Key decision: N/A Unrestricted

Report to Pension Advisory Board

10 February 2023

Communication Strategy

Report by Director of Finance and Support Services

Summary

The terms of reference for the Pension Advisory Board includes consideration of the effectiveness of communication with employers and members including the Communication Strategy as part of the Pension Advisory Board's functions.

Recommendations

- (1) That the Board note the updates in Appendix A.
- (2) That the Board feedback on the Communications within Appendix B.

Proposal

1 Background and context

- 1.1 The Pension Fund maintains a <u>Communication Policy Statement</u> which reflects:
 - the LGPS Regulatory requirement to maintain a Statement concerning how the Pension Fund communicates with its broad range of stakeholders (members, representatives of members, prospective members and Scheme employers)
 - the Pension Regulator's Code of Practice 14 which refers to necessary communications and their content.
- 1.2 By reviewing communications on a regular basis the Board will be fulfilling their role in considering the effectiveness of communication with employers and members and any future activities, compliance with the Communication Policy Statement, Regulations, Guidance or best practice and assisting with its knowledge and understanding of the Scheme.

2 Communication Strategy

2.1 Appendix A describes how the communications referred to within the Communications Policy Statement have been delivered in practice. The format of this has been updated since the previous Pension Advisory Board meeting to align with the latest version of the Statement. The relevant communication for the period has been included in Appendix B.

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Appendices

Appendix A - Description and Calendar of Communication Deliverables Appendix B - Communications for the relevant period

Background papers

None