

LOCAL PENSION BOARD

FIREFIGHTER PENSION SCHEMES



DATE: 15 DECEMBER 2020

TITLE: UPDATE TO THE BOARD

REPORT OF: SCHEME MANAGER

For Noting

1. PURPOSE

To inform and update the Board.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board present their views.

3. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Terms of Reference** - the current Terms of Reference are attached at Appendix 1.
- **Breaches of the Law** - there have been no breaches or potential breaches of the law.
- **Cyber Security** – there have been no reported breaches
- **Annual Work Programme 2020/21** – attached at Appendix 2.
- **Annual Benefit Statements** – 31 August deadline met, further update will be provided as part of the XPS update.
- **FPS: Consultation on draft Template - FPS Administration, Management and Governance Strategy** – the Scheme Advisory Board response to the consultation is attached at Appendix 3 and it is expected that the Strategy will be published with minor amendments in the near future.
- **Annual Statutory Scheme Return** – has been completed.
- **Firefighters (England) Scheme Advisory Board Levy** – under the terms of the 2014 regulations [4H(2)] the Authority continue to pay a levy to the Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) to cover the cost of the National Fire Pensions Advisors posts and the work of the SAB. The 2020/21 levy is £8.29/firefighter.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

FPS Bulletins 36 to 39 - have been circulated to the Board. XPS will provide a detailed update at the meeting.

5. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board are asked to complete the Training Needs Analysis Form attached at Appendix 4 to enable the 20/21 training programme to be established.

6. TPR GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SURVEY 2019

The Pension Regulator has recently published the 2019 survey findings. The Executive Summary is attached at Appendix 5, and a copy of the full report is available from Bev Parker.

7. PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION SCHEMES CONSULTATION - CHANGES TO THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE 2015 SCHEME UPDATE

As discussed at the last Board meeting, the Boards views and that of the CFA Executive Committee were forwarded to HM Treasury on 9 October 2020. A copy of the response is attached at Appendix 6 for information.

8. FPS UPDATE – a verbal update will be given at the meeting.

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SCHEME MANAGER