

Report to Pension Fund Committee

15 November 2018

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE & IMPROVEMENT

LGPS CENTRAL LIMITED UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide information on the latest position in respect of LGPS Central Ltd.

Background

2. A number of reports have previously been presented setting out progress on the pooling arrangements required to meet the criteria set out by the government. In particular a detailed report to Full Council on 12 January 2017 set out the approach being taken by the constituent pension funds of LGPS Central. The report also set out the proposed governance arrangements required to ensure this Committee continues have the oversight required to be responsible for monitoring the overall management, performance and administration of the fund, and for setting investment strategy, including the overall allocation of assets, which is the critical factor in determining investment performance.

Information

- 3. The Company successfully launched a number of sub-funds as at 1 April 2018 and has recently announced the results of the tendering process for a Global Active Equity Multi Manager Fund. The Fund is expected to attract over £2bn investment when it launches later this year. The three managers selected are Natixis Investment Managers' affiliate, Harris Associates LLP and Schroders and Union Investment. 150 fund managers from across the globe expressed an initial interest in tendering for the mandate.
- 4. The Shareholder Forum and Company AGM were held on 10 September 2018. The AGM adopted the accounts for 2017/18, reappointed Deloitte LLP as the Company Auditors and reappointed the existing Board Members. It also received reports from the Chair of the Board and the Non-executive Board Members around the corporate structure of LGPS Central and feedback from the Nominations and Remuneration Committees.
- 5. It was reported at the AGM that the Company Chief Executive, Andrew Warwick-Thompson, has announced he will be stepping down from spring 2019. The process will now begin to select his successor.
- 6. The Company website is now up and running and available here

https://www.lgpscentral.co.uk/

The website will be used to provide information about the company and its activities and in particular will provide a great deal of information around the Responsible Investment activities it undertakes on behalf of Partner Funds.

This information will be regularly updated and can be found here

https://www.lgpscentral.co.uk/responsible-investment/

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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.

Financial Implications

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) It is recommended that Members consider the report and comment on the information presented.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 19/10/2018)

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

Financial Comments (KRP 01/10/2018)

11. The financial implications are as set out in the 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.

• LGPS Central Asset Pooling - Report to Full Council, 12 January 2017.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All