Local Pension Board Date: 20th October 2021

Meeting Dates for 2021/22

(for information and read only)

Report of the Head of Pensions

Purpose of Report

- 1. This report sets out the remaining meeting dates for the Pensions Committee, the Investment Panel and the Local Pension Board for the 2021/22 year. It also covers the dates for the training in February 2022.
- 2. Members are asked to make a note of the proposed meeting dates in their diaries.
- 3. Any changes to these dates will be reported at future Local Pension Board meetings.

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Venues for Meetings in 2021/22

- 4. The legislation which initially allowed formal meetings of the Council and its Committees to be held virtually, expired in early May 2021. Consequently, it is necessary to return to "face to face" meetings for the Pensions Committee.
- 5. Recent advice suggests that meetings of the Local Pension Board, could continue to take place virtually, however, feedback from the Local Board was that there was a preference for face to face meetings, where appropriate. This also provides the opportunity for hybrid virtual/face to face meetings to take place.
- 6. The exact venues of any face to face meetings will depend on the social distancing restrictions in place at the time and the availability of suitable rooms. Once social distancing restrictions are lifted it is expected that meetings will return to the Town Hall in South Shields.
- 7. The meetings of the Investment Panel could continue to take place virtually, as they are not formal meetings of a Committee of the Council. The exact format and location of these meetings will be determined prior to each meeting.
- 8. For training the September 2021 training was delivered virtually. The Committee has however, recently decided that arrangements should be made for the February 2022 training to take place, face to face, at a venue to be determined.

Pensions Committee Meeting Dates for 2021/22

9. The remaining meeting dates for 2021/22 are set out below.

Tuesday 9th November 2021

The annual meetings with trades unions and employers. As was the case in 2020 it is expected that one meeting will be held and employers and trades unions will be invited. The intention is to hold this meeting virtually.

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Quarterly meeting to start at 9.30am. Venue to be determined.

Tuesday 1st February 2022

A special meeting of Pensions Committee to agree the budget and the service plan. The meeting will start at 10.00am. Venue to be determined.

Friday 4th March 2022

Quarterly meeting to start at 9.30am. Venue to be determined.

Friday 10th June 2022

Quarterly meeting to start at 9.30am. At this stage this meeting is provisional as it falls into the 2022/23 municipal year. Venue to be determined.

Investment Panel Meeting Dates for 2021/22

10. The remaining meeting dates for 2021/22 are set out below.

Monday 8th November 2021

Quarterly meeting to start at 9.00am. Venue and format to be determined.

Monday 7th February 2022

Quarterly meeting to start at 9.00am. Venue and format to be determined.

Thursday 12th May 2022

Quarterly meeting to start at 9.00am. Venue and format to be determined.

Local Pension Board Meeting Dates for 2021/22

- 11. The Board meeting dates have been arranged to take place around three to four weeks after the date of Pensions Committee where possible.
- 12. The remaining meeting dates for 2021/22 (including the current meeting) are set out below.

Wednesday 20th October 2021

Quarterly meeting to start at 10.00am. Meeting to be held at South Shields Town Hall. The option for members to attend virtually will also be made available.

Tuesday 21st December 2021

Quarterly meeting to start at 10.00am. Meeting to be held at South Shields Town Hall. The option for members to attend virtually is likely to be made available.

Wednesday 30th March 2022

Quarterly meeting to start at 10.00am. Meeting to be held at South Shields Town Hall. The option for members to attend virtually is likely to be made available.

Wednesday 6th July 2022

Quarterly meeting to start at 10.00am. Meeting to be held at South Shields Town Hall. The option for members to attend virtually is likely to be made available. At this stage this meeting is provisional as it falls into the 2022/23 municipal year.

Training for the Committee and the Local Pension Board

- 13. All training events are offered to members of the Pensions Committee and members of the Local Pension Board.
- 14. As noted above, the training scheduled for September 2021, was delivered virtually.
- 15. However, following a recent decision by Pensions Committee, arrangements are being made for the February 2022 training event to take place face to face, at a venue to be determined.
- 16. Additional training will continue to be offered between the two main training events of the year. This is largely expected to be delivered virtually.
- 17. The proposed dates for the February training are set out below.

Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Face to face training seminar, venue to be confirmed. This is likely to be Edinburgh or Leeds.

Recommendation

18. Members of the Local Board are asked to make a note of the proposed meeting dates in their diaries.

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background papers background papers

The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location
None		