

## **PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2015/16**

### **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 2015/16 be adopted**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The Pension Fund Annual Report, including the Statement of Accounts, is brought to the Committee each year for approval. The draft report for 2015/16 is enclosed.
- 1.2. The Pension Fund Accounts were considered and approved along with the County Council accounts by the Devon County Council Audit Committee on 7 September. The Investment and Pension Fund Committee's role is to approve the full Annual Report which contains the statement of accounts together with other information about the Fund's performance during the year.

#### **2. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts**

- 2.1. As in previous years the Annual Report includes:
  - An introduction from the County Treasurer outlining the major issues during the year.
  - Details of the training that members have received as required by the CIPFA Code of Practice on Knowledge and Skills.
  - A market update from the Fund's Independent Advisor.
  - The Fund's key risks from the Risk Register and the mitigating controls.
  - 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.
  - The Fund's statutory statements.
- 2.2. In addition the Annual Report now includes an annual report detailing the work of the Pension Board. This highlights the areas examined by the Pension Board, and key recommendations they have made that have been acted upon by the Investment and Pension Fund Committee.

- 2.3. 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 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 which is based upon International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as amended for the UK public sector.
- 2.4. The external auditor's report is not issued until after the Committee have adopted the Annual Report, but a representative from Grant Thornton will be present at the meeting.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1. The Committee is asked to adopt the Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts for 2015/16.

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Electoral Divisions: All  
Local Government Act 1972  
List of Background Papers - Nil  
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