

REPORT FOR: Pension Fund Committee

Date of Meeting: 7 March 2018

Subject: Investment Strategy Statement

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Draft Investment Strategy Statement

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation

Summary

The Committee is requested to consider the updated Investment Strategy Statement and, subject to their comments, approve it.

Recommendation

That, subject to their comments, the Committee approve the draft Investment Strategy Statement.

Section 2 – Report

1. At their meeting of 22 November 2016 the Committee were advised of the requirement of *The Local Government Scheme (Management of Funds) Regulations 2016* for the Fund to agree an Investment Strategy Statement. They were further advised of a document issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government entitled *Local Government Pension Scheme – Guidance on Preparing and Maintaining an Investment Strategy Statement.(ISS)*
2. Taking into account the Guidance and advice from, inter alia, Aon Hewitt and Hymans Robertson drafts of the proposed Statement were circulated to members of the Committee and its advisers, members of the Pension Board, all employers and the trade unions. A significant number of comments were received from those consulted and advice was taken from other interested bodies most notably, the London CIV. These comments and advice were taken into account in the preparation of the first Investment Strategy Statement which was approved by Pension Fund Committee on 7th March 2017.
3. The ISS has been updated from para 7.4 to reflect the revised strategic asset allocation benchmark approved by Pension Fund Committee in June 2017 and following the completion of an Asset Liability Modelling exercise .
4. The Committee are now asked to consider the attached revised draft, and subject to their comments, approve it for adoption by the Fund.

Financial Implications

5. Whilst the implementation of the Investment Strategy Statement has major financial implications for the Pension Fund there are none arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications

6. Any relevant risks arising from investment performance and non-compliance with the Scheme Regulations are included in the Pension Fund risk register.

Equalities implications

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

Council Priorities

8. Whilst the financial health of the Pension Fund directly affects the level of employer contribution which, in turn, affects the resources available for the Council's priorities there are no impacts arising directly from this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Dawn Calvert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 22 February 2018		
Name: Linda Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 14 February 2018		

Ward Councillors notified:	Not applicable
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Section 4 - Contact Details

Contact: Iain Millar, Treasury and Pensions Manager 0208 424 1432

Background Papers - None