

Pensions Advisory Board

7 September 2020

Part I

Covid-19 Impact

Report by Director of Finance and Support Services

Summary

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on global populations, the investment markets, the operations and financial stability of companies and assumptions about the future. It is unclear at this stage what will be the medium and longer term impact but it is necessary for the Committee to consider the effect and the appropriate response.

Recommendation

1. The report is noted.

Background

1. COVID-19 has led to a worldwide increase in deaths and a significant shock to the global economy with large movements and increased volatility in stock market values and financial difficulties for some employers. Whilst the short-term impact on the number of deaths and the economy is significant, it is unclear at this stage what will be the medium and longer term impact.

Pension Committee

2. The Pensions Committee received a paper at their meeting on 22 July which considered the impact on investments, funding positions and risks.
3. The paper considered by the Pensions Committee has been appended to this report (Appendix A).

Scheme Advisory Board

4. The Scheme Advisory Board has launched and commented on surveys relating to the impact of the Covid-10 pandemic on Administering Authorities.

Date	Description	Link
22 May 2020	LGPS COVID-19 Governance survey	https://lgpsboard.org/images/Covid-19/LGPS_governance_survey_results_May2020.pdf
21 April 2020	Cash flow	https://lgpsboard.org/images/PDF/Covid-19/LGPSCashSurveyApril2020.pdf
7 April 2020	LGPS Resilience	https://lgpsboard.org/images/PDF/Covid-19/LGPSSurveyApril2020.pdf

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Appendices

Appendix A – Pension Fund Covid-19 Report from 22 July Pensions Committee

Background Papers

None