

Delegation of Functions to Officers by Pension Fund Committee – March 2017

Key:

PFC – Pension Fund Committee

CFM – Corporate Finance Manager

FA – Fund Actuary

PAP - Pension Advisory Panel

CE - Chief Executive

IA – Independent Advisor

CPFM – Pension Fund Manager

IC – Investment Consultant

PFM – Pension Finance Manager

Function delegated to PFC	Further Delegation to Officer(s)	Delegated Officer(s)	Communication and Monitoring of Use of Delegation
<p>Investment strategy - approving the Fund's investment strategy, Statement of Investment Principles and Myners Compliance Statement including setting investment targets and ensuring these are aligned with the Fund's specific liability profile and risk appetite.</p> <p>Monitoring the implementation of these policies and strategies on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>Rebalancing and cash management</p> <p>Implementation of strategic allocation including use of both rebalancing and conditional ranges</p> <p>Short term tactical decisions relating to the 'best ideas' portfolio</p> <p>Risk Management Framework - Implementation of the agreed market Flightpath triggers and deciding action(s) to be taken when Flightpath funding triggers are reached within the existing constraints of the Investment Strategy.</p>	<p>CPFM (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC and PAP)</p>	<p>High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP</p>

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	Investment into new mandates / emerging opportunities	CPFM and either the CFM or CE (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC)	High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP
<p><i>In relation to Wales Pooling Collaboration arrangements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Nominating Flintshire County Council's officers to the Officer Working Group.</i> 	<i>Members of the Officer Working Group</i>	<i>CPFM and PFM (Debbie Fielder)</i>	<i>High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP</i>
<p><i>In relation to Wales Pooling Collaboration arrangements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Delegating powers to Flintshire County Council's own officers and the Host Council where required.</i> 	<i>All matters included in the Inter Authority Agreement as being responsibilities of officers and the Host Council</i>	<p><i>Officers – CPFM who may delegate to PFM subject to ongoing advice from CFM</i></p> <p><i>Host Council – Carmarthenshire County Council</i></p>	<i>High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP</i>
Selection, appointment and dismissal of the Fund's advisers, including actuary, benefits consultants, investment consultants, global custodian, fund managers, lawyers, pension funds administrator, and independent professional advisers.	Ongoing monitoring of Fund Managers	CPFM, CFM and CE (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC) and subject to ratification by PFC	High level monitoring at PFC with more detailed monitoring by PAP
	Selection, appointment and dismissal of Fund Managers	CPFM, CFM and CE (having regard to ongoing advice of the IC) and subject to ratification by PFC	Notified to PFC via ratification process.

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<p>Agreeing the terms and payment of bulk transfers into and out of the Fund.</p>	<p>Agreeing the terms and payment of bulk transfers into and out of the Fund where there is a bulk transfer of staff from the Fund. Exceptions to this would be where there is a dispute over the transfer amount or it relates to significant assets transfers relating to one employer or the Fund as a whole</p>	<p>CPFM and either the CFM or CE after taking appropriate advice from the FA.</p>	<p>Ongoing reporting to PFC for noting</p>
<p>Making decisions relating to employers joining and leaving the Fund. This includes which employers are entitled to join the Fund, any requirements relating to their entry, ongoing monitoring and the basis for leaving the Fund.</p>	<p>Making decisions relating to employers joining and leaving the Fund and compliance with the Regulations and policies. This includes which employers are entitled to join the Fund, any requirements relating to their entry, ongoing monitoring and the basis for leaving the Fund where the employer.</p>	<p>CPFM and either the CFM or CE after taking appropriate advice from the FA.</p>	<p>Ongoing reporting to PFC for noting</p>
<p>Discretions – determining how the various administering authority discretions are operated for the Fund.</p>	<p>Approving administering authority discretions policy other than in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any key strategy/policies and • matters relating to admission bodies and bulk transfers as included in the preceding two rows. 	<p>CFM and CE (having regard to the advice of the rest of the PAP)</p>	<p>Copy of policy to be circulated to PFC members once approved.</p>

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Agreeing the Administering Authority responses to consultations on LGPS matters and other matters where they may impact on the Fund or its stakeholders.	Agreeing the Administering Authority responses where the consultation timescale does not provide sufficient time for a draft response to be approved by PFC.	CPFM and either the CFM or CE , subject to agreement with Chairman and Deputy Chairman (or either, if only one available in timescale)	PFC advised of consultation via e-mail (if not already raised previously at PFC) to provide opportunity for other views to be fed in. Copy of consultation response provided at following PFC for noting.
Agreeing the Fund's Knowledge and Skills Policy for all Pension Fund Committee members and for all officers of the Fund, including determining the Fund's knowledge and skills framework, identifying training requirements, developing training plans and monitoring compliance with the policy.	Implementation of the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice ¹	CE	Regular reports provided to PFC and included in Annual Report and Accounts.
<i>Determining the Pension Fund's aims and objectives, strategies, statutory compliance statements, policies and procedures for the overall management of the Fund</i>	<i>Making minor changes to existing strategies, statutory compliance statements, policies and procedures. These will still be required to be considered by the PFC in line with the period stated in that document.</i>	<i>CPFM and either the CFM or CE</i>	<i>Ongoing reporting to PFC for noting</i>

¹ CIPFA Code of Practice recommends each administering authority delegates responsibility for implementation to a senior officer.

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The Committee may delegate a limited range of its functions to one or more officers of the Authority. The Pension Fund Committee will be responsible for outlining expectations in relation to reporting progress of delegated functions back to the Pension Fund Committee.	Other urgent matters as they arise	CPFM and either CFM or CE , subject to agreement with Chairman and Deputy Chairman (or either, if only one is available in timescale)	PFC advised of need for delegation via e-mail as soon as the delegation is necessary. Result of delegation to be reported for noting to following PFC.
	Other non-urgent matters as they arise	Decided on a case by case basis	As agreed at PFC and subject to monitoring agreed at that time.

Updates since last version are shown in ***highlighted bold and italics***.