

# Audit and Standards Committee

26 January 2023

## Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts 2021/22

### Recommendation

That the Audit & Standards Committee considers the 2021/22 Pension Fund Statement of Accounts and recommends them to Council for approval.

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2021/22 are presented at Appendix A.
- 1.2 The statement of accounts comprises the following:
  - Warwickshire Pension Fund Account (page 10). This statement sets out all of the revenue income and expenditure relating to the financial year.
  - Net Assets Statement (page 10). This statement sets out the total assets and liabilities of the fund as at the 31st March 2022, i.e. a snapshot at a moment in time.
  - Notes to the Accounts (pages 11-48). These statements provide further detail and explanation of the figures in the accounts.
- 1.3 The scheme is governed by the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and the fund is administered in accordance with the relevant secondary legislation.
- 1.4 As at the 31st March the scheme had net assets of £2,782m and membership of 54,329 people.
- 1.5 The detail of the audit of the accounts is reported elsewhere on the agenda. No figures on the face of the accounts were restated as a result of the audit.

### 2. Audit Status

- 2.1 The accounts have been externally audited by Grant Thornton and the findings of the audit report are elsewhere on the agenda.

- 2.2 The Council submits a “Letter of Representation” to the external auditors confirming that appropriate and adequate steps have been taken in the production of the accounts and to the best of our knowledge and belief the statement gives a true and fair view. This letter is set out elsewhere on the agenda.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The report sets out the financial position of the pension fund but does not cause any financial implications.

### **4. Environmental Implications**

- 4.1 None.

### **5. Supporting Information**

- 5.1 Other than minor points of presentation the following amendments have been made compared to the published draft:

- Note 4 – commentary added confirming the treatment of the impact of McCloud on the accounts and the Fund’s liabilities.
- Note 4 – commentary added regarding the valuation of assets and the impact of the war in Ukraine.
- Note 6 – commentary added regarding asset valuation movements after the year end.
- Note 15 and Note 22, prior year global and UK equity figures restated to correct for LGIM UK investments (this does not affect overall equity totals).
- Note 24 – commentary added regarding the valuation of Border to Coast Pension Partnership assets (valued at cost).
- Note 24 – commentary added explaining the reduction in the value of Level 1 assets (due to funds being transferred from one asset class to another).
- Note 33 – commentary added to clarify policy for contingent liabilities.

### **6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps**

- 6.1 The accounts will be presented to Council for final approval before being published.

- 6.2 The accounts are already published in draft form within a draft copy of the Pension Fund's Annual Report. This report will be updated with the final approved accounts once approved by Council and the Annual Report status will be updated to final (the Annual Report also provides wider information about the Pension Fund including its policies and activities).

## Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – Warwickshire Pension Fund Statement of Accounts

## Background Papers

1. None.

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