

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

29 September 2011

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval of the revised Wiltshire Pension Fund Communications Policy.

Background

2. Under the Regulation 67 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008, Local Government Pension Funds are required to publish a Communications Policy. The previous version was approved by this Committee in 2009. The new version has been refreshed to incorporate recent changes and proposals from the Hutton Review. It also shows our future plans which include the introduction of pension clinics, feedback surveys and more assistance for employers when promoting the LGPS to prospective members to coincide with the introduction of Total Reward Statements.

Considerations for the Committee

3. This document is largely self-explanatory and is attached for Members' consideration. It is largely a factual statement of existing good practice, so it does not set new policy. If the Committee is happy with the document, a period of consultation with stakeholders will follow with Employer bodies.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

4. There is no environmental impact of these proposals.

Financial Considerations & Risk Assessment

5. There are no financial implications of this Policy that are not already built into the Pension Fund Administration Budget 2010-11 which has been approved by this Committee.
6. This refresh 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.

Reasons for Proposals

7. 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.

Proposals

8. The Committee is asked to approve the Communications Policy.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE