

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	AVON PENSION FUND COMMITTEE	
MEETING DATE:	27 March 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER <b>13</b>
TITLE:	LGPS 2014: Delegated Powers on discretionary decisions	
WARD:	ALL	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 - Change in procedure for setting up admission agreements within the Avon Pension Fund Appendix 2 – Revised list of Delegated Powers on discretions : March 2015		

### **1 THE ISSUES**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on any changes required in respect of the delegation of discretions. Appendix 1 explains the change in procedure required when entering into an admission agreement.
- 1.2 Appendix 2 updates the list held on discretions that are delegated to officers. This list was last approved by Committee in June 2008 after the previous scheme changes and now needs to reflect the current position under the LGPS 2014 scheme.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Committee approve the change in procedure for setting up admission agreements as set out in Appendix 1
- 2.2 That the Committee approve the updated list of discretions requiring delegations as set out in Appendix 2

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The administrative and management costs incurred by Avon Pension Fund are recovered from the employing bodies through the employer's contribution rates

3.2 There are no specific financial implications.

### **4 DELEGATED DISCRETIONS**

4.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme [LGPS] Regulations include a number of areas where the administering authority is required to make discretionary decisions in certain circumstances but where a specific policy is not required.

4.2 A review is required on these delegations to take into account regulation changes and ensures the correct references are in place.

4.3 Most of these discretions are operational and the delegations required relate to the way in which the Council exercises discretionary powers within a statutory framework. As a general principle it is proposed that these powers be exercised by the Divisional Director – Business Support on the Committee's behalf. With the majority of the delegations the Committee will simply be confirming delegations already granted.

4.4 Appendix 1 sets out details for Admission Bodies where a change in procedure is required as a result of the regulations changes..

4.5 The delegations for discretions were initially brought before the Committee in December 2000 and were further ratified in June 2004 when further discretions were added. A review of the delegations was put to the Committee in 2005 to demonstrate that it was necessary to sub-delegate many of these duties for practical operational reasons to the Head of Pensions and pension fund managers.

4.6 Another update was made to bring them in line with the 2008 regulations.

4.7 The revised list is set out in Appendix 2.

### **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.1 No specific issues to consider.

### **6 EQUALITIES**

6.1 None as this report is primarily for information only.

### **7 CONSULTATION**

7.1 This report is primarily for information and therefore consultation is not necessary.

## 8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 The issues to consider are contained in the report.

## 9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal & Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Business Support) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>Avon Pension Fund Committees Dec 2000 , June 2004 June 2005, and June 2008</i> <i>The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013</i>
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