

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme

6 June 2022

Update report for the transfer of Firefighter Pensions Schemes administration and Pensioner Payroll

Recommendation(s)

That the Board note and comment on this report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the transfer of the administration service to West Yorkshire Pension Fund in respect of the Firefighter Pension Schemes and Pensioner Payroll.
- 1.2 In June 2021, a decision was made to transfer the Firefighter Pension Schemes' administration service and Fire Pensioner payroll, which were being provided by Warwickshire County Council, to a third-party provider.
- 1.3 Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has a membership of approximately 1,000 past and present members across 5 different pension schemes. This is a relatively small membership and the significant complexities involved in maintaining the knowledge and expertise needed to manage the work presented a considerable risk to resilience and business continuity.
- 1.4 West Yorkshire Pension Fund was selected to take on these services, and officers are pleased to confirm that the service was successfully transferred on 1st April 2022.
- 1.5 A member of the Pensions Administration team has been nominated as contract manager to ensure that West Yorkshire Pension Fund meets our service delivery needs as set out in the contract specification. Contract meetings will be held monthly and information from these meeting will be fed back to the Local Fire Pension Board. Staff and Pensions Committee will be kept informed of how the contract is performing through the regular updates they receive on Pensions Administration.
- 1.6 Warwickshire, together with colleagues from Shropshire, Staffordshire, Hereford & Worcester, Leicester, Derby and Nottingham, have created a regional client group, as all of these Fire Authorities now contract with West Yorkshire. The group will work together on sharing best practice, governance and policies and ensuring consistency of the service provided by West

Yorkshire. The group has representatives from finance, contract management, technical and human resources.

2. Financial Implications

2.1 Transferring the service to West Yorkshire provides a cost saving of approximately £16,000 per year.

3. Environmental Implications

3.1 None

4. Supporting Information

4.1 None

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 None

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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