

MEETING: PENSIONS BOARD

DATE: 6 MARCH 2023

TITLE: FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT

PURPOSE: To present and review the Funding Strategy Statement

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 We are required to review and publish a triennial Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) by 31 March 2023 following the triennial valuation.
- 1.2 As part of the review, the administering authority will have to consult with the employers who are part of the scheme, the actuary and the fund's advisors, and any other interested parties.

2. ACTUARIAL VALUATION

- 2.1 The Fund's triennial actuarial valuation is currently being completed. An employers' meeting was held on 26 October 2022 when the preliminary actuarial results were presented and discussed. Final reports are currently being prepared for each employer.
- 2.2 The actuarial valuation was prepared using assumptions agreed with the actuary. The deficit recovery periods for the different categories of employer are prudent and consistent with the previous valuation.
- 2.3 The preliminary results provided in October 2022 showed that the majority of employers are now in surplus and therefore have no deficit payments to make over the next three years. The employers in this situation will see a reduction in contributions through a negative secondary rate. Not all employers are in this situation and therefore they will be required to pay a deficiency contribution every month.

3. DRAFT FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT (FSS)

- 3.1 See a draft copy of the FSS in appendix A.
- 3.2 The Committee has confirmed the draft FSS and associated policies prior to the consultation period.

4. CONCLUSION

The Board is asked to review the Funding Strategy Statement.

Following the consultation process the Pensions Committee will receive a final version of the Funding Strategy Statement to be adopted by 31 March 2023.