

Communication Strategy Statement

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The pension fund is required to maintain a significant number of policies and statements in accordance with the LGPS regulations. The Communications Strategy Statement has not been substantially revised for some time and as per the agreed workplan a first draft is attached as Appendix 1 for Committee's consideration.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to comment on the draft Communications Strategy as attached before it is considered by the Pension Fund Board and employers are consulted.

3. Background

- 3.1 Under section 61 of the LGPS Regulation 2013 the Fund must prepare and publish a communications strategy. The Somerset Council Pension Fund first put in place a Communications Policy/Strategy in 2009.
- 3.2 The draft as attached is a complete re-write of the Strategy rather than an update to the existing Strategy. In drafting the new draft Strategy officers have looked to bring it in line with current best practice and where referencing the role of Peninsula Pensions to ensure it matches the provisions made in the Devon Communications Strategy.

4. Consultations undertaken

- 4.1 None to date. The Pension Fund Board and Employers will be consulted after Pension Fund Committee.

5. Background papers

5.1 None

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