

Report for: Pensions Committee 22nd November 2016

Item number: 12

Title: Governance Report

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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 provide an update to Committee:
- on progress toward compliance with Scheme Advisory Board key performance indicators;
 - to highlight areas where improvement is still needed in order to achieve full compliance.
 - To provide an update on progress toward implementing the recommendations from the Governance Review that was undertaken by the Independent Advisor to the Fund.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. The Committee should note progress since the last report to Committee on performance against Scheme Advisory Board's key indicators and recommendations from the governance review.

4. Reason for Decision

- 4.1. None.

5. Other options considered

- 5.1. None

6. Background information

- 6.1. The SAB was set up by Government to advise the DCLG on LGPS matters and provide guidance to administering authorities on good pensions practice. The SAB is not a regulator such as The Pensions Regulator and has no powers to direct or intervene in the affairs of the pension fund. However, it will publicise poor practice and it has the ability to notify DCLG or TPR when it believes action is necessary.
- 6.2. The Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) has developed a number of key performance indicators to assist pension funds identify areas of weakness and how to improve fund's management and administration across all LGPS.
- 6.3. The Fund scored 27 out of a possible maximum of 59 when assessed against SAB key performance indicators in September. The Fund continues to meet more KPIs in the SAB model. The Fund's score is now 42 – 71% achievement rate.
- 6.4. The areas of improvement that have led to an increased score have been highlighted in the report.
- 6.5. A summary of recommendations from the governance review undertaken by the independent advisor is set out in appendix 2 and 3.

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. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Services Comments

- 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. None applicable.

9. Use of Appendices

- 9.1. Appendix 1: Scheme Advisory Board Performance Indicators
- Appendix 2: Governance Review – Follow Up Action Required
- Appendix 3: Governance Review – No Further Action Required

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1. Not applicable.