



Pensions Fund Sub-Committee
24 June 2021

Report from the Director of Finance

Brent Pension Fund: Draft Annual Accounts 2020/21

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	Two Appendix 1: Brent Pension Fund Draft Accounts 2020/21 Appendix 2: Draft Investment Strategy Statement: June 2021
Background Papers:	N/A
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report presents the draft Pension Fund Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the draft Investment Strategy Statement (ISS).

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is recommended to note this report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Attached as Appendix 1 are the draft Pension Fund Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

3.2 The accounts have been prepared to meet the requirements of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21 (the Code) governing the preparation of the 2020/21 financial statements for Local Government Pension Scheme funds. 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 2021 and the amount and disposition of the Fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2021.

3.3 The main items to note are as follows:

- During 2020/21, the value of the Pension Fund's investments has increased to £1,032m (2019/20 £835m). This is largely due to the bounce back in markets which has followed the steep falls seen at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as strong performance from the Fund's investment managers.
- Total contributions received from employers and employees were £61m for the year, an increase on the previous year's £60m.
- Total benefits paid to scheme beneficiaries, in the form of pensions or other benefits, were £42m, a decrease on the previous year's £48m.
- As in 2019/20, the Council is in a positive cash-flow position because its contributions exceed its outgoings to members.

3.4 Attached in Appendix 2 is an updated draft Investment Strategy Statement (ISS). This in line with Regulation 7 of the Local Government Pension Fund (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016 which requires administering authorities to prepare, publish, and when appropriate revise, a written statement recording the investment policy of the pension fund.

3.5 The committee is invited to comment on the ISS which will be published as part of the Fund's annual report later in the year.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Human Resources

8.1 Not applicable.

Report sign off:

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