

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

5 SEPTEMBER 2016

1. NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL SCHEME RETURN TO THE PENSION REGULATOR

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT Audit Committee note that the Annual Scheme returns have been submitted to The Pension Regulator as required under the Pensions Act 2004.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to advise the Audit Committee that the Annual Scheme returns have been submitted to The Pension Regulator. Copies of the following documents are attached for reference.

- West Midlands Fire Service Firefighters Pension Scheme 1992 – Scheme Return 2015 - 2016
- West Midlands Fire Service Firefighters Pension Scheme 2015 – Scheme Return 2015 - 2016

3. BACKGROUND

It is a legal requirement under the Pensions Act 2004 that the Manager of a Registered Pension Scheme supplies The Pension Regulator with certain information on an Annual Scheme Return. Failure to submit a return is an offence which may be punishable by a fine.

4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

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 associated with the submission of the Annual Scheme Return.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

2004 Pensions Act

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