

	<p align="center">Pensions Board 24 July 2018</p>
	<p align="center">Report from the Chief Finance Officer</p>
<p align="center">Brent Pension Fund: Draft Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18</p>	

Wards Affected:	ALL
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	OPEN
No. of Appendices:	1
Background Papers:	▪ N/A
Contact Officer(s): <small>(Name, Title, Contact Details)</small>	Conrad Hall, Chief Finance Officer Ravinder Jassar, Head of Finance

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report presents the draft Pension Fund Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is recommended to note this report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Attached as appendix one are the draft Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018

3.2 The accounts have been prepared to meet the requirements of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2017/18 (the Code) governing the preparation of the 2017/18 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 2018 and the amount and disposition of the Fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2018.

3.3 The main items to note are as follows:

- Against a backdrop of continued uncertainty in the global economy and increased volatility in the financial markets, the value of the Fund's investments increased from £802.6m to £830.3m.
- Total contributions received from employers and employees totalled £49.8m for the year, an increase on the previous year's £48.6m.
- Total benefits paid to scheme beneficiaries, in the form of pensions or other benefits, totalled £38.9m, a decrease on the previous year's £40.2m.
- As in 2016/17, the Fund is in a positive cash-flow position because its contributions exceed its outgoings to members.
- During the year, College of North West London exited the Fund and BHP was brought back within the direct control of Brent Council, thus also ceasing to be an employer within the Fund. It is important to note that the net impact of these transactions on the funding position of the Pension Fund is nil. College of North West London will receive its share of both the net assets and the net liabilities of the Fund. BHP effectively remains within the Fund as a part of Brent Council. The impact of the BHP transfer on Brent Council can be seen in Notes 32-37 of the main accounts.

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:

Conrad Hall
Chief Finance Officer