

<b>PENSION BOARD</b>			
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Pension Fund Performance		
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## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to summarise the performance of the Fund and its activities over the past year through the presentation of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, the latest quarterly performance summary from the Fund's advisors, and the current Business Plan.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. The Board is asked to note the contents of this report.

## **3. ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

- 3.1. Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 require an administering authority of a Pension Fund to prepare an annual report which summarises the performance, management and administration of the Fund. It consolidates information from the accounts and a number of published statutory statements, including the Investment Strategy Statement and Funding Strategy Statement, into one document, and is included in Appendix 1.
- 3.2. An authority must publish the Annual Report on or before 1 December following the year end.
- 3.3. The audited Statement of Accounts are appended to the Annual Report; these were approved by Council on 20 September 2017. The Council's auditors review the Annual Report to ensure the accounts are consistent with those audited as part of the overall authority's Statement of Accounts. They also review other information contained in the report for apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the Pension Fund accounts. If satisfied that all is in order, a consistency opinion will be granted.
- 3.4. At the time of reporting, the auditors had not yet reviewed the annual report. Officers will work with the auditors to ensure the report is ready for publication by the 1 December deadline. Once finalised, it will be published on the Fund's website [www.lewishampensions.org](http://www.lewishampensions.org).

## **4. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE FOR QUARTER END SEPTEMBER 2017**

- 4.1. The latest quarterly performance report from the Fund's advisors Hymans Robertson is attached at Appendix 2.

4.2. The report covers:

- The value of the fund's assets and movements over the quarter to 30 September 2017.
- The returns generated by the Fund (net of fees) over the quarter, and how these compare to the agreed benchmarks.
- An assessment of the Fund Managers and any recommendations for the next quarter.

**5. BUSINESS PLAN**

- 5.1. The updated Business Plan for 2017/18 is attached at Appendix 3. It outlines the key tasks carried out by the Pensions Investment Committee (PIC) and officers since the beginning of the year and onwards into next year, and provides an indication of the direction in which the Fund is moving, in line with its strategy.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. This report and its appendices address the overall finances of the Pension Fund. There are no other direct financial implications to this report.

**7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. There is a statutory requirement to establish and maintain a Pension Board. The Board must comply with the requirements of the relevant legislation.
- 7.2. As the administering authority for the Fund, the Council must review the performance of the Fund's investments at regular intervals and review the investments made by Fund Managers quarterly.
- 7.3. The Pension Regulations require that the Council has regard to the proper advice of its expert independent advisors in relation to decisions affecting the Pension Fund. They must also have regard to the separate advice of the Chief Financial Officer who has statutory responsibility to ensure the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs, including the administration of the Pension Fund.

**8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

**9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. There are no equalities implications directly arising from this report.

**10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no environmental implications directly arising from this report.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report 2016/17

Appendix 2 – Investment Monitoring Report for Quarter ending September 2017

Appendix 3 – Business Plan 2017/18

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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