

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE & PROCUREMENT**INTERNAL AUDIT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform members of a recent internal audit report.

Information and Advice

2. This report is to inform the Sub-Committee of the outcome of a recent audit of the arrangements for the investment of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because divulging the information would significantly damage the Council's commercial position in relation to the Pension Fund. The exempt information is set out in the exempt appendix.
3. Internal Audit have recently audited the arrangements for the investment of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund. This includes management of the pension fund bank account, cash balances, investment portfolios and external investment managers.
4. The Audit opinion was that there is reasonable assurance over the controls in place and that risk levels are acceptable. Recommendations were made to further improve the controls and the table below shows the number of recommendations made.

<i>Priority level</i>	<i>Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>Recommended action timescales</i>
High priority	0	Immediate
Medium priority	2	Within two months
Low priority	6	Within six months
Value for money	0	As soon as practicable

5. The audit report is attached as an exempt appendix along with the action plan to address the recommendations identified.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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

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

Financial Comments (SRC 22/06/15)

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

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