

Report for: Pensions Committee and Board 5 March 2020

Title: Forward Plan

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non Key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. The purpose of the paper is to identify topics that will come to the attention of the Committee and Board in the next twelve months and to seek Members input into future agendas. Suggestions on future training are also requested.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Committee and Board note and approve the forward plan and budgetary estimates attached at Appendices 1 and 2.
- 3.2. The Committee and Board is invited to identify additional issues & training for inclusion within the work plan and to note the update on member training attached at Appendices 3 and 4.

4. Reason for Decision

- 4.1. Not applicable.

5. Other options considered

- 5.1. None

6. Background information

- 6.1. It is best practice for a Pension Fund to maintain a work plan. This plan sets out the key activities anticipated in the coming twelve months in the areas of governance, members/employers, investments and accounting. The Committee and Board is invited to consider whether it wishes to amend future agenda items as set out in the work plan.
- 6.2. Members will recall that the governance review recommended that the Committee and Board should be provided with an update on member training. This information is provided in Appendix 3 of the report.

7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

- 7.1. Not applicable

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1. The budgetary estimates attached at appendix 2 provide the best estimates for the income and expenditure of the fund over the upcoming three year period. An allowance has been made within the administration costs heading for additional work which may arise from the McCloud ruling.
- 8.2. All expenditure and income will be paid for by the pension fund. Some cost headings are items over which the fund has control, e.g. administration expenses, some are items over which the fund has no discretion, e.g. benefit payments, which are paid in line with LGPS regulations.

Legal Services Comments

- 8.3. The Assistant Director of Governance has been consulted on the content of this report. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 8.4. None applicable.

9. Use of Appendices (pages 165 to 169)

- 9.1. Appendix 1: Forward Plan
- 9.2. Appendix 2: Budgetary Estimates
- 9.3. Appendix 3: Training Plan.
- 9.4. Appendix 4: Update on TPR Public Service Toolkit/Training Needs Analysis

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1. Not applicable.