LOCAL PENSION BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

For Information

1. PURPOSE

To update Members on the activities of the Authority's Local Pension Board for the period September 2018 to August 2019, as detailed within the Annual Report at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Members note the contents of the Local Pension Board Annual Report attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 That the Scheme Manager update members at the next Fire Authority Meeting.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Cleveland Fire Authority Local Pension Board Firefighter Pension Schemes was established on 27 March 2015 in accordance with statutory requirements set out in the Section 5 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and under regulation 4 of the Firefighters Pension Scheme (England) Regulations 2014 as amended by the Firefighters Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015.

3.2 The principle remit of the board is to assist the Scheme Manager (Chief Fire Officer) in the efficient and effective governance and administration of the Pension Schemes through the provision of advice in line with the primary core function in securing compliance with the regulations, and all other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the Scheme, and those requirements imposed by the Pensions Regulator.

3.3 Scheme Managers are responsible for the key areas of governance and administration including:

- Managing Risks and ensuring there are adequate internal controls
- Keeping records and ensuring the quality of member data
- Ensuring the correct contributions are paid to the scheme
- Managing conflicts of interest
- Publishing information about the board
- Communicating information to members
- Resolving disputes and reporting certain breaches of the law

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