

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING:	<b>LOCAL PENSION BOARD</b>
MEETING DATE:	<b>27 July 2017</b>
TITLE:	<b>SCHEME ADVISORY BOARD</b> <b>(1) Local Pension Board Survey</b>
WARD:	<b>ALL</b>
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<p><b>List of attachments to this report:</b></p> <p>Appendix 1 – Link to LPB Survey  <a href="http://www.lgpsboard.org/survey.php">http://www.lgpsboard.org/survey.php</a></p> <p>Appendix 2 – Draft Proposed LPB Survey Response for APF</p>	

## **1 ISSUE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to agree a proposed response to the Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) Local Pension Board Survey.
- 1.2 The template for responses is attached
- 1.3 The draft LPB response is attached

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Board is asked to consider the proposed response to this survey on behalf of the Local Pension Board.

## **3 Background**

- 3.1 The SAB recently invited the chairs of LGPS pension committees and local pension boards to participate in a survey to assess the effectiveness and operational efficiency of the new governance arrangements with emphasis on the role and function of the local pension board.
- 3.2 SAB agreed that the survey should also be extended to scheme stakeholders the main local government trade unions.
- 3.3 SAB requested LGPS pension committees and administering authorities to forward the request to complete this return onto their respective pension committee chairs and, for completeness, the chair of their local pension board.

3.4 SAB considers that it would be appropriate and timely to test the effectiveness and operational efficiency of the new governance arrangements with emphasis on the role and function of local pension boards and interaction with their administering authority.

3.5 The survey is intended to enable SAB to identify any areas of the legislation or related guidance affecting local pension boards that may need to be reviewed to ensure that the statutory requirements of the 2013 Regulations and code of practice issued by the Pensions Regulator are being met. Where appropriate, the Board may make recommendations to DCLG for any regulatory changes that are considered necessary.

3.6 To ensure impartiality, the survey is being sent separately to both the administering authority on behalf of their section 101 pension's committee and their local pension board who are invited to complete the same survey independently.

3.7 However, this is not to exclude any administering authority and their local pension board from collaborating on their respective responses where this is agreed locally. The closing date for survey responses is the 28th July 2017, though this could be extended if that closing date precludes consideration of the survey by a meeting of the pensions committee or local pension board.

3.8 Administering authorities are also invited to publicise the survey locally on their web site.

3.9 The response from the Board will be included with the next Pension Committee report.

### **3 EQUALITIES**

3.1 No items in this report give rise to the need to have an equalities impact assessment

### **4 CONSULTATION**

4.1 None appropriate

### **5 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION(S)**

5.1 There are no issues to consider not mentioned in this report.

### **6 ADVICE SOUGHT**

6.1 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>	Scheme Advisory Board – Local Pension Board Survey
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