

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Council	
MEETING DATE:	13 September 2018	
TITLE:	Avon Pension Fund Annual Report	
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
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Appendix 1 – The Avon Pension Fund Committee’s Annual Report to Council 2017/18		
Appendix 2 – Local Pension Board – Annual Report 2017/18		
Appendix 3 – Draft Terms of Reference of Avon Pension Fund Committee		

## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 The Avon Pension Fund Committee discharges the responsibilities of the Council in its role as the administering authority of the Avon Pension Fund in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended).
- 1.2 The Committee reports annually to Council on the work it has undertaken in the previous twelve months and reference is also made in the report to the future work programme. This report is for the 12 months to 31 March 2018.
- 1.3 As background to this report it may be worth reminding members that Bath & North East Somerset Council has a dual interest in the Avon Pension Fund, firstly as administering authority and secondly as one of the employing bodies. This report focuses entirely on the Council’s role as administering authority.
- 1.4 The Committee’s Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect the impact of pooling the investment assets on the governance arrangements. These require approval by the Council.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Council is asked:

- 2.1 To note this report.
- 2.2 To approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Avon Pension Fund Committee

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 3.1 The costs of administering the Avon Pension Fund are recharged to the employing bodies through the employer contribution rates which are set by the actuary every three years as part of the valuation.

### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 The Council is required to put in place arrangements for the effective discharge of its business.

### **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 The Annual Report for 2017/18 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The document is primarily for the Council's purposes. However, it will be circulated to the employing bodies within the Fund to improve transparency about the Committee's activities and the decisions taken.
- 5.2 The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 required the Council to establish a local pension board to assist the administering authority with the effective and efficient management and administration of the scheme. The Avon Fund Pension Board has published its annual report for 2017/18 which is included in Appendix 2 for completeness.
- 5.3 The draft Terms of Reference for the Committee, including the Investment Panel, can be found in Appendix 1. These have been revised to reflect the impact of pooling on the governance arrangements. They reflect that during the transition period in which the assets transfer to the portfolios offered by Brunel Pension Partnership (Brunel), starting from April 2018, the responsibility for implementing the investment strategy will be both the Fund's and Brunel's. The Committee approved the revised Terms of Reference at its meeting on 22 June 2018.

### **6 RATIONALE**

- 6.1 Is contained in the report.

### **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 None

### **8 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The draft report was considered by the Avon Pension Fund Committee at the committee meeting on 22 September 2017.

### **9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	Avon Pension Fund Committee/Investment Panel reports and minutes; Avon Pension Fund Pension Board reports and minutes
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