

Report to: Pension Committee

Date: 26 February 2018

By: Chief Finance Officer

Title of report: Communications Policy Statement 2018/19

Purpose of report: To provide an updated 2018/19 version of the East Sussex Pension Fund Communications Policy for consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION -

The Committee is recommended to approve the Communications Policy Statement 2018/19

1. Background

1.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations requires administering authorities to prepare, publish and maintain a policy statement setting out its communication strategy for communicating with:

- Scheme Members
- Members' Representatives
- Prospective members
- Employers participating in the Fund.

1.2 This report sets out the mechanisms used to meet the communication responsibilities, using the most appropriate communication methods for the audiences receiving the information. The policy requires an annual review to be carried out.

1.3 The document is attached as Appendix 1 to this report, and the Committee is asked to consider this and propose any amendments they may wish to make to the attached communication policy statement, taking into consideration how the Committee wants the fund to ensure effective communication between the Fund, scheme members and participating employers.

2. Communications Policy Statement

2.1 The overarching aim of the attached document is to maximise membership of the scheme through incrementally improving information and support to all members of the scheme and prospective joiners.

3. Conclusion and recommendations

3.1 There is a legal requirement under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations for a policy and its best practice to be refreshed on a regular basis. The updated 2018/19 version of the East Sussex Pensions Communications Policy statement was presented to the Board for comments on 8 February 2018 meeting.

3.2 The Committee is recommended to approve the Communications Policy Statement.

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