

North Yorkshire County Council

Pension Board

26 January 2017

Training

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.

5.0 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.

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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

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman) and Ben Drake (Unison)

15th September 2016

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman)

24th November 2016

Attendees: –

David Portlock (Independent Chairman) – other Members who attended to confirm

North Yorkshire Pension Fund Manager Meetings

David Portlock (Independent Chairman) – 25th November 2016

Could Members please advise the Clerk if they attend any of these meetings.

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.