

Report of the Director, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, to the meeting of West Yorkshire Pension Fund Pension Board to be held on 13 August 2019

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Subject: Training, Conferences, Seminars

Summary statement:

The training of Pension Board members to understand their responsibilities and the issues they are dealing with is a very high priority. Details of training courses, conferences and seminars listed may assist Board Members.

Recommendation

Consideration is given to attendance by Board Members at the events in Section 1 and members note the requirement to complete the Pension Regulators toolkit training.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

1. Training Events

1.1 If any Pension Board member would like any specific training through one to one meetings with the in-house team, then this can be arranged.

1.2 Pension Board members should consider the following events.

- **LGC Investment Summit**
4-6 September 2019
Newport
- **PIRC Seminar**
12 September (11am to 2pm)
Church House, Westminster, London
- **LGPS Fundamentals Training 2019 – (3 separate days)**
17 October/14 November/5 December 2019
Leeds
- **LGPS Annual Governance Conference**
23 -24 January 2020
York
- **Schroders Trustee Training 2019**
22 November 2019
Leeds
- **LAPFF Annual Conference**
4, 5 & 6 December 2019
Bournemouth - venue tbc

If you would like to attend any of these event please let the Technical and Development Manager (Caroline Blackburn) know so arrangements can be made to book a place.

1.3 Pensions Regulator toolkit

It is the intention that all Pension Board members carry out the Pension Regulators toolkit training. Once completed a copy of the completion certificate should be given to the Technical and Development Manager.

The Trustee toolkit is a free, online learning programme aimed at trustees of occupational pension schemes.

The Trustee toolkit includes a series of online learning modules and downloadable resources developed to help you meet the minimum level of knowledge and understanding introduced in the Pensions Act 2004.

<https://trusteetoolkit.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/>

- 1.4 Other online training is available at **Aberdeen Standard Life Learning Gateway**
Web based training provided by Aberdeen Standard Life
<https://www.aberdeenstandard.com/en/uk/adviser/investment-tools/learning-gateway>

2. Training Analysis

- 2.1 All Pension Board members are required to complete the training analysis on an annual basis so individual training requirements can be identified.

A Training Analysis can be found at Appendix B and should be completed by all board members and returned to the Technical and Development Manager (Caroline Blackburn).

3. Recommendation

Consideration is given to attendance by Board Members at the events in Section 1

Pension Board Members note the requirement to complete the Pension Regulators toolkit training.

4. Appendices

Appendix A – LGPC training events.
Appendix B – Training Analysis