

	<p><b>Pension Fund Sub Committee</b> 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009</p> <p><b>Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources</b></p>
For Action	Wards Affected: ALL
<p><b>Report Title: Pension Fund Accounts 2008/09 – Annual Governance Report from the Audit Commission</b></p>	

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces the Annual Governance Report issued by the Audit Commission as part of the audit of the Pension Fund accounts for 2008/09.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the report and pass any comments to the Audit Committee. .

## 3 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) introduced regulations in June 2007 requiring each local government pension fund to produce a separate annual report and accounts. Members will be aware that the Brent Pension Fund has produced a separate Annual Report and Accounts for many years.
- 3.2 The Audit Commission, as external auditors to the Brent Pension Fund, have produced an Annual Governance Report (AGR) which will be approved by the Audit Committee. The Pension Fund Sub Committee has the opportunity to pass any comments on the AGR to the Audit Committee, which is meeting later this evening.
- 3.3 A representative from the Audit Commission will be present to introduce the AGR, but the main items are:-
- a) Subject to satisfactory clearance of outstanding matters, the auditor plans to issue an audit report including an unqualified opinion on the financial statements.
  - b) The auditor has not yet finalised their work on unquoted investments (hedge funds, private equity, property and global tactical asset allocation).
  - c) Two errors on the draft financial statements have been amended.
  - d) The auditor has not identified any material weaknesses in internal control.
- 3.4 Members are asked to pass any comments to the Audit Committee.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

These are set out within the report.

#### **5 DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and officers believe that there are no diversity implications arising from it.

#### **6 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising from the plans.

#### **8 BACKGROUND**

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Persons wishing to discuss the above should contact the Exchequer and Investment Section, Brent Financial Services, on 020 8937 1472/74 at Brent Town Hall.

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