

North Yorkshire County Council**Pension Board****20 July 2017****Training****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update on Pension Board member training.

2.0 Background

The Training Policy was adopted by the Pension Board at its inaugural meeting on 30 July 2015. This set out the knowledge and understanding requirements of members of the Pension Board, routes to obtaining training, and training review arrangements.

It states that the suitability of training events and activities should be based on a self-assessment carried out by each Pension Board member. The regulations place the responsibility for making this assessment, and subsequent action to ensure Pension Board members have an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding, on the individual members. In addition, the Pensions Regulator requires that Pension Board members invest time in learning and development.

3.0 Training Activity

Detailed in Appendix 1 are training events attended and activities undertaken by Pension Board members. Board members are asked to review the training record and advise officers if updates are required.

Pension Board members may wish to discuss the merits of recently undertaken training activity and where appropriate the pros and cons, to inform other Board members of its usefulness.

4.0 Training Opportunities

The Pensions Regulator described the modules on its website as “essential to achieve the required level of trustee knowledge and understanding” and “essential learning for those working with or running public service schemes”. The Pension Board agreed at its meeting on 30 July 2015 that these modules would be completed by all members. A progress report from Members is requested regarding modules still to be completed and likely timescales for this. Members are also requested to outline which of the modules they consider to have been of most use to their service to the Board, and which were less so.

Pension Board members are asked to discuss and identify their specific learning and development requirements with officers who will make appropriate arrangements for attendance at training events.

5.0 Recommendations

- (i) That Members provide an update regarding any Pensions Regulator modules still to be completed and likely timescales for this, and give details of which of the modules they consider to be of most use.
- (ii) That Members should continue to identify any appropriate training needs.

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Background Documents: Pensions Regulator on-line training modules

Pension Board Members - Training, Meetings and Events

Appendix 1

Date	Title or Nature of Course	Sponsor/ Organiser	Venue	David Portlock - Chair	Mandy Swithenbank	Stella Smethurst	Ben Drake	Gordon Gresty	Louise Branford- White	Cllr Mike Jordan	Cllr Ian Cuthbertson	Phil MacDonald
04/06/15	Training Event for Pension Board Members	LGA	Marriott Hotel, Leeds			X		X	X	X		
03/07/15	Pension Board Member Training	AON	Leeds		X					X		
17/07/15	Pension Board Member Training	AON	Leeds		X	X				X		
24/07/15	Pension Board Member Training	AON	Leeds			X				X		
21/10/15	LGPS Trustee Training – Fundamentals XIV	LGA			X	X	X	X			X	
17/11/15	LGPS Trustee Training – Fundamentals XIV	LGA		X	X	X	X	X			X	
08/12/15	LGPS Trustee Training – Fundamentals XIV	LGA		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
14/01/16	Governance for North Yorkshire Pension Board	Peter Scales – Independent Observer for the North Yorkshire pension fund	County Hall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
29/06/16	Local Pension Board Conference	CIPFA & Barnett Waddingham		X								
01/03/17	LGPS Spring Seminar	CIPFA & Barnett Waddingham		X								X
28/06/17	Local Pension Boards 2 years on	CIPFA & Barnett Waddingham		X								
29/06/17 and 30/06/17	Annual LGPS “Trustees” Conference	LGA		X								X
17/09/15	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
26/11/15	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X	X	X	X					
15/01/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X	X	X	X					
25/02/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X		X	X					

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19/05/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
07/07/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
15/09/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
24/11/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
26/01/17	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
23/02/17	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
31/03/17	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
25/05/17	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee	NYCC	County Hall	X								
25/11/16	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Manager Meeting	NYPF	County Hall	X								
24/02/17	North Yorkshire Pension Fund Manager Meeting	NYPF	County Hall	X								
03/03/16	Audit Committee Training Session - Counter Fraud	NYCC	County Hall	X						X		
03/02/17	Audit Committee Training Session - Cyber Security and General Information Governance	NYCC	County Hall	X						X		