#### WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WILTSHIRE LOCAL PENSION BOARD 20 October 2016

#### FINAL EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

# **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to review the Final Audit Report for the Wiltshire Pension Fund prepared by KPMG and presented to the Pension Committee on 29 September 2016.

## **Background**

- 2. There is a requirement for a separate annual audit to be carried out on the Wiltshire Pension Fund. The audit has been carried out by Wiltshire Council's external auditor, KPMG.
- 3. KPMG completed an interim audit visit in March 2016 but did not issue an interim report as there were no significant issues arising from this work. Over the summer they have carried out the main audit and again no significant issues were raised. Therefore, as there are no issues to report the resulting Final Audit Report has been included within the main one for the Wiltshire Council (see attached). This report was presented and approved on the 27 July 2016 meeting of the Final Accounts & Audit Committee.
- 4. KPMG's final audit opinion and certificate on the Wiltshire Pension Fund Annual Report was signed on 23 September 2016. The draft Wiltshire Pension Fund Financial Statements for 2015-16 was approved by the Pension Fund committee on 30 June 2016 and reviewed by this Board on 20 July 2016. The Pension Fund Annual Report is on today's agenda.

#### **Considerations for the Board**

- 5. KPMG issued an unqualified opinion on the Pension Fund Annual Report at the same time as the opinion on the Statement of Accounts of Wiltshire Council
- 6. The Board should note the audit that has taken place and the assurances it provides. .

# **Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

7. There is no known environmental impact of this proposal.

## Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact

8. There are no known implications at this time.

#### **Financial Considerations & Risk Assessment**

9. There are no financial consideration resulting from this proposal and the paper reviews risk as part of the audit.

# **Proposals**

10. The Board is asked to note the attached Final Audit Report.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE