

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND LOCAL PENSION BOARD

15 March 2018

Local Pension Board Budget

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present a proposed Local Pension Board Budget for 2018-19 for the Board to consider and recommend to the Pension Fund Committee for inclusion in the Wiltshire Pension Fund Administration Budget 2018-19, as shown in the Appendix.
2. The Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee will consider the Fund's Administration budget at its meeting on the morning of this meeting – 15th March 2018.
3. As such any decisions of the Board which require amendment to the budget will have to be subsequently reflected in the full Wiltshire Pension Fund Administration Budget at a later date.

Background

4. To ensure good governance, budgets are required to monitor the stewardship of the Fund's expenditure and financial plans assist in mitigating risks by allocating necessary resources to develop the service. The Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee approves the Pension Fund Administration budget each year.
5. The Scheme regulations state that the operational cost of the Local Pension Board must be borne as an expense to the administering Fund's budget.
6. Therefore, the Local Pension Board's budget is approved by the Pension Fund Committee when setting its budget for the year. Should any further expenditure be required beyond this, then approval must be obtained from the Wiltshire Council Associate Director, Finance.

Main Considerations for the Board

7. The main financial headings for the Local Pension Board Budget and key financial totals are presented in the table below.

Wiltshire Local Pension Board Proposed Budget 2018-19

	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2017-18 Actual (Apr-Jan)	2017-18 Forecast	Changes	2018-19 Budget
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Chair Remuneration	9,547	9,214	7,702	10,269	1,055	10,269
Independent Advisor Fees	8,500	7,000	1,705	2,557	-	7,000
Training	1,500	6,000	2,015	2,418		6,000
Printing	-	1,000	-	-	- 1,000	-
Committee Services Recharge	-	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Travel & Subsistence & costs	-	800	-	-	-	800
Catering	-	400	87	175	- 55	345
	<u>19,547</u>	<u>27,414</u>	<u>11,509</u>	<u>15,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,414</u>

8. The overall proposed budget for 2018-19 is £27,400, a continuation of the total budget for 2017-18. Overall actual spending in 2016-17 and that projected for 2017-18 is under the budget.
9. We are proposing that for 2018-19 the training budget is kept at £6,000 again, unless the Board has further training plans it wishes to cover during the next financial year.
10. We would also propose retaining the £7,000 budget for an independent governance advice. The Terms of Reference entitles the Board to independent expert advice and this budget would allow the commissioning of an adviser for specific pieces of work. The current budget would probably allow for one review on a specific area.
11. In addition, two small changes have been proposed to ensure that the Independent Chair Remuneration budget is sufficient to meet the projected cost in 2017-18.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

12. There are none.

Legal Implications

13. There are no known implications at this time.

Financial Considerations & Risk Assessment

14. In line with good governance practice, officers bring budget monitoring reports back to the Pension Fund Committee twice a year. In the interim, variations against budget will be monitored and if they become very significant, the Associate Director, Finance will approve variations to the budget and report these to Committee retrospectively for ratification.

Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact

15. There are no known implications at this time.

Reason for Proposal

16. The recommendation of the Local Pension Board budget to the Pension Committee is in line with best practice and assists in mitigating a number of risks outlined in the Risk Register.

Proposal

17. The Board is asked to agree the draft Local Pension Budget and recommend to the Pension Fund Committee that this is included in the Fund's Administration budget for 2018-19.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: *None*