

Report to: Pension Board

Date of meeting: 5 June 2025

By: Chief Internal Auditor

Title: Internal Audit Reports

Purpose: This report advises the Board of the outcomes of the following Pension Fund audits:

- The Administration of Pension Benefits;
- Compliance with Regulatory Requirements; and
- Investments and Accounting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is recommended to note the Pension Fund audit reports (Appendices 1 - 3).

1. Background

1.1 The reviews of Pension Fund Administration of Pension Benefits; Compliance with Regulatory Requirements; and Investments and Accounting were completed as part of the Internal Audit Strategy for Pensions 2024/25 and provide assurance on the overall effectiveness of these systems' controls. These audits complete our work for 2024/25.

1.2 As a result of our work on the Administration of Pension Benefits, we were able to provide an opinion of **Substantial Assurance** over the controls in place.

1.3 As a result of our work on Compliance with Regulatory Requirements, we were able to provide an opinion of **Reasonable Assurance** over the controls in place.

1.4 As a result of our work on Investments and Accounting, we were able to provide an opinion of **Substantial Assurance** over the controls in place.

2. Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 The Pension Board is recommended to note the Internal Audit reports.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:
None