

PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2012/13

Report of the County Treasurer

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: that the Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts for 2012/13 be adopted, subject to approval of the Statement of Accounts by the Devon County Council Audit Committee.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Last year approval of the Pension Fund Annual Report was brought forward from November to the September meeting in order that the Audit Commission could complete their work before their contract ended on 31 October. The Council now has new auditors – Grant Thornton. The Annual Report has again been brought to the September meeting, in order that that it can then be signed off with the County Council's accounts.
- 1.2. The Pension Fund Accounts will be considered and approved along with the County Council accounts by the Devon County Council Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's meeting to consider the accounts is on 23 September. Therefore, approval of the Annual Report by the Investment and Pension Fund Committee will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Statement of Accounts by the Audit Committee
- 1.3. The draft Annual Report is enclosed.

2. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

- 2.1. The Annual Report includes:
 - An introduction from the County Treasurer outlining the major issues during the year.
 - A summary of the performance of the Fund's external managers, followed by reports from each manager outlining their performance, stewardship activity and their market outlook going forward.
 - The Statement of Accounts
 - More detailed information about the operation of the Fund.
- 2.2. The general principles in compiling the Pension Fund accounts are those recommended by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). The accounts have been prepared in accordance with The IFRS Based Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009.

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3. Conclusion

- 3.1. The Committee is asked to adopt the Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts for 2012/13, subject to the approval of the Statement of Accounts by the Devon County Council Audit Committee.

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Electoral Divisions: All

Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers - Nil

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