

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 61 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2013, Local Government Pension Funds are required to publish a Communications Policy. The previous version was approved by this Committee in 2011. The new version has been refreshed to incorporate the new LGPS 2014 Scheme. It also 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 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.

Financial Considerations & Risk Assessment

4. There are no financial implications of this Policy that are not already built into the Pension Fund Administration Budget 2015-16 which has been approved by this Committee.
5. 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.

Legal Implications and Environmental Impact of the Proposal

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

Safeguarding Considerations/Public Health Implications/Equalities Impact

7. There are no known implications at this time.

Reasons for Proposals

8. 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

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

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE