

APPENDIX 1

Changes made to the Governance Policy 2019

Presentational amendments to reflect appropriate abbreviations e.g. Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS); shortening of names e.g. pension fund committee (the committee); and punctuation.

Section 5.1 About the Isle of Wight Pension Fund

Employer numbers updated from December 2017 to March 2018 (to coincide with published and audited numbers within annual accounts)

Section 5.2 Governance structure

Within diagram, the “Scheme Manager” responsibility has been moved from the Council, as administering authority, to the pension fund committee – this reflects what is included in the council’s constitution and the committee’s terms of reference.

Section 5.3 Role of the Pension Fund Committee

Under the fourth bullet point on page 6, the second sub paragraph has had the words “(where appropriate)” added in respect of agreeing a rebalancing strategy. The fund does not currently operate a rebalancing approach, but this may be implemented following the review of the investment strategy statement.

Section 5.3 Role of the Pension Fund Committee

Top of page 8, the statements in respect of meeting frequency have been amended:

Old version:

The Committee normally meets four times each year, in February, May, July and November. Each meeting considers the strategy and performance of the Fund, together with any business matters that require attention. These include, at least once per annum, consideration of fund management and investment advice arrangements, and the investment strategy of the fund.

The July meeting also forms the annual meeting to which all employers and employee representatives are invited to discuss fund performance and developments in the statutory framework.

As well as these formal meetings, ad hoc sessions are arranged as required, principally in order to explore available investment strategy options in some depth.

New version:

During 2018-19, the committee increased the frequency of its meetings to eight times each year. Alternate meetings consider either investment and funding issues, or administration and governance issues, together with any other business matters that require attention.

As well as these formal meetings, ad hoc sessions are arranged as required.

Section 5.3 Role of the Pension Fund Committee

Membership details of the committee have been amended:

- For elected members, the words “plus the Leader of the Council in an ex-officio capacity” have been removed.
- For employer representative, the words “admission bodies/scheduled bodies” have been replaced with “external employers”.
- For scheme member representative, the words “representative of the trade unions” have been replaced with “representative of the scheme members, nominated by UNISON”.

No other substantive changes are proposed to the governance policy.