

Report to Pension Advisory Board

22 May 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.

During the quarter, the annual pensioner newsletter was published alongside news articles on pension scams, benefit increases and tax changes. Information is also being published in relation to McCloud Scheme changes as this is developed by the team, or centrally by the Local Government Association.

Recommendation

That the Board note the updates in the report and communication set out in Appendix A

Proposal

1 Background and context

1.1 The Pension Fund maintains a [Communication Policy Statement](#) which reflects:

- the Local Government Pension Scheme (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 including relevant communication for the period.

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Appendices

Appendix A - Description of Communication Deliverables

Appendix B – McCloud Judgement

Background papers

None