

North Yorkshire County Council

Pension Board

6 October 2016

Training and Meeting Dates

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on Pension Board member training.

2.0 Background

The Training Policy was adopted by the Pension Board at its inaugural meeting on 30 July 2015. This set out the knowledge and understanding requirements of members of the Pension Board, routes to obtaining training, and training review arrangements.

It states that the suitability of training events and activities should be based on a self-assessment carried out by each Pension Board member. The regulations place the responsibility for making this assessment, and subsequent action to ensure Pension Board members have an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding, on the individual members. In addition, the Pensions Regulator requires that Pension Board members invest time in learning and development.

3.0 Training Activity

Detailed in Appendix 1 are training events attended and activities undertaken by Pension Board members. Board members are asked to review the training record and advise officers if updates are required.

Pension Board members may wish to discuss the merits of recently undertaken training activity and where appropriate the pros and cons, to inform other Board members of its usefulness.

4.0 Training Opportunities

The Pensions Regulator described the modules on its website as “essential to achieve the required level of trustee knowledge and understanding” and “essential learning for those working with or running public service schemes”. The Pension Board agreed at its meeting on 30 July 2015 that these modules would be completed by all members. A progress report from Members is requested regarding modules still to be completed and likely timescales for this.

Pension Board members are asked to discuss and identify their specific learning and development requirements with officers who will make appropriate arrangements for attendance at training events.

Information is attached at Appendix 2 regarding forthcoming CIPFA training opportunities. Members are asked to consider potential attendance.

5.0 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year are as follows (all Thursdays at 10am):-

26th January 2017

20th April 2017

Meeting dates for the 2017/18 municipal year are as follows (all Thursdays at 10am):-

20th July 2017

12th October 2017

18th January 2018

12th April 2018

6.0 Recommendations

- (i) That Members provide an update regarding any Pensions Regulator modules still to be completed and likely timescales for this.
- (ii) That Members should continue to identify any appropriate training needs.
- (iii) That the meeting dates for 2016/17 and 2017/18, as detailed above, be noted.

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Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall

Northallerton

JO'D September 2016

Background Documents: Pensions Regulator on-line training modules

Date	Title or Nature of Course	Sponsor/ Organiser	Venue	David Portlock - Chair	Mandy Swithenbank	Stella Smethurst	Ben Drake	Gordon Gresty	Louise Branford-White	Cllr Mike Jordan	Cllr Ian Cuthberston	Phil MacDonald
04/06/2015	Training event for Pension Board Members	LGA	Marriott Hotel, Leeds			x		x	x	x		
03/07/2015	Pension Board Member Training	AON	Leeds		x					x		
17/07/2015	Pension Board Member Training	AON	Leeds		x	x				x		
24/07/2015	Pension Board Member Training	AON	Leeds			x				x		
21/10/2015	LGPS Trustee Training FundamentalsXIV	LGA			x	x	x	x			x	
17/11/2015	LGPS Trustee Training FundamentalsXIV	LGA		x	x	x	x	x			x	
08/12/2015	LGPS Trustee Training FundamentalsXIV	LGA		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

x = completed

PENSION BOARD MEMBERS – TRAINING, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Training session with Peter Scales (AllenbridgeEpic) – Independent Observer of the North Yorkshire Pension Fund – Governance for the North Yorkshire Pension Board – 14 January 2016

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman), County Councillor Mike Jordan, Councillor Ian Cuthbertson (City of York), Louise Branford-White (Hambleton District Council), Ben Drake, (Unison), Gordon Gresty, Stella Smethurst (Unison) and Mandy Swithenbank (GMB).

Pension Regulator Modules

Could members please update the Clerk as to any of the Regulator Modules that they have completed that are not identified on the first sheet of Appendix 1.

CIPFA - Local Pension Board Conference – 29th June 2016

David Portlock (Independent Chairman)

North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee Meetings :-

17 September 2015

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman)

26 November 2015

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman), Ben Drake, (Unison), Stella Smethurst (Unison) and Mandy Swithenbank (GMB).

