

09 July 2012**Agenda Item:7****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE & PROCUREMENT****PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS 2011/12****Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the pre-audit Pension Fund Accounts for 2011/12.

Information and Advice

2. The Pension Fund accounts are published together with the County Council accounts. Following the introduction of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2011, the pre-audit accounts are required to be authorised by the Section 151 Officer prior to 30th June and the audited accounts approved by County Council prior to 30th September.
3. The pre-audit Statement of Accounts 2011/12 have been authorised and published on the County Council's internet site. The Pension Fund accounts are presented to the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee for review.
4. The accounts have been compiled in accordance with the *CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting* with reference to *International Financial Reporting Standards* and *Financial Reports of Pension Schemes: A Statement of Recommended Practice* where applicable. The accounts were produced within the statutory timescale and are currently subject to audit by the external auditors, the Audit Commission.
5. The only significant change to the accounts from last year (apart from presentational issues) is a change of accounting policy to value bonds at their 'clean price', i.e. without accrued interest. This has had no overall impact on the net assets of the fund accounts but enables the capital and income elements of investment returns from bonds to be shown more distinctly. The relevant figures for 2010/11 have been restated.
6. The Fund Account shows positive cash inflow of £17m from net dealings with members. This is down by £7m compared to last year but mainly as a result of lower transfers in from other pension funds. Investment income for the year was almost £85m, a slight increase from the previous year, and this offset reductions in market values. Overall, the value of the fund has increased by £64m over the year to stand at £3,072m.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the pre-audit Pension Fund Accounts for 2011/12 be noted.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 28.06.12)

8. This report is for noting only by the Pension Fund Committee. No legal issues arise from this report.

Financial Comments (SRC 27/06/12)

9. The financial implications are as stated in the report.