

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**4 SEPTEMBER 2017**

1. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSIONS BOARD 2016/17**

Report of the Chair of the Pensions Board.

RECOMMENDED

That the Committee note the Pension Board Annual Report 2016/17.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to inform Members of the Audit Committee of the work undertaken by the Pension Board during 2016/2017.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Audit Committee as Scheme Manager, has delegated its responsibility for ensuring the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Firefighters Pension Scheme for the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority to the Pension Board.
- 3.2 The Pension Board assists the Scheme Manager to secure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Pension Scheme for the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out because the matters contained in this report do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The role of the local Pension Board as defined by section 5(1) and (2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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