

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**13 NOVEMBER 2017**

1. **THE PENSION REGULATOR – SCHEME RETURNS**  
**31 MARCH 2017 FIREFIGHTER PENSION SCHEMES**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT Audit Committee in their role as Scheme Manager note the contents of the annual returns to The Pension Regulator (TPR).

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to bring the attention of the Audit Committee to the information submitted to TPR.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Under the Public Service Pension Act 2013, all Public Service Pension Schemes have a requirement to submit an annual return to TPR.
- 3.2 TPR have notified West Midlands Fire Service by email that the returns for the Firemen's Pension Scheme 1992 and the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2006 are due during October and that the return for the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2015 is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- 3.3 As Scheme Administrator, the Payroll & Pensions Manager completed and submitted the returns to TPR during September 2017.

- 3.4 The information provided on the returns is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Financial Implications of submitting the Scheme Returns to TPR.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Public Service Pension Act 2013  
TPR Quick guide to information that must be provided to us  
(Information for Public Service scheme managers)

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CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

## **Appendix 1**

### Data Common to both returns

Address – West Midlands Fire Service HQ  
Manager of the Scheme – Audit Committee  
Pension Board Members – Neil Chamberlain, Kulvinder Shoker,  
Wendy Browning-Sampson, Stuart Bourne, Andrew Dennis  
Employer Details – West Midlands Fire Service  
Service Provider – In House Administrator, Carl Guest  
Scheme Return Contact – Paul Gwynn

### Scheme specific data as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Scheme Name – The Firemen's Pension Scheme 1992  
Active members – 361  
Deferred members – 242  
Pensioner members – 2,524  
Total members – 3,127

Scheme Name – Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2006  
Active members – 13  
Deferred members – 120  
Pensioner members – 3  
Total members – 136

Scheme Name – Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2015  
Active members – 912  
Deferred members – 40  
Pensioner members – 0  
Total members – 952