



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

Meeting and date: Overview and Audit Committee, 9 November 2022

Report title: Local Pensions Board Update

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Walsh

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Action: Noting

Recommendations: That the report be noted.

Executive summary:

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority is required to establish a Local Pension Board to assist the Authority in its role as Scheme Manager. As Scheme Manager the Authority is responsible for the delivery of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.

Pension Boards are responsible for assisting the Scheme Managers in securing compliance with the Scheme Regulations and other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the Scheme.

The Local Pension Board for Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority (the Board) has formally adopted Terms of Reference, which cover its purpose, duties, membership, decision making and a number of other topics.

The Board schedules to meet a minimum of four times per year.

- The key actions taken by the Board, and any actions outstanding, can be seen in Appendix 1.
- A copy of the current risk register can be seen at appendix 2
- The risk trend report can be seen at appendix 3

Section 29 of The Board terms of reference (see background papers) requires that the board will report to the appropriate member committee as necessary, and as a minimum on an annual basis, along with more frequent reporting to the Strategic Management Board as required.

Financial implications:

None arising from this report.

Risk management:

The Board maintains a risk register, which is discussed and reviewed at each meeting. A copy of the most recent Risk Register and Trend Report can be seen in Appendix 2 and 3.

Legal implications:

The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 requires that Pension Boards are established for Public Service Pension Schemes. The role of each Board is to help ensure each Scheme complies with governance and administration requirements.

Privacy and security implications:

None arising directly from this report

Duty to collaborate:

None arising directly from this report

Health and safety implications:

None arising directly from this report

Environmental implications:

None arising directly from this report

Equality, diversity, and inclusion implications:

None arising directly from this report

Consultation and communication:

The Board consists of three employer representatives and three employee representatives. Two of the employee representative positions are currently vacant and are regularly advertised.

Regular communications are internally published for all employees, and the external website maintains a dedicated area for the Local Pensions Board.

Background papers:

[https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2020/03/item_12_local_pension_board_update - 11 march 2020 appendices-min.pdf/](https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2020/03/item_12_local_pension_board_update_-_11_march_2020_appendices-min.pdf/)

<https://bucksfire.gov.uk/documents/2022/06/terms-of-reference-for-the-local-pension-board-for-buckinghamshire-milton-keynes-fire-authority.pdf/>

Appendix	Title	Protective Marking
1	key actions taken by the Board, and any actions outstanding	Exempt from publication
2	A copy of the current risk register	Exempt from publication
3	The risk trend report	Exempt from publication