

Report to AUDIT COMMITTEE

16 March 2016

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE, PROCUREMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

AUDIT OF THE TEACHER'S PENSION RETURN 2014/15

Purpose of the Report

1 To inform Members of the External Auditors' audit of the Teacher's Pension Return

Information and Advice

- 2. From 2012/13 onwards KPMG became responsible for the delivery of an annual report on certification work. There were no audits which came within this scope in 2014/15. Outside of the normal external audit arrangements however, KPMG undertook an audit of the Teacher's Pension Return 2014/15.
- 3. The Local Authority is responsible for preparing the End of Year Certificate A (EYOCa) return and ensuring that accounting records are maintained which report the financial position of the Teacher's Pension Scheme.
- 4. The Teacher's Pension Return 2014/15 had a total value of £28.1 million.
- 5. The auditors conducted their reasonable assurance engagement and concluded that the Teachers' Pension return for the year ended 31 March 2015 had been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the regulations underpinning the Teachers' Pension Scheme.
- 6. The audit fee associated with the audit of the Teacher's Pension Return was £3,000.00.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That Members note the Teacher's Pension Return audit and associated audit fees.

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Constitutional Comments (HD 03/03/2016)

8. None – the report is for noting only.

Financial Comments (GB 03/03/2016)

9. The audit fee associated with the Teacher's Pension Return was £3,000.00. This was line with the budget provision in place.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All