

Report for: Pensions Committee and Board – 12 September 2022

Title: Forward Plan

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Ward(s) affected: Not applicable

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Not applicable

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. This paper has been prepared to identify topics that will come to the attention of the Pensions Committee and Board over the upcoming months and seek members input into future agendas. Suggestions on future training topics are also requested.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1. Not applicable

3. Recommendations

The Pensions Committee and Board is recommended:

3.1. To identify additional matters and training requirements for inclusion within the Pensions Committee and Board's forward plan.

4. Reason for Decision

4.1. Not applicable.

5. Other options considered

5.1. Not applicable.

6. Background information

6.1. The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations require those responsible for the governance, decision making and operational functions of the pension fund to acquire and maintain proper knowledge and understand of pension law and scheme regulations.

- 6.2. To support this requirement, it is best practice for a pension fund to maintain a work plan. The plan sets out the key activities anticipated over the upcoming months in the areas of governance, members/employers, investments, and accounting.
- 6.3. The Pensions Committee and Board (PCB) has adopted the revised CIPFA 2021 Code of Practice on Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Knowledge and Skills which was issued in June 2021.
- 6.4. The appendices attached to this paper set out the PCB's current work plan over the next 12 months, including the Training Plan. The PCB is requested to consider whether it wishes to amend any future agenda items as set out in the papers.

7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

- 7.1. Not applicable

8. Statutory Officer Comments (Director of Finance (including Procurement), Head of Legal and Governance, Equalities)

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

- 8.2. 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

- 8.3. Not applicable.

9. Use of Appendices

- 9.1. Appendix 1: Forward Plan
- 9.2. Appendix 2: Training Plan
- 9.3. Appendix 3: Training Needs Assessment Form

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1. Not applicable.