

## **REPORT FOR: Pension Fund Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 6 September 2016

**Subject:** Information Report - Property Opportunities

**Responsible Officer:** Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

**Exempt:** No

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:** Property Opportunities (Aon Hewitt)

### **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation**

#### **Summary**

The Committee is requested to receive and consider a report from the Fund's investment advisers Aon Hewitt on property opportunities in line with its function to administer all matters concerning the Council's Pension investments in accordance with law and Council policy as conferred by Part 3A, Terms of Reference of the Council's Constitution..

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## **Section 2 – Report**

1. Since the EU referendum on 23 June 2016 there has been heightened economic uncertainty and volatility across most asset classes.
2. In view of these developments Aon Hewitt have been asked to provide a report on the impact of Brexit on the UK property market and to identify tactical opportunities that may be available for the Fund within this asset class.
3. The Committee are invited to receive the attached report and presentation from Aon Hewitt and to consider the recommendations and suggested next steps.

### **Financial Implications**

4. The consideration of strategy changes is an important part of the management of the Pension Fund investments and the performance of the Fund's investments plays an extremely important part in the financial standing of the Fund. However, there are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Should strategic changes to the Fund's investment mandates be made the financial implications are likely to be significant.

### **Risk Management Implications**

5. The risks arising from investment strategy are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

### **Equalities implications**

6. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### **Council Priorities**

7. Investment performance has a direct impact on the financial health of the Pension Fund which directly affects the level of employer contribution which then, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Dawn Calvert  Director of Finance

Date: 24 August 2016

**Ward Councillors notified: NO**

### **Section 4 - Contact Details**

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**Background Papers – None**