

PE5. PENSION FUND - GENERAL GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer presenting an update on various matters associated with the governance of the Falkirk Council Pension Fund. The areas covered within the report included:-

- The impact of the UK Government's budget on defined contribution Pension Schemes;
- New powers from HM Revenue to investigate pension liberation fraud;
- The implications of the Pensions Act 2014
- The risk arising from falling asset values and of the decision by Clackmannanshire Council to cut the pay of its employees; and
- The role of the Local Authority Pension Fund forum and its research and engagement partner PIRC.

Decision

The Committee noted the report and agreed to update the risk register to reflect the adverse impact of rising interest rates on asset values but the potentially beneficial effect of rising rates on fund liabilities.