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| Meeting: | <b>PENSIONS INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</b> |                    |
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## **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES**

### **Standard Life Global Real Estate Investment Trust Fund – Potential Investment**

#### **Purpose of the report**

1. To seek the Sub Committee's views on a potential investment in Standard Life's Global Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Fund.

#### **Background**

2. Standard Life Investments has launched a fund designed to provide exposure to global listed commercial property assets via a REIT. A REIT is an investment company or trust which invests primarily in property and is traded openly on the stock market.
3. The Pension Fund already invests in Standard Life's European Property Growth Fund, which in the year ended 31-12-06 produced a strong return of 25.4%. The opportunity now exists to consider an investment in Standard Life's new REIT fund.
4. A presentation to Members of the Investment Sub Committee, by Standard Life, has been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007, prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007 Sub Committee Meeting where Members will be asked to consider whether a potential investment in the REIT fund should be recommended to the Pensions Committee.

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

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

## **Recommendation**

6. That Members consider whether to recommend to the Pensions Committee that an investment be made in the Standard Life Global REIT Fund.

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## **Background Papers Available**

**None**