

Review of Wiltshire Pension Fund Communications Strategy

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is for Members to review the Communications Strategy for the Wiltshire Pension Fund.

Background

2. Under the Regulation 61 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2013, Local Government Pension Funds are required to publish a Communications Policy. This latest version was approved by the Pension Fund Committee on 25 June 2015. This version incorporates the changes for the LGPS 2014 Scheme and shows our future plans, which include the introduction of Pension AGM's in 2016, complete review of all publications and literature, updated website, and continued employer assistance coinciding with Auto Enrolment and further feedback surveys.

Key Considerations for the Board

3. This document is largely self-explanatory and is attached for Members' review. It is largely a factual statement of existing good practice, so it does not set new policy. There was also a period of consultation with stakeholders, namely the employer bodies prior to adoption.
4. Zoe Stannard, Fund Communication Manager will also provide a demonstration of the Fund's website outlining the information available to the different stakeholders.

Financial Considerations & Risk Assessment

5. There are no financial implications of this Policy that are not already built into the Pension Fund Administration Budget 2015-16 & 2016-17 which has been approved by the Pension Fund Committee.
6. This refresh of the previous strategy assists in addressing *PEN013: Failure to communicate properly with stakeholders* as shown in the Risk Register elsewhere on this agenda by ensuring there is a clear and updated policy in place.

Legal Implications and Environmental Impact of the Proposal

7. There are no material legal or environmental impacts of these proposals.

Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact

8. There are no known implications at this time.

Reasons for Proposals

9. There is a legal requirement under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations for a policy and its best practice to refresh this on a regular basis. The review of this strategy by the Board is part of the role with regard securing compliance with the Regulations.

Proposals

10. The Board is asked to review the Communications Strategy.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE