

AVON FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING:	Avon Fire Authority
MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, 5 October 2022
REPORT OF:	Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive
SUBJECT:	Local Pension Board Annual Report 2021-22

1. **SUMMARY**

At its meeting on the 20 July 2022, the Local Pension Board (LPB) approved a draft Annual Report summarising the work of the Board over the previous year. This report provides details of this document attached in the **Appendix** for information as the Scheme Manager.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Fire Authority is asked to:

- a) Note the Local Pension Board Annual Report 2021-22, prior to its publication.

3. **BACKGROUND**

Local Pension Board Annual Report 2021-22

- 3.1. At its January 2021 meeting, the Local Pension Board (LPB) agreed the recommendation to produce an annual activity report and the inclusion of this annual report in LPB's terms of reference.
- 3.2. The production of an annual report is good practice. Its purpose is to ensure that the Fire Authority (as Scheme Manager) is kept informed about the activities of the LPB over the previous year. It serves to communicate to the Fire Authority the activities of delegated officers and the Local Firefighter Pension Board and provides transparency and information to scheme members and the public.
- 3.3. The LPB also agreed the key content of the annual report in line with requirements of the Pension Act 2014 (the Act) and taking account of the Code of Practice for the governance and administration of public service pension schemes, and the published six key processes which the Pensions Regulator monitor as part of their regulatory oversight.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no additional financial implications directly arising from this report.

5. KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 This report attaches at **Appendix 1** the second Annual Report of this Board, which reflects the agreements made in the January 2021 meeting with reference to content. This are no material changes to the structure since the 2020-2021 report.

6. RISKS

- 6.1 The specific Firefighter Pension Scheme risk register informs the overarching Corporate Risk Register at CR15 Pensions and, when applicable, CR04 People resources, capacity, capability, and resilience.
- 6.2 The Corporate Risk Register is regularly reviewed and scrutinised by the Service Leadership Team, Board and the Audit, Governance and Ethics Committee with scrutiny applied to ensure the controls and planned mitigations are sufficient to reasonably manage the level of risk.

7. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Pension Board's terms of reference include the production of an Annual Report to Avon Fire Authority as Scheme Manager.
- 7.2 The Clerk to the Authority has access to this report for any observations on legal implications.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The previous annual report entitled Local Pension Board Annual Report 2020-21 is available at

<https://www.avonfire.gov.uk/documents/category/194-local-pension-board>

9. APPENDIX

Appendix 1 – Draft Local Pension Board Annual Report 2021-22

10. REPORT CONTACT

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