

15 March 2016
Agenda Item:7

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE, PROCUREMENT & IMPROVEMENT

CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for attendance at conferences and training in 2016/17.

Information and Advice

2. The Fund is committed to ensuring those charged with decision-making and financial management have effective knowledge and skills and this is achieved through attendance at key conferences and the provision of specific training and information for members. Attendance at conferences and training was considered by the Pension Sub-Committee on 4 February 2016.
3. It is proposed to arrange a further property inspection in 2016/17 and to continue to attend key pension conferences. The LGA's LGPS Fundamentals course is well regarded by those who have attended and it is proposed to continue to offer this course to new members of the Committees or those wishing to refresh existing knowledge. Approval is sought for attendance at the following conferences and training in 2016/17.

| Conference | Location | Date | Attendance |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| PLSA Local Authority Conference (formerly NAPF) | Cotswolds | 16 th – 18 th May 2016 | 2 Members 1 Officer |
| LGA LGPS "Trustees" Conference | Manchester | 23 rd – 24 th June | 2 Members 1 Officer |
| LGC Investment Summit | Celtic Manor | 7 th – 9 th Sep 2016 | 2 Members 1 Officer |
| LAPFF Annual Conference | Bournemouth | 7 th – 9 th Dec 2016 | 1 Member 1 Officer |
| Property Inspection | Various | October | Available to all members of Sub-Committees |
| LGA LGPS Fundamentals Course | Various | October to December | New Members and Members requiring refresher training |

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. Under the terms of the Council's constitution, the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee is responsible for the administration of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund and it is best practice to ensure that those charged with decision-making and financial management have effective knowledge and skills.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), 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 attendance at conferences and training as shown at paragraph 3 be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (KK 29/02/16)

6. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee.

Financial Comments (SRC 25/02/16)

7. Costs associated with attending conferences and other training events are a legitimate charge to the Fund in accordance with governing regulations.

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'