

**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE & PROCUREMENT****LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM BUSINESS MEETING****Purpose of the Report**

1. To report on the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) business meeting held in London on 24 March 2015.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum was formed in 1990 to provide an opportunity for the UK's local authority pension funds to discuss investment and shareholder engagement issues. LAPFF currently has 65 members (shown at Appendix A) with combined assets of well over £100 billion and is consequently able to exert significant influence over companies in which funds are invested.
3. LAPFF exists 'to promote the long-term investment interests of UK local authority pension funds, and in particular to maximise their influence as investors to promote corporate social responsibility and high standards of corporate governance amongst the companies in which they invest'. It also:
  - a. Provides a forum for information exchange and discussion about investment issues.
  - b. Facilitates the commissioning of research and policy analysis of issues in a more effective manner than individual members could achieve.
  - c. Provides a forum for consultation on shareholder initiatives.
  - d. Provides a forum to consider issues of common interest to all pension fund administrators and councillors.
4. The business meeting was attended on behalf of Nottinghamshire Pension Fund by an officer representative.
5. The meeting reported on the company engagement activities that LAPFF had recently undertaken concerning corporate governance matters. In particular LAPFF reported the good news that the boards of both Shell and BP will recommend environment-related shareholder resolutions at their forthcoming AGMs,
6. In addition thanks were expressed to Nottinghamshire County Council for the work it did in helping a LAPFF representative to attend the Roche AGM in Switzerland.
7. Following the engagement activities update two presentations were made. The first of these was from the West Midlands Pension Fund and was the launch of a guide for responsible

investment reporting, to allow investors such as the LGPS to liaise constructively with counterparties and ask pertinent questions on environmental, social and governance issues.

8. The second presentation – from the Greater Manchester Pension Fund – related to infrastructure investment. GMPF, together with the London Pension Fund Authority, is currently considering potential infrastructure opportunities, not only to provide long-term income for the Fund but also to help provide economic regeneration in the local area. The possibility of other Funds investing through the GMPF/LPFA partnership was raised, and we will continue to monitor this potential opportunity.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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/S**

- 1) That the report be noted.

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## **Constitutional Comments**

10. Because this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

## **Financial Comments (SRC 27/04/15)**

11. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### Membership of LAPFF as at 24 March 2015

- 1 Avon Pension Fund
- 2 Barking and Dagenham LB
- 3 Bedfordshire Pension Fund
- 4 Camden LB
- 5 Cheshire Pension Fund
- 6 City of London Corporation
- 7 Clwyd Pension Fund
- 8 Croydon LB
- 9 Cumbria Pension Scheme
- 10 Derbyshire CC
- 11 Devon CC
- 12 Dorset County Pension Fund
- 13 Dyfed Pension Fund
- 14 Ealing LB
- 15 East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- 16 East Sussex Pension Fund
- 17 Enfield LB
- 18 Falkirk Council
- 19 Greater Gwent Fund
- 20 Greater Manchester Pension Fund
- 21 Greenwich Pension Fund RB
- 22 Gwynedd Pension Fund
- 23 Hackney LB
- 24 Hampshire Pension Fund
- 25 Haringey LB
- 26 Harrow LB
- 27 Hounslow LB
- 28 Islington LB
- 29 Lambeth LB
- 30 Lancashire County Pension Fund
- 31 Lewisham LB
- 32 Lincolnshire CC
- 33 London Pension Fund Authority
- 34 Lothian Pension Fund
- 35 Merseyside Pension Fund
- 36 Newham LB
- 37 Norfolk Pension Fund
- 38 North East Scotland Pension Fund
- 39 North Yorkshire CC Pension Fund
- 40 Northamptonshire CC
- 41 Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)
- 42 Nottinghamshire CC
- 43 Powys County Council Pension Fund
- 44 Rhondda Cynon Taf
- 45 Royal Borough of Greenwich Pension Fund

46	Sheffield City Region Combined Authority
47	Shropshire Council
48	Somerset CC
49	South Yorkshire Pensions Authority
50	Southwark LB
51	Staffordshire Pension Fund
52	Suffolk County Council Pension Fund
53	Surrey CC
54	Teesside Pension Fund
55	The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund
56	Tower Hamlets LB
57	Tyne and Wear Pension Fund
58	Waltham Forest LB
59	Wandsworth LB
60	Warwickshire Pension Fund
61	West Midlands ITA Pension Fund
62	West Midlands Pension Fund
63	West Yorkshire Pension Fund
64	Wiltshire CC
65	Worcestershire CC