

Report to: Pension Board

Date of meeting: 11 November 2019

By: Chief Finance Officer

Title: Work Programme

Purpose: To provide the Forward Plan for Pension Board and Pension Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board is recommended to note the work programme

1. Background

1.1 The Principles for Investment Decision Making and Disclosure in the Local Government Pension Scheme in the United Kingdom recommend the forward plan set out formal and comprehensive objectives, policies and practices, strategies and reporting arrangements for the effective acquisition and retention of public sector pension scheme finance knowledge and skills for those in the organisation responsible for financial administration, scheme governance and decision-making.

1.2 This document attached as appendix 1 is the Board's work programme, titled "East Sussex Pension Fund (ESPF) Pension Committee/Board Forward Plan 2019-20", which will assist members with the Fund Governance arrangement, so that the Council is able to perform its role as the administering authority in a structured way, and an updated training plan, with a summary of both external and internal training events that Members and Officers can undertake in 2019/20.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 **Pensions Regulator Training Toolkit** - the Pensions Regulator has provided an on-line training resource to assist those involved with the public sector pension schemes. This is accessed via a "Trustee Toolkit" link on its website. It provides a set of seven modules covering the key themes in the Code of Practice on governance and administration of public service schemes.

2.2 **Joint Pension Board and Committee Training Session** - the next joint training session is in relation to Sustainable 'Impact' investing and ESG investing to consider an update on legal requirements, industry developments, Fund managers' approaches and the Fund's Statement of Investment Beliefs. However, a date has not yet been agreed for this session.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Board is requested to note the work programme.

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