

# Pension Board

## Minutes

### 4 March 2021

**Present:**

**Chair:** Mr R Harbord

<b>Board Members:</b>	Councillor James Lee	Harrow Council, Employer Representative
	Gerald Balabanoff (VC)	Scheme Members' Representative - Pensioners
	Patrick O'Dwyer	Scheme Members' Representative - Active Members

### Recommended Items

**95. Review of Pension Fund Communications Policy**

The Board received a report setting out the revised Pension Fund's Communications Policy (at Appendix 1).

In his introduction, the Interim Pensions Consultant stated that the Communications Policy, a requirement under the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations, was last reviewed in 2018. The policy had been updated, taking inspiration from a range of good practice found in other LGPS administering authorities and reflecting the current methods of operating as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Board welcomed the report and acknowledged the improvements made to its structure. A comment was raised in relation to page 26, paragraph 9 in that the accuracy of having training as a regular agenda item at Pension Board meetings quarterly meetings needed to be confirmed. The Chair added that a list of training opportunities used to be provided as part of the meeting agendas alerting Members to any available opportunities but had since stopped. Officers undertook to investigate this matter.

A Member also stated that whilst the Pension Fund Communications Policy was available on the Harrow LGPS website, some consideration on improving and promoting internal communications within the Council and taking advantage of available information was required.

**RESOLVED:** That the revised Pension Fund Communications Policy be noted.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to Pension Fund Committee)

That the revised Pension Fund Communications Policy be recommended for approval and adoption, subject to any additional amendments to the report.