

CLWYD PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 5 th September 2018
Report Subject	Clwyd Pension Fund Accounts 2017/18
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report presents:-

- For member approval the final version of the Clwyd Pension Fund Statement of Accounts for the 2017/18 financial year, incorporating those changes agreed with Wales Audit Office (WAO) during the course of the audit.
- WAO's Audit of Financial Statements Report and Management Letter for the Clwyd Pension Fund Accounts.
- Letter of Representation for the Clwyd Pension Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Members consider the WAO Audit of Financial Statements Report and Management Letter.
2	That Members approve the final version of the Statement of Accounts for the 2017/18 financial year.
3	That Members approve the Letter of Representation to the Clwyd Pension Fund.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	Annual Accounts
1.01	<p>Governance</p> <p>As previously reported the Clwyd Pension Fund accounts are now required to be reported separately from the main County Council accounts which means that they need to be subject to separate approval by Members. As explained at the last Committee, the Council have now resolved the delegation to approve the Pension Fund Accounts to the Clwyd Pension Fund Committee.</p>

	Pension Fund Accounts
1.02	The audit of the 2017/18 accounts is now substantially complete, although the audit continues up until the point at which the accounts are formally signed off by the auditors.
1.03	A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2017/18 is attached as Appendix 1 and these incorporate all changes agreed with WAO during the course of the audit.
1.04	WAO are required to provide an opinion and communicate relevant matters arising from the audit to the Committee charged with the governance of the Clwyd Pension Fund. Attached as Appendix 2 is the Audit of Financial Statements Report and Management Letter and WAO will be in attendance at the Pension Fund Committee to present this report.
1.05	The report highlights details of any significant issues arising from the audit together with recommendations from WAO, and also a summary of the corrections made to the financial statements from the draft stage.
1.06	The Letter of Representation requires the Committee to confirm the accuracy of the audit. In this letter, the Committee confirms to the WAO that all the information contained the financial statements is true and accurate and that all information has been disclosed. This is enclosed as Appendix 1 of the WAO report attached.
1.07	It is pleasing to note that the WAO are reporting that the Pension Fund's draft Statement of Accounts were prepared to a good standard with comprehensive and timely working papers and that there were no material weaknesses in our internal controls identified.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None directly as a result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None directly as a result of this report

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	Note 17 of the Pension Fund accounts discloses the risks to which the Fund is exposed from using different types of financial instrument and how those risks are managed. These form part of the Pension Fund risk register (along with strategic and operational risks) which is subject regular scrutiny by the Committee, internal and external audit.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 –Clwyd Pension Fund Statement of Accounts 2017/18 Appendix 2 –WAO Audit of Financial Statements Report and Management Letter.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None Contact Officer: Gary Ferguson, Corporate Finance Manager Telephone: 01352 702271 E-mail: gary.ferguson@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>(a) CPF – Clwyd Pension Fund – The Pension Fund managed by Flintshire County Council for local authority employees in the region and employees of other employers with links to local government in the region</p> <p>(b) Administering authority or scheme manager – Flintshire County Council is the administering authority and scheme manager for the Clwyd Pension Fund, which means it is responsible for the management and stewardship of the Fund.</p> <p>(c) PFC – Clwyd Pension Fund Committee - the Flintshire County Council committee responsible for the majority of decisions relating to the management of the Clwyd Pension Fund</p> <p>(d) LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme – the national scheme, which Clwyd Pension Fund is part of</p> <p>(e) Financial Audit - The annual external audit of the Clwyd Pension Fund’s Statement of Accounts.</p> <p>(f) Material - A concept used to inform judgements regarding the accuracy of the Clwyd Pension Fund’s Statement of Accounts. The basis could be quantitative with an assigned value or qualitative and affected by issues that are legal, regulatory, or politically sensitive.</p> <p>(g) Statement of Accounts / Final Accounts / Financial Accounts or Statements: - The Clwyd Pension Fund’s annual finance report providing details of the Pension Fund’s financial performance and position at the end of the financial year. The format is prescribed to enable external comparison with other LGPS.</p> <p>(h) Wales Audit Office - works to support the Auditor General as the public sector watchdog for Wales. They aim to ensure that the people of Wales know whether public money is being managed wisely and that public bodies in Wales understand how to improve outcomes.</p> <p>(i) Financial Year - the period of 12 months commencing on 1 April</p>