AGENDA ITEM 4

LOCAL PENSION BOARD
FIREFIGHTER PENSION SCHEMES

DATE: 27 FEBRUARY 2019

TITLE: GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF: GOVERNANCE/TRAINING ADVISOR

For Recommendation

1. PURPOSE

To update the Board on the following governance and administrative issues.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board considered the following Governance and Administrative issues and identify any areas of concern.

3. RESIGNATION

Mr David Kelly, the Retired Employee representative resigned from the Board on 15 November 2018. He wished to place on record his thanks to the Board Members and Officers for their support and guidance during his term of office.

We are currently looking to fill this vacancy from our retired members.

4. XPS PENSION GROUP

Kier sold its Pension Unit to the XPS Pension Group on 1st November 2018. XPS Pensions Group is the largest pure pensions consultancy in the UK specialising in pensions actuarial, investment consulting and administration services.

Members of the Firefighter Pension Scheme and Local Government Pension Scheme, have been informed that they will see very little change. In fact, due to the pensions unit now being backed by a pension specialist, it is expected that the service being provided to you will improve over the coming months and years and XPS are committed to developing the Middlesbrough office.

5. BREACHES OF THE LAW

That the Board establish if there have been any breaches or potential breaches of the law that have been referred to the Scheme Manager, who holds the Register as per Guidance Note 5 – Breaches of the Law.

6. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

The Annual Work Programme was agreed at the Annual LPB meeting on 12 September 2018 to strengthen the Boards internal controls, planning and monitoring in line with the TPR guidance. The agreed programme is attached at Appendix 1.

The Board are asked to identify any additions to the programme.

BEV PARKER
GOVERNANCE/TRAINING ADVISOR

APPENDIX 1

LPB - ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

SUBJECT	2019			
	Feb 2019		Sept 2019	
Annual reports – submission/deadline dates	x			
Feedback on Auto-Enrolments / Opt-outs	X			
Injury Awards	X			
SLA / Shared Service Agreement	X			
CPC / Pension implications	X			
Feedback from Annual Benefits Statement Exercise	X		X	
Chairs Annual Report to Board Scheme Manager			X	
TPR Public Service Governance and Administration Survey			X	
Annual Data Quality Review / Data Improvement Plans				
GDPR Regulations – implications	X			
GMP Reconciliation (HMRC)				
STANDING ITEMS				
Work Programme	X		X	
Communications ***(including ABS issues)***	X		X	
National Scheme Advisory Board – Update	X		X	
Pensions Issues/ Workload	X		X	
Learning & Development – Update	X		X	
Self-assessment – Update	X			
New Regulations	X		X	
Monthly Client Reports ***To include KPIs***	X		X	
Breaches	X		X	
Fraud	X			

Based on 2 meetings a year