
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2022/23

Report by Acting Chief Financial Officer

JOINT MEETING OF PENSION FUND COMMITTEE AND PENSION BOARD

22 June 2023

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report provides the Joint Committee and Board with an opportunity to scrutinise and approve the draft Annual Report and accounts for the Pension Fund for 2022/23 prior to their submission to 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 paragraph 4.1. The draft Report and accounts contained in Appendix 1 fully meets these requirements.
- 1.3 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 2022/23 (the Annual Report) prior to External Audit Inspection by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2023.
- 1.4 The draft Report and accounts are still subject to statutory Audit, which will commence in July 2023. Following the statutory Audit process the final Report and accounts will be submitted to the joint Committee and Board to review and of recommendation for approval.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Pension Fund Committee ;**
- a) Notes the Draft Annual Report and accounts 2022/23 and;**
 - b) Approve their submission for review by the External Auditors, Audit Scotland.**

3 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.

4 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2022/23

- 5.1 The draft Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23 (the Annual Report) is attached at **Appendix 1**. The Annual Report will also be presented to Audit Committee on the 27 June 2023 for noting prior to submission to the external auditors, Audit Scotland, by 30 June 2023.
- 5.2 The Annual Report will also be made available for public inspection for a 3-week period commencing 30 June 2023.
- 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 amendments.
- 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. Risk are managed in line with the Corporate Risk Management framework, with risks and controls monitored and reported on a quarterly basis.

6.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no impact or relevance to Equality Duty or the Fairer Scotland Duty for this report. This is routine good governance required under the Local Government Pension Scheme (Governance) (Scotland) Regulations 2014. Nevertheless, a light touch assessment has been conducted and this will be published on SBC's Equality and Diversity Pages of the website demonstrates that equality, diversity and socio-economic factors have duly been considered when preparing this report.

6.4 **Sustainable Development Goals**

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

6.5 **Climate Change**

There are no direct climate change 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 **Data Protection Impact Statement**

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.8 **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/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

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