

**REPORT FOR: PENSION FUND
INVESTMENTS PANEL**

Date of Meeting: 6 March 2012

Subject: External Audit Plan 2011-12

Responsible Officer: Julie Alderson, Interim Corporate
Director of Resources

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Deloitte's Audit Plan

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Deloitte will undertake an audit of the pension fund's financial statements. Attached is their audit plan. There are no significant changes from the prior year. The plan will be presented to GARM Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Panel is invited to note the audit plan.

Section 2 – Report

1. The pension fund is required to prepare financial statements for the year to 31st March 2012. These will be audited by Deloitte, whose audit plan is attached.
2. The plan has no significant changes from the prior year. The key audit risks are identified as contributions, benefits, private equity, derivatives and management overriding controls. Materiality is set at £5.3 million although all unadjusted errors above £260,000 will be reported.
3. The audit fee is unchanged at £35,000. The partner and manager continue from 2011.
4. The plan will be presented to GARM Committee.
5. It is anticipated that the accounts will be completed by end June 2012 and the audit report issued in August. Both will be presented to the Panel.

Financial Implications

6. None.

Risk Management Implications

7. Risk included on Directorate risk register? No
8. Separate risk register in place? No
9. The audit is intended to identify misstatements both unintended and deliberate.

Equalities implications

10. Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No
11. There are no direct equalities implications relating to the pension fund.

Corporate Priorities

12. Corporate Priorities are not applicable to Pension Fund as it does not have a direct impact on Council's resources.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Julie Alderson Chief Financial Officer

Date: 22 February 2012

Name: Matthew Adams on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: 24 February 2012

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: George Bruce (Treasury and Pension Fund Manager) Tel: 020-8424-1170 / Email: george.bruce@harrow.gov.uk

Background Papers: None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	N/A
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A