

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

23 March 2023

ACTUARIAL VALUATION 2022 UPDATE

1. This report summarises the finalisation of the 2022 Actuarial Valuation exercise for the Wiltshire Pension Fund.

Introduction & Background

2. At the meeting on 17 November 2022 the initial results of the 2022 Triennial Valuation were presented to this Committee.
3. The Committee approved the draft Funding Strategy Statement 2022, subject to the period of consultation of employers not resulting in any material changes being deemed required by officers.
4. This paper provides a review of where revised employer contribution rates were agreed and an appendix showing the Valuation Report for members.

Main Considerations for the Committee

5. Employers were written to after the meeting on the 17 October 2022 to provide them with details of their results and to request that each employer confirm their agreement to the contribution rates to be paid over the next three years. Further correspondence was sent out in subsequent months to chase the remaining employers which had not confirmed their rates shortly after the date they were sent.
6. There are still a few figures which need to be finalised once every employer contribution rate has been finalised (such as the whole Fund Primary and Secondary Rates for the next 3 years). In addition, the GAD section 13 dashboard needs to be added at the end of the document once that is finalised. This will all be completed by the end of the month.
7. At the time of writing this report key employers have yet to confirm their agreement to their rates. This currently includes meetings with one key employer. Consequently, please note that this report is for noting by Committee (i.e., no decisions are being made) as it is documenting the valuation process/results and is the fund actuary's formal report on the valuation rather than a Fund.
8. For employers that failed to respond, despite various attempts to engage with them, the rates put into payment from 1 April 2022 will be those that have been proposed by the Fund's Actuary.
9. The actuary, from Hymans Robertson LLP, will help provide a verbal update in conjunction with this item over video link.
10. The Fund is now required to submit the Valuation report to the Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) and the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). It is also required to provide the data it used to the Government's Actuary Department (GAD).

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

11. There are no direct environment impacts from these proposals.

Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact

12. There are no known implications at this time.

Financial Considerations

13. The required investment return to be 100% funded is now 4.00% per annum (the same as 2019). The likelihood of the Fund's investment strategy achieving the required return is 77% (71% in 2019).

Proposal

14. The Committee is asked to note the Valuation update provided, including the appendix and to note the valuation report will be published.
15. To note that officers & actuary will distribute the valuation information as required.

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Appendix 1 – Draft Final Valuation Report