

## **Business Plan Update**

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### **1. Summary**

1.1 To update the Committee with progress on and amendments to the Committee's business plan as agreed.

### **2. Issues for consideration**

2.1 To note progress on the business plan and approve any amendments.

### **3. Background**

3.1 The Somerset County Council Pension Fund (the Fund) is a statutory scheme with Somerset County Council acting as the 'administering authority' in accordance with the relevant legislation. This means that the County Council is responsible for taking all the executive decisions in respect of the Fund.

3.2 To meet its responsibilities in this respect the County Council has delegated executive decision making powers for the Fund to the Pensions Committee. A business plan has been produced to help ensure that the Pensions Committee meet their responsibilities and consider all necessary issues. Under the Scheme of Delegation put in place by the Committee day to day running of the fund has been largely delegated to officers.

3.3 Attached as appendix A is the business plan. Progress is shown in the final column followed by a colour coded key.

3.4 Attached as appendix B is a committee workplan, which indicates which items will come before each Committee meeting over the next 12 months.

#### **4. Progress since last report**

- 4.1 Work on the LGPS pooling work within the Brunel Pension Partnership continues. There is currently a strong focus around the governance review.
- 4.2 Officers continue to monitor legal and regulatory developments such as the conclusion of the courts' consideration of the McCloud case and its implications for the LGPS and the SAB governance review project. There has also been new regulation from MHCLG on exit payments and deferred debt arrangements.
- 4.3 Officer time has been pressured so there has been no progress on the proposed full review of the risk register.
- 4.4 A wider review of Committee's skills and Knowledge and the structure of Committee meetings is due. We will need to consider how feasible this would be done remotely.
- 4.5 The annual report is finished and the external auditors report on the accounts is expected to go to the SCC audit committee on 24<sup>th</sup> September. I am currently not aware of any significant findings by external audit.

#### **5. Consultations undertaken**

None

#### **6. Financial Implications**

None

#### **7. Background Papers**

None

**Note** For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author.