

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

SURREY PENSION FUND BOARD

DATE: 22 MAY 2015

LEAD OFFICER: SHEILA LITTLE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

SUBJECT: REVISED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

With adjustments to asset allocation within the Pension Fund, it is necessary to approve a revised Statement of Investment Principles (SIP).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Surrey Pension Fund Board:

- 1 Approve the revised Statement of Investment Principles shown in Annex 1.
- 2 Approve the Core Belief Statement shown in Annex 2.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Surrey Pension Fund Board must approve all working documents produced for the Pension Fund.

DETAILS:

Background

- 1 In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009, as an administering authority, the Council must prepare and maintain a written statement of the principles governing its decisions on the investment of the pension fund. It also has to review the policy from time to time and revise it if considered necessary following such a review, as is recommended here in the light of changes made to the Fund's portfolio.
- 2 Such changes consist of revisions to the CIPFA/Myners principles statements set out in the annex to the SIP.

Revised Statement

- 3 The revised Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) is shown as Annex 1.

Core Belief Statement

- 4 At its meeting on 14 November 2014, the Board approved a Core Belief Statement regarding the investment of the Pension Fund, subject to some slight changes, which were approved at the 13 February 2015 Board meeting.

- 5 The Core Belief Statement is shown as Annex 2.

Monitoring and Review

- 6 The SIP and Core Belief Statement are kept under constant review and will be submitted for approval to future Board meetings when any revision is required.

CONSULTATION:

- 7 The Chairman of the Surrey Pension Fund Board has been consulted on the revised draft and has offered full support for the proposals.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

- 8 There are no risk related issues contained within the report's proposals.

FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 9 There are no financial and value for money implications.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE COMMENTARY

- 10 The Director of Finance is satisfied that all material, financial and business issues and possibility of risks have been considered and addressed and that the proposed SIP offers a clear structure, reflecting the current investment strategies approved by the Surrey Pension Fund Board.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – MONITORING OFFICER

- 11 There are no legal implications or legislative requirements.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY

- 12 The approval of the SIP will not require an equality analysis, as the initiative is not a major policy, project or function being created or changed.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 13 There are no potential implications for council priorities and policy areas.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 14 The following next steps are planned:
- Adoption of the revised SIP and Coe Belief Statement
 - Documents to be kept under review

Contact Officer:

Phil Triggs, Strategic Finance Manager (Pension Fund and Treasury)

Consulted:

Surrey Pension Fund Board Chairman

Annexes:

Annex 1: Revised Statement of Investment Principles

Annex 2: Core Belief Statement

Sources/background papers:

None

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