

Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee - 2023/24

Meeting:	15/06/23	13/07/23	14/09/23	05/10/23	23/11/23	14/12/23	29/02/24	28/03/24	Guidance comments
<b>GOVERNANCE - Committee Specific</b>									<b>Comments</b>
Confirmation of annual election of Chair & Vice Chair	✓								Annual appointments made by Full Council
Review Committee's Terms of Reference (if and as required)				✓					This review should be in conjunction with the Board ToR review to ensure continuity. Lasted reviewed in July 2020. With the ISC meetings discontinued and the publication of final guidance on the Good Governance review and new Single Code of Practice anticipated, this is expected to be a material review.
Fund's annual budget setting							✓		Prior to 31st March each year
Budget Monitoring		✓		✓		✓		✓	Quarterly spend & allocation of costs review against budget
Budget Outturn		✓							Annual actual review of financial pension fund spend against the previous year's budget
Committee Annual Training Plan Update							✓		To be completed following each Scheme year for subsequent inclusion in the Fund's AR&A
Training Item relevant to agenda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	To be consistent with Members training & development strategy
Committee effectiveness review				✓					4 year plan last raised with the Committee on Nov 2022. The Committee should also compare itself against its own terms of reference core functions.
Forward Work Plan Review		✓		✓		✓		✓	Quarterly review of Committee's work plan. Officers to update the next Scheme year's plan with annual reviews undertaken in calendar Q2

GOVERNANCE - Fund Specific									Comments
Scheme Legal, Regulatory & Fund update		✓		✓		✓		✓	Quarterly update by the Head of Pensions
Review of Risk Register		✓		✓		✓		✓	Quarterly review. Request risks to be added & changes made by Board prior to Committee approval.
Updates & comments on the previous Committee & Board meeting minutes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Amongst other purposes Members should use the minutes to identify risks which can be added to the risk register
Review Governance Compliance Statement				✓					5 year plan last approved on 30/03/2021.
Effective System of Governance (ORA document)						✓			To prepare on publication of tPR Single Code of Practice. The self-assessment will be independently audited. To replace tPR Code of Practice 14.
Review Fund Training Programme								✓	Complete 4 year training plan last approved on 16/12/2021. Annual reviews undertaken in Q4 each year
Club Vita update				✓					As at 31st August each year & to be submitted by 1st week of October to Hymans. Purpose - statistical analysis
Review the Fund's Annual Report & Accounts		✓							Annual Report & Accounts to be completed & published by statutory deadline of 1st December
Approve Internal Audit Report scope		✓		✓		✓		✓	Audits include 2023/24 - Report 1: AR&A's - Published by 1st December, Report 2: Key Financial Controls, Report 3: Payroll Migration Parts 1 & 2, Report 4 - ESoG & Report 5 - KPI accuracy.
Monitor Internal & External Audit Reports		✓		✓		✓		✓	Audit recommendations actioned
Input to Annual Internal & External Audit Plans						✓			Committee to liaise with the Audit Committee concerning the scope of Council's AR&A's and SWAP audits
Treasury Strategy								✓	Annual review, including cashflow forecasting and preferred bank account maintenance (Last reviewed 23/03/2023)
Review service providers, both internal & external. Include advisor appointments, processes, controls & SLAs						✓			Committee to receive an annual update from the Board on the effectiveness of the Fund's advisers
Review Actions from previous meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Addressed primarily during meeting agenda planning stage

GOVERNANCE - Fund Plans, policies & strategies									Comments
Review Business Plan				✓				✓	3 year plan last approved on 23/03/2023. Further review due on 05/10/2023
Review Pension Administration Strategy		✓							3 year plan last approved on 28/07/2022
Review Communication strategy				✓					3 year plan last approved on 16/12/2021. E-communication strategy updated and Customer Service Excellence rollout update
Review Data Improvement Plan									All 3 year plans Data Improvement last approved on 30/09/2021. Data Protection Policy and Data Retention Policy last approved on 10/01/2023. No review required in 23/24.
Review Admin Charging Policy									2 year plan last approved on 28/07/2022. No review required in 23/24.
Review Admin Authority Discretions								✓	3 year plan last approved in 30/03/2021
Review Employer Cessations policy (New Employer Policy)		✓							3 year plan last approved in 17/12/2022.
Review Funding Strategy Statement									3 year plan last approved on 17/11/2022. Next Fund Valuation 31/03/2025
Review Compliance with FRC stewardship code								✓	Last approved on 23/03/2023. Annually - Consider TCFD requirements as part of the process
Review Investment Strategy Statement								✓	Annual review. last approved on 02/03/2023 (Ensure inclusion of MiFID II arrangements)
Review Fund "Responsible Investment Strategy"								✓	To be reviewed in conjunction with the Investment Strategy Statement. To cover Climate Change Statement. To also cover topical changes on policy relating to BPP & ESG

ADMINISTRATION									Comments
Review Fund fraud risk prevention and mitigation measures									Stood down in favour of the Council's standard policy. No review required in 23/24.
Receive an annual report of an complaint & IDPR cases, including a review of the Fund's procedures		✓							Covered in Low Volume Performance Report. To be managed by LPB with issues submitted to the Committee on an exceptions basis
Review of Data Security & Business Recovery							✓		Report sets out the arrangements in place & when they were last tested. BCP last reviewed April 2023. Scope subject to Retained EU Law Bill and DP & Digital Information Bill.
Review GMP Rectification		✓		✓			✓	✓	Regular update concerning SAP & Altair database reconciliation. To consider migration to new payroll system.
Committee KPIs to monitor		✓		✓			✓	✓	Quarterly Administration performance reporting. Including outsourced backlog KPIs
Benchmark KPIs in Annual Report & Accounts information with other Funds							✓		Annual Report & Accounts must be disclosed each 1st December
Review of Annual Benefit Statement process				✓					Percentage issued, action plan to issue outstanding ABSs & process improvement review
Review employers compliance (data)							✓		Ideally incorporate with ABS review process & update on Fund's Data Improvement Plan. Statistics on Employer Report Cards
Payroll migration, i-Connect & Members Self-service update				✓					Present as part of a Fund digital platform update. Progress report on take up and functional developments

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE & RISK									Comments
Investment Quarterly Progress Report	✓		✓		✓		✓		Provided by each Investment Manager & the Investment Adviser, Mercer, who summarise the information and offer independent assessment of the market generally
Review Investment performance against Fund's benchmarking criteria	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		To be presented quarterly and in conjunction with the draft Annual Report & Accounts
Investment Strategy Review / Asset Allocation Review	✓		✓		✓		✓		Quarterly review of strategy, plus an annual document last updated in 17/11/2022. To cover topical changes relating to BPP & ESG
Governance update relating to BPP	✓		✓		✓		✓		Quarterly (generally verbal) update on Brunel governance and operational issues
Cost transparency of BPP, Managers & the Custodian	✓								Usually presented in conjunction with the draft Annual Report & Accounts
<b>Total number of Agenda Items:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	