15 January 2016

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman), Ben Drake, (Unison), Stella Smethurst (Unison) and Mandy Swithenbank (GMB).

25th February 2016

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman), Ben Drake, (Unison) and Stella Smethurst (Unison)

19th May 2016

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman)

7th July 2016

North Yorkshire Pension Fund Manager Meetings

Could Members please advise the Clerk as to their attendance at any of these meetings that they have attended.

Any other relevant training events or meetings

David Portlock (Independent Chairman) – Audit Committee training sessions including on 3 March 2016 - Counter Fraud

County Councillor Mike Jordan - Audit Committee training sessions including on 3 March 2016 - Counter Fraud

Could Members please advise the Clerk as to their attendance at any other relevant training events or meetings that they would like to include on their training record.

CIPFA & Barnett Waddingham present their 2016/2017 LGPS Local Pension Boards & Officers information updates, training & networking seminar programmes

Following our successful Local Pension Boards One Year On event in June 2016, we are pleased to present our 2016/2017 seminar programmes.

Dates, times & locations are overleaf.

Local Pension Board Programme

Our Local Pension Board seminars are exclusively for Board members and will provide the latest information updates, training on specific topics and opportunities for discussion and networking with members of other Funds' Boards.

Our seminars are designed as an opportunity for members of Local Boards to share experiences, to receive updates, to enhance their knowledge, and to discuss the key issues facing them and the LGPS in a professional but informal environment. As well as presentations, there will be interactive sessions to facilitate discussion and networking as well as plenty of networking time during the refreshment breaks.

Our seminars include:

- An autumn and spring seminar, each repeated in various locations around the Country and held in the afternoon and/or evening. The cost of each seminar place is £125 plus VAT and is inclusive of refreshments.
- A full day Local Pension Boards Two Years On event in central London, including speakers from key players who will affect Board agendas in the year ahead. The cost of each seminar place is £175 plus VAT and is inclusive of refreshments.

Officers Programme

Our Officer autumn and spring seminars are exclusively for officers and will enable them to receive the same latest information updates as the Board members, and updates & training on specific topics and will provide opportunities for discussion and networking with officers from other Funds.

They will run in a similar way to the Board member sessions and be held in the morning. The cost of each seminar place is £125 plus VAT and is inclusive of refreshments.

Further details and booking

Full agendas will be provided prior to each event. For further information please contact: annemarie.allen@barnett-waddingham.co.uk or neil.sellstrom@cipfa.org

To book your place, go to <http://www.cipfa.org/training>, enter the course date in the To box, click Go and find your event below

We reserve the right to alter the programme where circumstances require.

Local Pension Board and Officer Seminar Programmes 2016/2017

Autumn Seminar – London, Cheltenham, Liverpool, Cardiff

Officers

21 October 2016 9:30am to 12:30pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

25 October 2016 9:30am to 12:30pm
Cheltenham St James House, St James Square,
GL50 3PR

26 October 2016 9:30am to 12:30pm
Liverpool Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head,
L3 1BW

Local Pension Board Members

25 October 2016 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Cheltenham St James House, St James Square,
GL50 3PR

26 October 2016 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Liverpool Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head,
L3 1BW

8 November 2016 1:30pm to 4:30pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

8 November 2016 - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

14 November 2016 - 9:30am to 12:30pm
Cardiff Committee Room 2, County Hall, Atlantic
Wharf, CF10 4UW

Spring Seminar – London, Leeds, Bromsgrove

Officers

27 February 2017 9:30am to 12:30pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

1 March 2017 9:30am to 12:30pm
Leeds Pinnacle, 67 Albion Street, LS1 5AA

2 March 2017 9:30am to 12:30pm
Bromsgrove Silver Springs House, 2 Topaz Way,
Birmingham Road, B61 0GD

Local Pension Board Members

27 February 2017 1:30pm to 4:30pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

27 February 2017 5:30pm to 8:30pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

1 March 2017 1:30pm to 4:30pm
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2 March 2017 1:30pm to 4:30pm
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Local Pension Boards Two Years On, annual event for Pension Board Members

28 June 2017, 9:30am to 4pm
London Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, EC2V 6BW

Booking

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