

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WILTSHIRE LOCAL PENSION BOARD
13 July 2017

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. This report updates the Board on the 2016-17 key controls final report by the SWAP internal audit team.

Background

2. The internal audit of Pensions has been completed by SWAP in accordance with an agreed Internal Audit plan. This supports the annual audit undertaken by KPMG (the external auditors). This report was considered by the Pension Fund Committee at its meeting on 28 June 2017.

Key Considerations for the Board

Internal Audit of Key Controls 2016-17

3. The internal audit of the key controls for 2016-17 is now finalised. This takes a risk based approach to ensure the key financial system controls are operating effectively for the Wiltshire Pension Fund and that fraud, error or corruption is minimised.
4. SWAP has given the Fund a "Reasonable Assurance" opinion. There were no significant findings in the report, with two priority 3 risks identified.
5. Of the two medium risks, the reconciliations of New Pensioners and New Dependents between the Altair Pension system and SAP Pension Payroll will commence once resources are in place. The reconciliation between Altair and Pension Payroll records are on-going.
6. The management responses to these areas are outlined in the report and officers will work to ensure these are implemented.

Risks Assessment

7. The risks reflected in this Internal Audit report are included in the Risk Register which is updated quarterly and presented to this Board.

Financial Implications

8. The internal audits fees are based on an annual recharge from Wiltshire Council. The fee for the 2016-17 external audits by KPMG is £24,604 and a direct charge to the Fund.

Legal Implications

9. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact

10. There are no known implications at this time.

Proposals

11. The Board is asked to note this update and the attached SWAP Internal Audit Report and recommendations.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE