

September 2019

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE, AND EMPLOYEES

UPDATE ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCHEME INCLUDING THE SCHEME ADVISORY BOARD

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Nottinghamshire Pension Board with a high level summary the main topics being considered by the National Local Government Scheme Advisory Board and other national initiatives that are being proposed by Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG).

Information

2. The Local Government Scheme Advisory Board is a body set up under section 7 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (LGPS).
3. The purpose of the board is to be both reactive and proactive, and seeks to encourage best practice, increase transparency and co-ordinate technical and standards issues. It will consider items passed to it from the Ministry for Housing, Communities, & Local Government ("MHCLG"), the board's sub-committees and other stakeholders as well as items formulated within the board. Recommendations may be passed to the MHCLG or other bodies. It is also likely that it will have a liaison role with the Pensions Regulator. Guidance and standards may be formulated for local scheme managers and pension boards.
4. The board will from time to time be asked by the local government minister to develop options for scheme developments.
5. As well as responding to requests from government the board can also develop options and recommendations of its own in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the scheme. This has included recommendations to clarify regulations and initiatives outside of the regulations such as investment cost transparency.
6. Finally the board can play a vital role in providing a route for ideas for development from the various stakeholders in the LGPS and a conduit for feedback from government to those ideas. In doing so it seeks to work closely with existing LGPS forums such as CIPFA Pensions Panel, the LGPS Technical Group and the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum.

Current Work Activities of the Scheme Advisory Board and MHCLG

7. The Scheme Advisory Board Website is: www.lgpsboard.org/
8. Attached in Appendix 1 is a report prepared by the Pension Board Advisor highlighting the main topics being considered.

Other Options Considered

24. It was agreed that the Nottinghamshire Pension Board be updated on Topics affecting the LGPS in Nottinghamshire.

Reasons for Recommendation

25. This report has been compiled to inform the Nottinghamshire Pension Board of the activities of the LGPS Scheme Advisory Board and how they impact on the work of the Administration Authority in its governance of the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund. The implications of the work of the Scheme Advisory Board can then be considered and reflected in the work of the Pension Board in its work plan.

Statutory and Policy Implications

26. 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.

Data Protection and Information Governance

27. There are none arising directly for the Nottinghamshire Fund as a result of the contents of the report as this is for Member information only.

Financial Implications

28. There are no direct financial implications of the issues outlined in the report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Pension Board consider the activities of the Scheme Advisory Board and is appropriate update its work programme to reflect the recommendations of the Scheme Advisory Board.

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Constitutional Comments (To be reported)

29. The proposal in the report is within the remit of the Nottinghamshire Pension Board.

Financial Comments (KP 02/09/2019)

30. There are no direct financial implication contained within the report.

Human Resources Comments ([initials and date xx/xx/xx])

31. N/A

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All