

14 March 2017

Agenda Item:6

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 2017/18.

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 2 February 2016.
3. It is proposed to continue to attend key pension conferences and to ensure training is available. 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. As part of the development of LGPS Central events will be organised to update Members on progress. In addition to the specific events listed below there will induction training available for new Committee Members following the May elections, and briefings will be arranged following any changes in legislation which impacts on the work of the Committees. Approval is sought for attendance at the following conferences and training in 2017/18.

Conference	Location	Date	Attendance
PLSA Local Authority Conference (formerly NAPF)	Cotswolds	15 th – 17 th May 2017	2 Officers
LGE LGPS "Trustees" Conference	Bournemouth	June 2017	2 Members 1 Officer
LGC Investment Summit	Cardiff	7 th – 8 th Sep 2017	2 Members 1 Officer
LAPFF Annual Conference	Bournemouth	7 th – 9 th Dec 2017	1 Member 1 Officer
LAPFF Business Meetings	London	Quarterly	1 Member 1 Officer
Property Inspection/ Training	Various	October	Available to all

		2017	members of Pension Sub-Committees
LGA LGPS Fundamentals Course	Various	October to December	New Members and Members requiring refresher training
LGPS Central	Stakeholder event	June / July 2017	Available to all members of Pension Sub-Committees

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 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

- 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

- That attendance at conferences and training as shown at paragraph 3 be approved.

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For any enquiries about this report please contact:

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Constitutional Comments ()

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

Financial Comments (KRP)

- 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'