

#### **Pension Fund Committee**

Date Thursday 14 March 2024

Time 10.00 am

Venue Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

#### **Business**

#### Part A

## Items which are open to the Public and Press.

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest (if any)
- 3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023 (Pages 23 34)
- 4. Feedback from Local Pension Board Verbal Update
- 5. Overall Value of Fund and Cashflow Management (Pages 35 44)
- 6. Performance Measurement of Pension Fund Investments to 31 December 2023 (Pages 45 54)
- 7. Internal Audit Plan 2023/24 Progress Report to 31 December 2023 (Pages 55 60)
- 8. Draft Audit Plan 2024/25 (Pages 61 66)
- 9. Provision of Treasury Management Services to the Pension Fund for 2024/25 (Pages 67 70)
- Agreement of Accounting Policies for Application in the 2023/24 Financial Statements of the Pension Fund (Pages 71 - 82)
- 11. Regulatory Update (Pages 83 374)
- 12. Pension Fund Training Policy and Governance Compliance Statement (Pages 375 396)

- 13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
- 14. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

#### Part B

# Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)

- 15. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023 (Pages 397 404)
- 16. Employer Exits Verbal Update
- 17. Report of the Independent Investment Adviser (Pages 405 432)
- 18. Investment Strategy Review Update (Pages 433 546)
- 19. Report of the Pension Fund Adviser (Pages 547 582)
- 20. Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Quarterly Performance Report (Pages 583 644)
- 21. Report of Alliance Bernstein (Pages 645 662)
- 22. Report of CBRE Global Investment Partners (Pages 663 690)
- 23. Report of Foresight (Pages 691 714)
- 24. Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Private Monitor Report (Pages 715 808)
- 25. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

#### **Helen Bradley**

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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## **County Council Members**

Councillors D Sutton-Lloyd (Chair), M Stead (Vice-Chair), J Atkinson, K Earley, C Fletcher, D Freeman, B Kellett, J Quinn, J Shuttleworth, W Stelling and C Varty

## **Darlington Borough Council Members**

Councillors R Baker and M Porter

## **Scheme Member Representatives**

A Delandre and J Taylor

## **Further Education Colleges Representative**

A Broadbent

## **Scheduled Bodies Representative**

(vacant)

## **Admitted Bodies Representative**

(vacant)

#### **Advisers**

## **County Council Officers**

J Hewitt – Chief Executive

P Darby - Corporate Director of Resources

H Bradley - Head of Legal and Democratic Services

P Cooper – Head of Pensions (LGPS)

J McMahon - Finance Manager

### **Independent Advisers**

S Dickson – Mercer

A Fletcher – MJ Hudson Allenbridge

#### **Investment Managers**

Alliance Bernstein

**CBRE** 

Foresight

**BCPP** 

#### **Observers**

L Timbey – GMB
Councillor A Hopgood – Local Pension Board
Councillor D Stoker – Local Pension Board
L Oliver – Local Pension Board
W Pattison – Local Pension Board

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