



Pension Fund Committee

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Title	Local Pension Board – Annual Update Report 2018/19
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix A - Local Pension Board – Annual Update Report 2018/19 Appendix B – Detailed Terms of Reference for Local Pension Board – Amended Appendix C – Local Pension Board, Forward Work Plan 2019/20
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Summary	
The report sets out an annual update of the Local Pension Board and seeks approval of the Local Pension Board budget.	

Recommendations

1. The Pension Fund Committee are requested to note the update on the work of the Local Pension Board as document within Appendix A.
2. The Pension Fund Committee note Appendix B Local Pension Board Terms of Reference and Appendix C the Local Pension Board's Forward Work Plan.
3. The Pension Fund Committee are requested to note that the report shall be reported to the next meeting of Full Council as described in reporting guidelines set out in the terms of reference of the Local Pension Board.
4. That the Pension Fund approve the Local Pension's Board annual budget as set out at 5.2 of this report.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Terms of Reference of the Local Pension Board states that:

- *submit an annual budget to the Barnet Pension Fund Committee for approval.*
- *annually submit a proposed work plan for the forthcoming financial year to the Pension Fund Committee.*
- *The Board shall report annually to Full Council on its work.*
- *It will also and as necessary from time to time report to Full Council any breach in compliance or other significant issues such as:*
 - *any areas of persistent non-compliance*
 - *any area of non-compliance within the LGPS Regulations that have been reported to the Pension Fund Committee*
 - *areas raised to the Board to be investigated and how they were dealt with;*
 - *any risks or other areas of potential concern it wishes to raise;*

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 As document in section 1.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

Following approval, the report shall be submitted to the next meeting of Full Council.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2 The Board's expenditure in the last year was £5,526 attendance and training costs. The budget for the next twelve months is £32,572 and includes a provision of £25,000 to enable the Board to obtain advice if required. This is deemed reasonable and details of all expenditure will be included in the next annual report to the Committee.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution – Article 7 – includes within the responsibilities of the Pension Fund Committee.

5.3.2 The Local Pensions Board Terms of Reference confirms the reporting procedure as documented in section 1 of the report.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 Risk management is central to the LGPS; which are in themselves risk management tools, managing the risk that future employer income streams will be able to meet future pensions liabilities by creating a reserve from which future liabilities will be met.

5.5.2 Understanding the causes of sources and variabilities of scheme returns informs the management of investment and funding risk.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010, the Council is under an obligation to have due regard to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant 'protected characteristic' and those who do not share it; and fostering good relations between persons who share a relevant 'protected characteristic' and persons who do not share it. The 'protected characteristics' are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The Council also has regard to the additional protected characteristic of marriage and civil partnership even though this does not apply to the public-sector equality duty.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.7 None applicable.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 [Local Pension Board Update report, Tuesday 19 November 2019.](#)