

Report to: **Pension Committee**

Date: **8 February 2016**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title: **Revised Communications Policy Statement 2015/16**

Purpose: **This report provides the Committee with a draft updated 2015/16 version of the East Sussex Pensions Communications Policy for approval.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION -**

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

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### **1. Background**

1.1 The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008, regulation 67 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.

### **2. Communications Policy Statement**

2.1 The overarching aim of the attached (Appendix 1) document is to maximise membership of the scheme through incrementally improving information and support to all members of the scheme and prospective joiners.

2.2 The policy was considered by the Pension Board representatives at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, to ensure effective communication between the Fund, scheme members and participating employers.

### **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 2015/16 version of the East Sussex Pensions Communications Policy statement is approved.

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Background documents

None