

MEETING PENSIONS COMMITTEE

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TITLE ATTENDANCE IN CONFERENCES

PURPOSE SELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND UPCOMING CONFERENCES

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** This item is submitted in order to inform members of relevant conferences and to decide who will attend on behalf of Gwynedd Pension Fund.
- 1.2** The Council sends representatives on a rota basis to a number of conferences during the year in order to maintain and improve the knowledge and skills of members and officers.

2. “USUAL” EVENTS

The following 3 “usual” annual conferences have been arranged for 2018/19 –

- 2.1** The LGC Investment Summit, which will be held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on 5-7 September 2018 (**Appendix 1**),
- 2.2** The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) annual conference, which will be held in Bournemouth on 5-7 December 2018 at the Hilton, Bournemouth (in a change to the usual venue of the Bournemouth Marriott) (**Appendix 2**) - **note that the full Council is meeting on 6 December 2018**, and
- 2.3** The LGPS Governance Conference, formerly known as the “Trustees” Conference, will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Bristol city centre, on 17-18 January 2019 (**Appendix 3**, item 9-12).

3. ATTENDANCE

- 3.1** The Head of Finance or the Investments Manager usually attend the LGC Investment Summit, together with two members of the Pensions Committee, on a rota basis.
- 3.2** Again, the Head of Finance or the Investments Manager usually attend the LAPFF annual conference, together with one member of the Pensions Committee (usually the Chairman) and one member of the Pension Board.

- 3.3** Recently, 2 members of the Pensions Committee and 2 members of the Pension Board, together with an officer, have attended the LGPS Governance Conference.

4. AN ADDITIONAL EVENT

- 4.1** Russell Investments, who provide advisory services to the Wales Pension Partnership, will hold their annual 'Summit' at County Hall, London, on 14 November 2018 (**Appendix 4**). Russell Investments will share their perspective on succeeding amidst ever-present behavioural, economic, and geo-political challenges which impact the portfolios they are collectively entrusted with.
- 4.2** Gwynedd's Investment Panel meeting in London has been arranged on the following day, and places may be booked for 2 members and 1 officer.

5. VALUE OF THE EVENTS

- 5.1** As members of the Pensions Committee are "trustees" for investments to the value of £2bn, it is essential that members build upon their fundamental training and obtain current information of the investment / LGPS context by attending suitable events like these.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1** The Committee is asked to select representatives from the Pensions Committee to attend the 4 events listed above.