Pension Advisory Board Work programme 2017/18

Key tasks and activities	Action in 2017/18
Business planning and performance	
 Agree work programme, budget and resources for coming year 	Report considered and agreed on 1 March
Review advisor requirements	Reviewed on 1 March
 Review performance against work programme and budget for report to committees * 	A progress report on outstanding action is considered at each meeting
	Report considered and agreed on 1 March
Board self-assessment	Report considered and agreed on 1 March
Report for Fund Annual Report	Report considered and agreed on 1 March
Report to Employer Annual Meeting	Attended by Richard Cohen to represent the Board and feedback given to meeting on 29 November
 Report to Scheme Advisory Board/DCLG/tPR 	No report required
	Response to Scheme Advisory Board survey agreed on 5 July
	Response to tPR survey considered on 29 November
Compliance checks	
Annual review of conflicts of interest	Reviewed on 1 March
Review relevant Pension Panel decisions	Reviewed at each meeting
Annual Report & Accounts	Reviewed by chairman
Review of policy statements	'Desk top' review by Chairman
Review of risk register	Monitored reviews by Pensions Panel
Internal controls/audit reports	Noted audit assurances
Regulations and guidance	Reviewed MiFID II requirements and progress

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	Monitored progress on GDPR
	Reviewed cost transparency voluntary code requirements
Administration procedures and performance	
Admin report to cover:	
 Notifiable events Data quality and integrity Disclosure of information Contribution monitoring 	The Board received a report on administration procedures and performance at each meeting. A number of issues have been queried and concerns raised about poor performance against KPIs, the Annual Benefits process, the management of late payment of contributions and monitoring breaches. The customer satisfaction survey results were reviewed.
Communications	
Newsletters and annual statements	Board members continue to review individual newsletters and make comments under the revised procedures agreed in 2016.
 Website and portal 	Reviews have been undertaken and comments taken on board
	A new generic email address for the Board has been set up
Training	
Review training log and plan needs	Reviewed at each meeting and focused training provided. Members are completing tPR's on-line training modules and external training sessions have been attended and recorded.
Special items and reviews	
Board governance arrangements	Terms of Reference revised to reflect requirements on Board membership
 Valuation assumptions and outcomes 	No action required

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 Investment pooling arrangements including governance arrangements 	Reports to the Pensions Panel and Governance Committee have been reviewed and the Board has been kept informed on progress
New investment regulations and guidance	Chairman undertook compliance review in relation to DCLG guidance

^{*} Pensions Panel and Governance Committee