### **Report to Pension Fund Committee**



9 May 2019

Agenda Item: 8

## REPORT OF REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE & IMPROVEMENT

# **REVISION OF FUND STRATEGIES Purpose of the Report**

1. To propose revised versions of the Funding Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy Statement, the Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register and Governance Compliance Statement.

#### Information

- 2. Under governing regulations, the Fund is required to 'prepare, maintain and publish' a number of strategy statements. These statements must then be kept under review and, if necessary, revised.
- 3. According to Regulation 58 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, an administering authority must publish a Funding Strategy Statement (FSS). This was revised following the latest triennial actuarial valuation. This statement was based on a version prepared by the Fund Actuary. The Statement has been reviewed but has no amendments. The strategy is attached as Appendix A.
- 4. The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016 (the "Investment Regulations") govern the management of the pension fund and the investment of fund money. According to Regulation 7 of the Investment Regulations an administering authority must formulate an investment strategy which must be in accordance with guidance issued from time to time by the Secretary of State. It must publish a statement of its investment strategy and must review and if necessary revise its investment strategy at least every 3 years.
- 5. Some amendments to asset allocation were discussed at the November Working Party which were approved at the last committee meeting. A review has been done of the Strategy as a whole which has resulted in some amendments relating to pooling and to responsible investment. The updated Investment Strategy Statement is attached as Appendix B.
- 6. It is considered best practice for the Fund to have a Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register and to review these on a regular basis. The documents last went to Committee in July 2018 following a major review. Consequently only minor changes have been made at this review. The revised documents are attached as Appendices C i) and C ii).
- 7. The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2013 require publication of a governance compliance statement. This statement has been updated to reflect the change in the Service Director's job title. The revised Statement is attached as Appendix D.

#### **Other Options Considered**

8. It is a requirement that strategy statements are reviewed, so no other options were considered.

#### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The revised policies reflect the current governance of the Pension Fund and agreed amendments.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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 revised Funding Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy Statement, Risk Management Strategy and Governance Compliance Statement be approved by the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee.

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#### **Constitutional Comments (LW 25/03/2019)**

11. Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

#### Financial Comments (TMR 21/03/2019)

12. 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

#### Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

• All