

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>PENSION BOARD</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>17 MAY 2019</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE IN CONFERENCES</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>SELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCES</b>
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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 the Gwynedd 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 2 “usual” annual conferences have been arranged for 2019/20 –

- 2.1** The Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) annual conference, which will be held on 4-6 December 2019 at the Hilton, Bournemouth (**Appendix 1**). Usually, the Head of Finance or the Investments Manager attend the LAPFF’s annual conference, together with one member of the Pensions Committee (usually the Chairman) and one member of the Pension Board.
- 2.2** The LGPS Governance Conference, formerly known as the “Trustees” Conference, will be held at the Principal Hotel, York on 23-24 January 2020 (**Appendix 2**, item 10-13). Recently, one member of the Pension Board and two members of the Pensions Committee, together with an officer, attended the LGPS Governance Conference in Bristol.

### **3. ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

- 3.1** Responsible Investor's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual RI Europe Investment Conference will be held at 133 Houndsditch, Liverpool Street, London on 11-12 June 2019 (**Appendix 3**). One member of the Board has previously attended this event (free to attend), and we could consider sending members again this year.
- 3.2** The LGC Investment Seminar will be held at Carden Park, Cheshire on 27-28 February 2020 (further details not yet available). Historically, one free place has been taken, and we could consider sending more members to this 'local' event.

### **4. CIPFA EVENTS FOR PENSION BOARDS**

- 4.1** A Board member will need to be nominated to attend CIPFA's LGPS Local Pension Board Members' Annual Event in London on 26 June 2019 (**Appendix 4**).
- 4.2** CIPFA have not yet notified us of the dates of their half-day autumn seminars for Board members, but officers will inform Board members about these, and any subsequent events, on receipt of information from CIPFA or the Welsh boards' network.

### **5. VALUE OF THE EVENTS**

- 5.1** As members of the Pension Board scrutinise a specialist field which is constantly developing, it is essential that members build upon their fundamental training and obtain current information of the LGPS context by attending suitable events like these.

### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1** The Board is asked to select representatives from the Pension Board to attend the above 5 events.