
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2018/19

Report by Chief Financial Officer

JOINT MEETING OF PENSION FUND COMMITTEE AND PENSION BOARD

13 June 2019

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **The attached Draft Annual Report and Accounts for the Pension Fund for 2018/19 is being presented for consultation prior to submission of the Report to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and the External Auditors.**
- 1.2 The Local Government Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2010 specify the elements which must be contained in the Annual Report and Accounts, the list of these are contained in para 4.1. The draft Report and Accounts contained in Appendix 1 fully meets these requirements.
- 1.3 The draft Report and Accounts are still subject to statutory Audit, which will commence early July 2019. Following the statutory Audit process the final Report and Accounts will be circulated to the joint Committee and Board.

2 STATUS OF REPORT

- 2.1 This report is presented to enable members of both the Pension Fund Committee and the Pension Fund Board to consider the draft Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19 (the Annual Report) prior to External Audit Inspection by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2019.
- 2.2 This report was not circulated to consultees within the recommended timeframe and as a result their comments have not been able to be included in the report, but will be presented to the Joint Committee and Board meeting. The late preparation of the report is related to the significant work involved in producing the Annual Report

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 contained in Appendix 1 is considered prior to the submission to Audit and Scrutiny Committee on the 25 June 2019 and the subsequent statutory audit process.**

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2010 specifies that the Annual report must contain:
- (a) report on the management and financial performance during the year,
 - (b) statement on the investment policy for the Fund,
 - (c) pensions administration arrangements during the year,
 - (d) actuarial valuation statement,
 - (e) governance compliance statement,
 - (f) fund account and net asset statement,
 - (g) annual report on pension administration strategy, and
 - (h) details of where to access current Funding Strategy Statement and Statement of Investment Principles.

5 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2018/19

- 5.1 The draft Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19 (the Annual Report) is attached at **Appendix 1**. The Annual Report will be submitted to Audit and Scrutiny Committee on the 25 June 2019 for review prior to submission to the external auditors, Audit Scotland, by 30 June 2019. .
- 5.2 The Annual Report will also be made available for public inspection for a 3 week period commencing 30 June 2019.
- 5.3 It should be noted that the Annual Report remains draft and the conclusion of the year end including the external audit may result in changes to it.
- 5.4 The Committee will receive a copy of the final report at the end of the statutory external audit process prior to its submission to Council and publication.

6 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 **Financial**

There are no financial implications relating to this proposal.

6.2 **Risk and Mitigations**

This report is part of the governance framework to manage the operation of the Pension Fund and reflects the compliance with the best practice recommendations.

6.3 **Equalities**

It is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

6.4 **Acting Sustainably**

There are no direct economic, social or environmental issues with this reports which would affect the Council's sustainability.

6.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no direct carbon emissions impacts as a result of this report.

6.6 **Rural Proofing**

It is anticipated there will be no adverse impact on the rural area from the contents of this report.

6.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

No changes are required as a result of this report.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council are being consulted on the report and any comments will be included into the version presented to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee on 25 June 2019.

Approved by

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Background Papers:

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