



Pension Fund Sub-Committee
25 June 2013

Report from the Deputy Director of Finance

For Information

Wards Affected:
ALL

Pension Fund Accounts 2012/13

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report introduces the draft Pension Fund accounts for 2012/13.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are asked to note the accounts.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The accounts have been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2012/13* (the Code) governing the preparation of the 2012/13 financial statements for Local Government Pension Scheme funds.

3.2 The accounts (which are unaudited) aim to give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 2013 and the amount and disposition of the Fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2013.

3.3 The main items to note are as follows:

- The value of contributions to the Fund rose in 2012/13 as a result of increased employer contribution rates, although this may not continue in future years given declining staff numbers.
- The value of benefits payable (pensions and lump sums) has remained broadly unchanged in 2012/13. While the value of pensions paid has risen to reflect both price inflation and additional pensioners, this has been offset by a corresponding fall in lump sums paid.
- Contributions into the Fund continue to exceed pension payments out of the Fund, leaving a surplus of £6.7m (2011/12: £5.4m) to invest in order to meet the Fund's future pension liabilities.

- Global stock markets delivered strongly positive investment returns and the net return on investments in 2012/13 was £47.3m (2011/12: -£1.8m).
- Overall, the Fund's net assets at 31 March 2013 have increased to a new all-time high of £547.9m (31 March 2012: £493.9m).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 These are included within the report.

5. DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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9. CONTACT OFFICERS

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