

## **PE23. Annual Audit Report 2017/18**

The Committee and Board considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services on the Fund's Annual Audit Report 2017/18.

The Audit had been undertaken by the funds external Auditors, Ernst & Young. The Annual Audit Report, which was appended, set out the main findings from the 2017/18 audit together with matters arising. Three significant matters arising had been identified by the auditors, these were:-

- timeliness and quality
- employer year end data returns
- governance matters – business continuity plan

The management response to these were set out in the Audit Report. The Audit Report concluded that the Auditors had issued an unqualified audit opinion on the Pension fund financial statements. As part of the process, management confirmed that it would, on behalf of the fund, be issuing a letter of representation to the Auditors.

Following a discussion on the protocol for preparing and issuing the letter of representation, the Chief Finance Officer stated that in future years the letter would be made available to the Committee and Board for noting.

### **Decision**

**The Committee and Board noted:-**

- (1) the Annual Audit Report for 2017/18; and**
- (2) noted the management actions proposed at page 21 of the audit report in response to the recommendations made in the report.**

**The Committee and Board agreed the response to the Ernst and Young letter of 4 June 2018 addressed to the Pensions Committee.**