

**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Executive Director – Resources**

Report to:	Pensions Committee
Date:	18 July 2019
Subject:	Pension Fund Draft Annual Report and Accounts

Summary:

This report brings the draft Annual Report and Accounts for the Pension Fund to the Pensions Committee for approval.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approve the draft Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts.

Background

1. The Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (included at **Appendix A**) has been completed and is being independently audited by the Council's external auditors, Mazars. These accounts form part of the Lincolnshire County Council Statement of Accounts.
2. The Annual Report and Accounts have been produced taking into account the guidance produced by CIPFA. For 2018/19 CIPFA issued new guidance for the contents of the Annual Report, this stipulates compulsory and desirable content for the report. This guidance was considered, and has been incorporated into the 2019 Annual Report.
3. In terms of the Accounts, there have been some revisions and clarifications to accounting standards, particularly around financial instruments (International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 9), however, these changes in practice have had limited impact for the Fund because most assets and liabilities held by the pension fund are already classed as fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL). The 2018/19 Accounts also reflect the introduction of Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) asset pools. The Accounts now include a new accounting policy and disclosure of the Funds share holdings in the pooling company.
4. The Pension Fund Accounts, alongside the Council's Statement of Accounts, will be taken to the Audit Committee on 22 July 2019. An unqualified opinion is expected from Mazars, and no concerns have been raised as part of their

audit process. The Audit Completion Report prepared by Mazars for the Pension Fund will be brought to the October Pensions Committee.

5. Following the Audit Committee, a copy of the Fund's Annual Report will be put on both the Pension Fund and the County Council websites, and all Fund employers will be notified. In addition, the link will be emailed to all County Councillors, trade unions who represent contributing members of the Fund and on request to any other individuals or organisations. A summary of the annual report will be sent to all scheme participants in due course.

Conclusion

5. The Lincolnshire Pension Fund Report and Accounts has been produced for the year ended 31 March 2019. The Council's external auditors, Mazars, will issue their opinion at the Audit Committee in July. An unqualified opinion is expected. Following that, a copy of the Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts will be distributed to interested parties.

Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Yes

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

The Pension Fund has a risk register which can be obtained by contacting the author of this report.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Draft Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2019

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