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LGPS GOVERNANCE

Report of the Director of Children's Services

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Forum on prospective changes to the governance of the LGPS in Hertfordshire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Forum is asked to note that it is likely to be asked to nominate a suitably-qualified person to represent Schools and Academies on the Local Pensions Board, when this is established.

3. Background

- 3.1 The attached reports to the Council's Pensions Committee set out the background and requirement for a Local Pensions Board to be established, with representatives of employers sitting on it. Since about 50% of LGPS members are schools members (and a separate "schools pool" is operated), it is appropriate for schools (Heads and governors) and academies to be represented formally on this body.
- 3.2 The Schools Forum, since it contains elected representatives of all schools and academies is well placed to nominate such a representative. However, representatives must be suitably qualified, as described in the paper. Officers will prepare a role description shortly, once the Council has confirmed its approach.
- 3.3 It will most probably be necessary for Forum to agree a representative at its January meeting. For that reasons, it is suggested that role descriptions are circulated to members of Forum when they are available – i.e. to Academies and Schools members – with a view to any potential, suitably-qualified representatives been put forward to Forum for decision in January.
- 3.4 Officers will liaise with relevant members to help to facilitate this process.

Background documents:

Appendix A
Appendix B - Report to Pensions Committee