflected in the tenants detailed in the appendix.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The total amount recommended for write off in this report is £592,846.07. The annual property rental income for 2019/20 was £30.9 million.

### **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 Not relevant for this report.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising from this report.

### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?  
(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

### **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no environmental or climate implications arising from this report.

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### **APPENDICES**

CBRE considers a number of actions for the recovery of rental arrears before any write off is recommended.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Pensions Committee</b>	<b>3 February 2020</b> <b>29 October 2018</b> <b>22 January 2018</b>